

Board of Selectmen

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Steven Lewis – Vice Chairman
Dale Harmon
Kristina Ford
Michael Tomacelli

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Present: Steven Lewis, Dale Harmon, Kristina Ford, Michael Tomacelli, Town Manager Dan Bryer and Secretary Sherry Tibbetts

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearing: None scheduled

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Approve Minutes: Dale Harmon made a motion to approve the minutes of August 23, 2017 with two minor corrections (1st page next to last paragraph, 2nd line changed If to of and 2nd page 5th paragraph from bottom, 3rd line changed thing to things.) and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor. Kristina Ford did not vote as she was not at that meeting.

Reports: Dan Bryer started his reports by talking about the construction and Adam Tegan from Sargent's was present for this discussion. The grinding of the road is now complete. The suggestion was made for an alternate route (back side of common) so there could be two way traffic. This would allow the road crew to work on the section in between without such a long one way traffic line. There are also three poles that need to be removed in the new traffic lanes and Sargent's has no way of knowing when those poles will be removed. Next week they are hoping to pave (just the sub layer) of road between Adams Pond Road and the monument. This along with the alternate route would allow most traffic to be on a paved surface. Sargent's would also like to have permission to start working on Saturday's depending on the need. The Selectmen were in favor of these suggestions but want to make sure the word gets out to everyone. Facebook, the Register, the website and message boards will all be used to alert people to the changes. It was suggested that if the message board coming into the region was put up by Hardwick Road, then more locals would take the alternate route. Dan Bryer and Dale Harmon both spoke about how good Sargent's and Adam were to work with.

Dan Bryer also reported that the Public Works has finished the culvert and ditch work on Back River Road and are now ready to start the prep work on Industrial Park Road. The paving is set to start the end of this month or the first of next month.

The Code Enforcement office is busy with seven various permits. The Planning Board has 1 application and 4 pre-applications for next week's meeting. The Board of Appeals will meet again on the Anthony's appeal of the CMBG permit on 09/21/2017 at 6:00PM.

The JEDC interviews have been completed, 73 people were interviewed. People seem to like the idea of the Town's working together. There will be a strategic master plan workshop in October at the Boothbay Fire Station.

Kristina Ford talked about the suggestions made by Paula Arsenault at the last BOA meeting. Those suggestions have been given to the Planning Board.

Steve Lewis spoke about the Board of Assessment Review and that it was time to appoint some members and get that board together. The Planning Board also needs two alternate members.

Old Business:

Paper Street Extension – Dan Bryer gave the Selectmen a list and maps of all of the Town's paper streets. Dale Harmon made a motion to extend these streets for a period of twenty years and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

New Business:

Municipal Audit – Auditor Fred Brewer was present to discuss the recent audit. Mr. Brewer walked the Selectmen through the audit pointing out several items. The Town still has a good collection rate, however outstanding taxes are up over last year. When it comes to cash in the bank, the town has available 1.7 million dollars in three different bank accounts. One of those accounts in with Camden National and the Selectmen suggest Dan Bryer close that account and move everything to the First.

Mr. Brewer reviewed the valuation breakdown and the expenses compared to budget report. The County budget was talked about. There was a discussion about the undesignated fund balance and how long the town could operate without income. Mr. Brewer compared several years for the Selectmen so they could see the town is in better shape than it was a few years ago. Bottom line – The Town is financially healthy.

Open House, construction informational – Kristina Ford would like the Selectmen to have an informational open house to discuss the construction with the citizens. She feels they have many questions and do not know how to get the correct information. Ms. Ford suggested having drawings and plans available for people to look at.

Mike Tomacelli said there is so much information on the Town's website and it is easy to find. There are maps, alternate routes, construction updates and more. He feels it is a great tool.

Dale Harmon and Steve Lewis both said they feel a lot has already been done to get the information out there but are willing to try an open house.

It was decided to hold an Informational Open House on the Construction at 6PM on September 27th before the next Selectmen's meeting. Dan Bryer will see if someone from Sebago and/or Sargent's could be there as well to answer questions.

Dale Harmon said he has always encouraged everyone to get informed.

Quick Claim Deeds: Dan Bryer reported that there are two parcels of land that the previous owners have now paid the taxes on. The taxes are paid in full at this point. Dale Harmon made a motion to sign a Quick Claim Deed for both of these properties, Map RT-0072-005 and Map U-07-021, and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Public Comments;

Tim Utley asked what a paper street is. Dan Bryer explained that is a street that is on paper only and non-existent, it is basically a right-of-way.

Tim Utley asked if the landowners on Common Drive will be told about the two-way traffic before it happens. Dan Bryer said he has already spoken to all but one person and he is still trying to reach them.

The activities that happen on the Common will still happen. The Farmer's market will still happen, it has three more weeks to go this season.

Review warrants and sign: Dale Harmon made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Adjourn: At 8:35PM Dale Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.