



Board of Selectmen

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Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.

**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, October 25, 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 Hearings:

Phillip J. Main, Dover Used Car Parts/Junkyard – Map R2 lots 24A & 24B at 76 Dover Road in Boothbay, renewal of Junkyard license.

Dan Bryer reported that this is a renewal of an annual permit, the taxes on the property are paid to date and there are no Notices of Violation. Dan Bryer said he checked on the condition of the fence and it is as it has always been.

Dale Harmon made a motion to approve the permit as presented and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion.

Discussion: Tim Utley said he thinks the fence needs to be put up better and maintained. He said this was a visual issue and needs to be addressed. Dan Bryer said the fence is the same as it has been for at least the last five years.

After a brief discussion Dale Harmon removed his motion.

Dale Harmon made a motion to table this permit until the next meeting to give all of the Selectmen time to drive by and look at the fence. Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Application for Pole Location, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC – respectfully requests permission for a location of poles and cables and wires thereon, including the necessary sustaining supporting and protective fixtures in, along, upon, and across the following names public streets and highways: Barter's Island Road - Placement of new Pole 49S 5 feet behind guardrail approximately 1311 feet Southeasterly of intersection of Knickerbocker Road, one pole.

It was discussed that this is a straight forward application, the application is a formality as the location is in the Town right of way.

Kristina Ford said she really doesn't understand the application.

Dale Harmon made a motion to approve the application as presented and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 3-1 in favor. Kristina Ford cast the one negative vote.

Wharf and Weir for Deborah and Robert Barris – located at 34 Arrowhead Road, Boothbay Maine (previously approved by the Planning Board).

This application has already been approved by the Planning Board and the Harbor Master has held a site meeting and approves the application.

Mr. Barris was present and explained why the pier needs to be so long (the floats currently set in the mud for several hours every tide). Mr. Barris also said he has talked to the abutters and there were no complaints from them.

Dale Harmon made a motion to approve this application as presented and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Public Comment:

Tim Utley talked about the trees around the Common. He thinks the parking and foot traffic around the trees needs to be limited or the trees will be in danger of decaying.

Steve Lewis said when the road is finished there will be curbing on the Route 27 side of the Common so people will no longer be able to drive onto the Common that way. Steve Lewis also said he thinks there should be drive in parking spaces paved across from Bets where people currently park.

A member of the audience said that maybe the Farmer's Market should be moved to the Clifford Playground and no longer held on the Common. The Selectmen said the Market Vendors want to be on the Common for the visibility. Rhoda Weyr said she feels the Farmer's Market is important.

Tim Utley spoke about the signage on the Common and felt maybe it should be limited so people will concentrate on driving the roundabout instead of looking at the signs.

Tim Utley also said as a trustee of the Boothbay Harbor Library he wanted to thank the Town of Boothbay for their donation this year.

Approve minutes:

Dale Harmon made a motion to approve the minutes of 9/13/2017 as presented and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Dale Harmon made a motion to approve the minutes of 09/27/2017 as presented and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Dale Harmon made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/11/2017 as presented and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Reports:

Dan Bryer reported that the CEO has several various permits pending and is very busy. The Public Works is working on paving on Industrial Park and prepping for the work to be done at Clifford Park. The Business Office is busy with day to day stuff as well as two potential foreclosures. The Planning Board is holding a workshop that is open to the public next week. The Board of Appeals will hold a meeting on 11/09 to discuss their deliberations and make a decision on the Anthony's appeal of CMBG's expansion.

Kristina Ford talked about the written comments received from the Open House, she said most of them centered around four things:

- Landscaping and lighting
- Activities on the Common, many said no to ice rink on Common
- It should always be called the Common
- General comments to the Selectmen

Kristina Ford suggested the town get ahead of the landscaping, that people are interested and do not like being surprised.

Dan Bryer said names were asked for a few months ago and there is already a list of people who are ready to be on the committee as soon as the Selectmen give them the go ahead.

New Business:

Discussion regarding a potential tree removal on the Boothbay Common with Sebago Technics engineer.

Steve Sawyer was present from Sebago Technics, he reported that the construction is going well, they are currently ahead of schedule and under budget.

There is a tree on the end of Common Drive that he said will not survive when the sidewalk is put in - grade is too high. He would like to remove the tree now before it dies. He said if not in a year or so the Town will have to dig up the new sidewalk to remove it.

Kristina Ford asked if that section of the sidewalk was going to be too close to the road and Mr. Sawyer said there will be a curb and 3' of grass between road and sidewalk.

The consensus of the Selectmen was to remove the tree now and if they wanted they could always replant with a new tree or trees.

There was a lengthy discussion about the landscaping. Mr. Sawyer said his landscapers would like a plan by the first of the year and they would work with the Town's committee so the plantings can happen in the spring. Dan Bryer said he had given a preliminary plan to CMBG so he could get an idea of the cost from them. It was just to start a conversation about the cost. Mr. Bryer said no plan has been etched in stone, there is no real plan at this time.

Dan Bryer said there are currently twelve names to be on the landscaping committee. The names will be given to the Selectmen at the next meeting so they can appoint them and get the ball rolling on this committee.

Cable franchise agreement discussion with Cody Mitchell from Boothbay Region Community Television.

Both Dan Bryer and Win Mitchell spoke briefly on why this item needs to be tabled until the next meeting and why Mr. Mike Edgecomb needs to be present along with Cody Mitchell. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business:

Discussion with the Boothbay Civic Association re: municipal ice rink.

Pam Wiley, president of the BCA said although the BCA funds the ice rink, there is a separate Ice Rink committee and the Ice Rink committee does not want to move the rink to the Common, end of story.

Public Comment:

Kathleen Marty had questions about the new rest rooms, how would they be maintained and what would their hours be.

Dan Bryer said the restrooms and parking lot are owned by PCG and not the Town and the town would not be maintaining them or leasing them. This way there was no liability to the Town. The owner would be responsible for maintaining them and the liability.

Bill Pearson had questions about the cable contract.

Steve Lewis said he still thinks the town should visit the idea of parking on the back of the Common, people already park there and if it was paved and marked you might be able to get 20 parking spots there. Maybe this could be made part of the landscaping plan. Mr. Lewis was reminded that this idea was shot down by the public in the past.

There was a brief discussion about the plantings around the town hall and who takes care of them.

Review Warrants and sign:

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

Adjourn meeting:

Dale Harmon made a motion at 8:30PM to adjourn the meeting and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.