Board of Selectmen

Charles R. Cunningham Chairman
Steven Lewis – Vice Chairman
Dale Harmon
Kristina Ford
Michael Tomacelli

Town Manager Daniel Bryer Jr.



Town of Boothbay Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, December 13, 2017

7:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Chuck Cunningham, 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: None

Approve Minutes: Kristina Ford made a motion to approve the minutes of November 8, 2017 with three amendments (clarification about a comment from Kristina about CEO reports, correct the new channel location of BRTV and add the word said to the last line of next to last paragraph on page 2) and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Reports: Dan Bryer reported the CEO has several permits of various types pending. The PWD is busy with the winter weather. The Business Office is working on foreclosure notices, arrangements are being worked out with many of the owners of these properties. The JEDC has a meeting tomorrow night, working on unifying the wayfinding signs. The rest of the streetlights should be up by tomorrow, there are only 4 left to do and this should end the work for the winter. The BOA postponed their meeting last night and will hold it on Monday, December 18th.

Dan Bryer briefly reviewed the steps taken in the Anthony appeal of CMBG's permit since the BOA made their decision, the first Stop Work Order was issued on 11/17/17, next needed to work with the CEO and town Attorney to find the Watershed Overlay Zone line, DEP standards supersedes the Towns when it comes to Stormwater management, next the town was made aware of the possibility of paving on site and the CEO and Town Manager went to site and the CEO issued a verbal Stop Work Order, the Stop Work Order was amended on 12/04/2017, on 12/08/2017 Attar Engineering delineated the Watershed Overlay Zone line, next step: CMBG is asking the BOA to reconsider parts of their application.

Kristina asked about the Cable franchise agreement, Dan Bryer said he has talked to several other towns and is still gathering information. There was an Alna Selectmen present, Doug Baston, who spoke briefly. He said Alna signed an agreement with Mike Edgecomb and he feels the town got its money's worth, he said they got value out of it. It is difficult for selectmen who may not know anything about the cable industry to try and negotiate contracts on their own.

Old Business:

Discussion regarding Rt. 27 Corridor through Wiscasset with Alna Selectmen Doug Baston: Mr. Baston said this is a regional problem not just a Wiscasset problem and should have input for all the town's impacted from any decision. He thought a letter from each town to DOT showing their support was a good idea.

New Business:

Discussion with Jan Martin and Darrell Gudroe regarding a potential zoning change:

Mr. Martin was present for this discussion, he would like the zoning for the piece of property that houses the current Pharmers Market store to be changed to be part of the Industrial Park. This piece of property was part of the Industrial Park in the past and was taken out at the request of a past owner who had a business that was not allowed in the Industrial Park. Mr. Martin has run this idea past the Planning Board and they have no problems with suggesting this zoning change. Dan Bryer will work on warrant language to put this on the May ballot as they Selectmen have no objections to the change.

Mike Tomacelli recused himself from the board to speak as a business owner in the Industrial Park, he supplied the board with a map showing the TIF zone and made suggestions to properties he would like to see added to the TIF zone. Dan Bryer explained that currently there is not a lot of room to allow new parcels into the TIF zone as it is almost at its limit but that he has been working with Mike O'Donnell to better define the exact amount of acreage included. The Selectmen thought this was something to be looked at, there are some properties that can be taken out of the zone to allow for others to be included.

Applications for Landscape Committee:

Dan Bryer said he received an application from Linda Redman the day after the other members were appointed. Ms. Redman has been attending the meetings and the committee would like her to be the chairman if she is appointed. Steve Lewis made a motion to appoint Linda Redman to the Landscape Committee and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Dan Bryer said he also received an application from Dawn Gilbert but he cautioned the board that with the addition of Ms. Redman, the board is now at 7 members and it is better to have an odd number of members on a board. Anyone can attend the meetings and participate, they just cannot vote unless they are an appointed member.

Executive Session:

Steve Lewis suggested an Executive Session immediately following the first Board meeting in January to work on Dan Bryers evaluation.

Publishing BOS agendas:

Kristina Ford said she noticed that Boothbay Harbor BOS publishes its agenda in the newspaper and asked why Boothbay does not do the same, she would like to see it published. The other Selectmen said it is costly to do so. There was a discussion about making sure it was published on line at least by the Monday right before the meeting. This could easily be done. It was suggested getting the Register to write a story about it being available on line and Mr. Pearson seemed to be agreeable to this idea. It was discussed it would be a draft agenda and items could still be added to it. There was a brief discussion about the need to update the website and keep it updated. Dan Bryer said now there was a full staff this could be done and he will work to see that it is.

Public Comment: none

Review Warrants and sign: Dale Harmon made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Adjourn meeting: At 8:15 PM Dale Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.