

Board of Selectmen

Dale Harmon, Chairman
Douglas Burnham, Vice Chair
Charles R. Cunningham
Steven Lewis
Stephen W. Ham

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday March 8, 2017
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Present: Chuck Cunningham, Dale Harmon, Steve Ham, Steve Lewis and Town Manager Dan Bryer

Dale Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearing: None

Public Comment: Dan Bryer discussed having applicants for the CEO and Business Office Positions that are open. Has done interviews and has had many very good applicants. Art needs help, he has 3 building permits, 2 subsurface permits, 3 plumbing permits and 9 planning board applicants. Dan commented on the Board of Appeals completeness review. They had a very productive meeting. Jean Fuller and Dick Perkins are staying on.

Public Works are doing float work and catching up on odds and ends in between storms. Getting equipment in order.

Dan is continuing work with the Joint Economic Development Committee, outlining process of coming up with a master plan for the Festival of Lights next year.

Minutes:

No minutes to approve

Old Business:

Pay Survey

Steve Lewis believes Chief Dick Spofford should get a \$2000.00 raise. He has not had a raise in going on 10 years. He has never asked for a raise for himself, only for his men. Chuck is comfortable with a \$1500.00 raise that would bring it up to \$15000.00 a year. Dale Harmon made a motion to approve the raise in salary for Chief Dick Spofford. All voted in favor.

Municipal Budget

Discussed outside organizations. Some identified, Spectrum Generations, BRCRC and Lifelight. Chuck and Steve Lewis had a conversation with one of the Directors of the Spectrum Generations program and it is true that they have 42 people on a waiting list for their Meal on Wheels service. The Director gets a 6 figure salary and has gotten a raise which is a cause for concern. The services are also mostly off the peninsula and doesn't help people in our community. Lifelight is a valuable service but is not used on the peninsula very often either and they receive federal funds.

The Boothbay Region Community Resources was \$72000.00 in the black according to their profit and loss report so Chuck states he doesn't believe they need a large donation. Steve mentioned that there may be unknown factors that are making it look like they are in the black when they may not be. Funds are allocated to certain things and can't be used for everything. They asked for \$5000.00 last year and they were given \$1000.00 from the town.

Chuck wants to put a \$1000.00 donation in the warrant and if they can prove they need more they will give more. Steve Lewis makes a motion to designate up to \$2500.00 to the BRCRC. All are in favor.

Dale mentions they need to change the contact they have for Community TV.

Municipal Warrant:

The Joint Economic Development Committee is looking at having fireworks during the Festival of Lights next year. Boothbay Harbor has proposed an extra \$5000.00 to put towards it from the fireworks fund. Dale states he was under the understanding that any JEDC expenses were to come out of the \$25000.00 already set aside in a fund for those things. Wendy Wolf states that this would be an additional allocation for the fireworks.

Dale asked if they have set up a budget yet for the JEDC. They are still formulating a plan. They have broken up into groups with sub committees in order to find out more information on what is needed. They want to hire a planner. The planner expense would come out of the \$25000.00 as would more consulting from Green Tree. Dan states there is enough money now but if experts are brought in they could come up with a shortage of money. Chuck states to put in the \$5000.00 for the fireworks this year in a separate account. Motion is made to put \$10000.00 into the fireworks fund this year. All in favor.

Motion is made to approve the annual town meeting warrant. There is updated verbiage in yellow. Chuck doesn't like the wording of Article 5 regarding town property municipally operated. Dan states that would include Clifford Park, Knickerbocker Park and the Knickerbocker Access. Steve Lewis states it should be changed to say real estate to make it clear what it is referencing.

A motion is made to approve the May 1, 2017 town warrant with corrections they suggested made. All in favor.

New Business:

Orders of authorization for bond issuance. These documents allow Dale and Dan to enter into agreement with a bond broker for the Boothbay round-a-bout project. Chuck states it is good to have the flexibility of going outside the Bond Bank to have the option to pay off early or to be able to have better rates available. Motion is made to authorize Dale and Dan to sign the order to offer the issuance of general obligation bond notes pursuant to the round-a-bout project. All in favor.

Public Comment:

Wendy Wolf, co-chair to the JEDC speaks regarding a discrepancy found. The JEDC met the day before and reviewed the budget and expenditures to date. They found the Boothbay Harbor the 1st year reserve account had less left in it then the Boothbay reserve account and it should have been around the same. It was due to signage expenses and trolley expenses. It was a misunderstanding of how the funds are to be handled. They are quickly moving forward to a resolution to the discrepancy. Dale requested financials from the JEDC at their meetings.

Dale made a motion to review warrants and sign them. All in favor.

Adjourn meeting:

Dale made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52PM. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by
Andrea D Lowery, Deputy Town Clerk