

Board of Selectmen

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Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday March 22, 2017
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Present: Chuck Cunningham, Douglas Burnham, Steve Ham, Steve Lewis and Town Manager Dan Bryer

Douglas Burnham called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

No minutes to approve.

Town Manager Dan Bryer speaks regarding the Public Works. Small repairs to floats have been done. Knickercane floats will be in by the first week in April. There is a joint venture with the Boothbay Region Water District. They have acquired grant funding through the state for improvements on Back River Road. They will be hiring the town to do the project work. The Public Works will be very busy with the Park and Ride, sidewalk projects and if the voters decide May 1st to use TIF funds to pave the Industrial Park.

Dan states they are starting to catch up in capital assets, trying not to push the line item up. They are trying to find funding elsewhere.

The Route 27 Project will be starting. Dan is trying to get bulk rate on the paving.

In Code Enforcement there are 4 building permits out, 2 sub- surface, 1 wharf & weirs and 2 interior plumbing permits.

There is a special meeting the Planning Board agreed to set up on March 30th regarding the GNOME application. March 28th there will be an Appeals Board hearing at the old town hall at the Railway Village. April 6th the Planning Board will have a public hearing at the old town hall as well regarding the ordinance revision work being done around the village area. Allan Bellows is going to brief everyone on that later on in the meeting.

The Joint Economic Development Committee got together and voted to hire Gamble Design to look into preliminary work regarding the wayfinding. Gamble Design is very dynamic and had a great interview. They are well within the JEDC funding. It will cost \$12000.00. The wayfinding is a regional initiative. Southport has voted to put some money into this and they are very excited about it. Edgecomb is represented as well, not monetarily but they are regulars at the meetings and good to work with. Wayfinding is very important for the little towns on this peninsula.

A business partnership has been initiated with MDOT and the private developer regarding the Route 27 traffic improvements and roundabout plan. They are working diligently behind the scenes to come up with a legal contract. The municipality and the private developer have things where they would like them. It is in MDOT's hands now. They would like MDOT to possibly structure the funding differently. They fund by putting 50 percent of what they have in initially, 25 percent at substantial completion and 25 percent at completion. They are trying to lax it a little to prevent shortfalls. That would put you at 50 percent on completion. They have multiple folks and attorneys working on the contract and it should be available at

the next town meeting. Then they have 60 days to award the bid. You can't award a bid without a mutually signed contract. The BPI is key to everything starting.

Presentation regarding the Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee:

Chester Rice from South Bristol is speaking regarding the Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee. Chester Rice and Bob Foster have been working on a bill that takes away the County Commissioners ability to write and approve their own budget. The County Advisory Committee would approve the final budget. Each town would have a seat on the committee. He is asking someone from Boothbay to represent this bill. It is very important for people to appear. Right now towns have no say in the budget. Steve Lewis and Chuck Cunningham stated how frustrating it is to suggest things and they don't pay attention. He said he has been to around 9 towns and they all say it's about time. Chuck asked if this bill is formulated after the Franklin County bill. Chester refers to the building of the new jail, how it was supposed to save money and they went from spending a million a year on the old jail to 6 million a year on the new one. He would like Dan to write a letter in support of the bill.

Bob Foster from Southport speaks. He said 11 other counties have something very similar. He said to give Stephanie Hawke a letter and verbal testimony. It goes up before the committee on Wednesday at 9:00am. There are 13 people on the committee and they will listen to you if you are there. Dawn Gilbert states "Mr. Meserve is not happy about this." Chuck is planning on going to the meeting. They have a good chance at changing the law.

Motion was made to have Dan Bryer write a letter regarding an act to modify the Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee. All are in favor.

New Business: The roundabout bids package opening. Monday the bids came in, Dan Bryer, Hillary Hyson and Steve Sawyer were all present at the opening. 4 Companies came in to bid. Dan listed them in ascending order. The low bid was Sargent at \$3,130,521.00.

McGee at \$3,277,077.00

Lane at \$3,603,875.50

Pratt & Sons \$3,659,064.94

They can't act on the bids until the BPI is signed and in place. Six showed up and they had four bids so that showed there was some subcontracting involved. They all had everything they needed, they were bonded and DOT recognized. Dan wanted to make it public knowledge what came in to bid.

Speaker Allan Bellows from the Planning Board:

Allen announced the Planning Board is having monthly ordinance workshops to revise ordinances to comply with the new comprehensive plan. The public workshop is at the old town office at the Railway Village on April 6th at 6:30pm. This will be about the village fringe areas and the village center district and they will go through the vision and objectives and the ordinance standards. What is in place today and what is being recommended. It will be opened up for public comments. Dan stated notification letters have been sent to home and property owners in affected areas. There is an expanded version of the package on the website for those unable to attend the workshop. Comments can be sent to Dan via e-mail and he will get them to the Planning Board.

The next workshop is scheduled for the first Thursday in May regarding watershed protection. It will take place at the town office and Sue Mello and Jon Ziegler from the Boothbay Region Water District will be there to discuss their proposals for controls in that area. All information for the workshops will be posted on the website. Dan thanked Bob publicly for stepping up and posting on the website.

Public Comment: None

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

Adjourn meeting:

Douglas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32PM. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by
Andrea D Lowery, Deputy Town Clerk