

**Board of Selectmen**

Chuck Cunningham - Chairman  
Steven Lewis - Vice Chairman  
Dale Harmon  
Russell Pinkham

**Town Manager**

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Wednesday, January 24, 2024  
6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

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**Present:** Dale Harmon, Russell Pinkham, Chuck Cunningham, Julie Roberts and Town Manager, Dan Bryer Jr.

**Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Hearings:** None

**Approve Minutes:** None

**Reports:**

Dan wants to take the time to thank the guys on the Public Works crew for all they have done after the bad storms we had. We have had nothing but positive feedback. They went above and beyond, worked 20 days straight. Chuck mentioned a very nice letter from a summer resident was in the Boothbay Register thanking the town. He would also like to thank all of the private contractors for helping out. We live in a fantastic community. Dan is looking at the structure of a possible bond to bring in front of the Selectmen. Things are in motion. FEMA comes in tomorrow to assess the damages at Ocean Point and on King Philips Trail. David Cody, our EMA Director said to his knowledge the total of our road damages are the highest in the state. Other towns had more private damage.

We are moving forward with the bond for the project on Country Club Road to the Butler Road. The Water District has already done some pipe work. You will start to see substantial work in the next few weeks. A lot of work has started at the site. Dan wants to set up a meeting with Erin Cooperrider and Greg Pomerleau and any other abutters that want to come in and ask questions in a more private setting.

We had an applicant to use the town common that we have had in the past. We have had problems with them not following directions about parking on the common. Dan wanted their opinions on whether he should allow them to use it again this year. They had a short discussion and they all agreed they would support Dan in his decision. Julie thanks Dan for all he does behind the scenes that makes their job easy.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business: The Preliminary Draft Budget:** Dan is still making adjustments, they are hovering at a 6.7% increase. The major force behind it is the town buildings and grounds budget has gone way up. The numbers have been coming in way over. There was a 20% increase for the fire hydrants. He is still trying to see if he can change anything to bring the increase down. Dale asked if they are still hiring another person for the Buildings and grounds position and he is planning on it if he gets any applicants. The salary for that position is accounted for. The new telephone contract is higher but the electricity has stayed down since they went to LEDs. He included salary for extra poll workers because it's a Presidential Election year. He is going to sit down with Tracey to see if she found anything that needs to

be changed. We have been lucky that our contract services haven't gone up much. There is a discussion about Clifford Park and things that will be happening this year.

**Outside Organizations Requests:** Boothbay Region Senior Citizens isn't doing anything anymore. The Maine Lobsterman's Association is having a meeting this Friday. They did win their case and they are not sure if anything else will be coming up. Veggies to Table is a new request, they are asking for \$1500.00. Julie said they do a lot with the food pantries and they have an amazing set up. They grow fresh vegetables and flowers that they donate. They are building a new greenhouse. Because it's a new request they will need to come before the Board. Around 6 of them will have to come in. The Library, Ambulance Service, Community Center, Health Center and Veggies to Table. The Cemetery District may be asking for an increase but they haven't turned in an application yet. They will have them all come in for the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Public Comment:** None

**Review Warrants and Sign:**

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

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Dale made a motion to adjourn. Julie seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.