

DATE: January 26, 2017

**Boothbay Harbor Sewer District Board of Trustees
Special District Meeting**

Attendees:

Boothbay Harbor Sewer District

Jim Stormont - Trustee

Henry "Ted" Tedeschi - Trustee

Chris Higgins - Superintendent

Public At Large (See Attached Sign-In Sheets)

Julie Hoskeer, Chris Hoskeer, Ted Tedeschi, Jr., Belinda Campbell, Billie Howard Goldsmith, Gordon Goldsmith, Betty Maddocks, Pat McKee, Bob McKee, Ernie Carver, Rena Smith, Corey Tibbetts, Joy Hayner, Nancy Stoddard, Diane Dorbin, Evelyne Andrews, Suzanne Hurd, Mike Amero, Darrell Gudroe, Margaret Fox, Rob Latter, Mirkka Lyons, Chris Higgins, Jim Stormont, Lee Stoddard, Dave Pratt, and Mary Pratt

Call Meeting to Order:

Superintendent Higgins called the Special District Meeting to order at 5:12 PM. Superintendent Higgins explained the purpose of the Special Meeting and read the questions for consideration.

Nomination and Vote for Moderator:

Superintendent Higgins asked for nominations for a meeting Moderator. No nominations came from the attendees. Trustee Stormont then nominated Chris Higgins to be Moderator. Trustee Tedeschi seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Reading of the Questions:

The Moderator discussed the format of the meeting and advised of the procedures to be followed during consideration of the questions. The Moderator read the first question,

"Do you favor the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District accepting a loan/grant assistance package from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development in the amounts of \$450,000.00 loan and \$150,000.00 grant and to authorize the District Trustees to negotiate and issue such bonds or notes and determine the interest thereon, for the purpose of replacing the Union Street pump station and force main?"

Yes

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The Moderator read the second question,

“Do you favor the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District Board of Trustees spending \$30,000 for manhole adjustments associated with the Roundabout Project on Route 27 in Boothbay?”

Motions, Discussions and Vote of the Questions:

Question 1:

The Moderator asked for a motion on the first question. Trustee Stormont made a motion to approve the first question as presented. Trustee Tedeschi seconded the motion. The Moderator declared there is a motion and a second to approve the first question as presented and opened the floor for discussion.

The Moderator started the discussion with a history of the vote question, the Project need, the Project scope, and the Project timing.

Darrell Gudroe asked the Trustees what the amount of interest would be over the course of the new loan. The Moderator responded approximately \$25,000 if he recalled correctly. Trustee Stormont added the rate of the loan is 2.25%.

Rena Smith asked how the Project will impact the current sewer bill. The Moderator responded the new debt would affect the minimum bill approximately 11 to 12 dollars.

Darrell Gudroe asked what would happen if the District put off the Project for a year or two. The Moderator responded the District would risk losing the funding. Rena Smith added the station has been there a really long time. The Moderator added the station has been there since 1963 and the wastewater from the entire east side of the Town is served by this station.

Rena Smith asked about the Project timing. The Moderator responded if the question was approved, the bond package would need to go to D.C. to get approved. Once approved, the project would be bid.

Corey Tibbetts asked how long the Project would take. The Moderator said the anticipated start date would be after Columbus Day and would be finished, hopefully by late May the following spring. The Moderator went on to explain the logistics of the Project.

Darrell Gudroe asked if technology will make the station smaller. The Moderator responded the existing station has three pumps and the new station will have two pumps with better capacity.

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Darrell Gudroe asked if the Project will affect the Festival of Lights. The Moderator replied the Project should be of minimal impact as Oak Street and Townsend Avenue will still be passable by vehicle.

The Moderator asked if there was any more discussion, barring none, the Moderator asked for a vote of question one as presented. The Moderator asked for a show of hands for an affirmative vote. 27 affirmative votes were counted. The Moderator asked for a show of hands in opposition. 0 votes were counted. The Moderator declared the vote as affirmative 27-0 and the vote passed.

Question 2:

A resident of the District asked who could vote on the Question. The Moderator explained any resident of the District that is a registered voter can vote. The Moderator explained the Towns of Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor constitute the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District.

Darrell Gudroe asked if Southport could vote. The Moderator explained Southport is not included in the territory of the District. However, the District does serve Squirrel Island and Capital Island under an Inter-Municipal Contract.

The Moderator read Question 2. After the reading of the question, the Moderator advised the attendees, the District had reached an agreement and the District ratepayers would not have to pay the \$30,000 and therefore, would not have to vote on this question.

Mirkka Lyons asked how the agreement came to be. The Moderator advised the District reached out to the powers to be and reached an agreement.

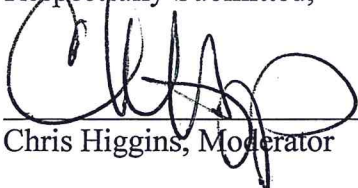
Darrell Gudroe asked about the details of the agreement. The Moderator responded the District reached an agreement and there will be no impact to District ratepayers.

Motion to Adjourn the Special Meeting:

The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Rena Smith made a motion to adjourn. Darrell Gudroe seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 17:39 p.m.

The Moderator and the Board of Trustees thanked the attendees for coming.

Respectfully Submitted,

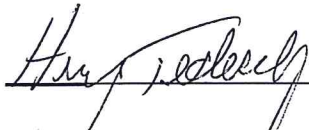

Chris Higgins, Moderator




We, the undersigned, do hereby waive notice of the above meeting and do agree to the business transacted.

Absent

Deryl Kipp, Chairman


Henry Tedeschi, Jr., Treasurer


James Stormont, Clerk

