January 29, 2013 Page 1 Robert G Splaine PO Box 464 West Boothbay Harbor ME 04575 January 29, 2013

Mr. Thomas Woodin Town Manager Municipality of Boothbay Harbor 5 Howard Street Boothbay Harbor 04538

Dear Mr. Woodin:

Please accept my resignation from the Board of Selectman effective at the official end of my first year term as of May 5th 2013. Please notify the Chairman of the Board Mr. Wm. Hamblen, of my considered decision herein as soon as possible.

Although I fully understand the reasons behind the new meeting agenda adopted during my only absence this year from the Board of Selectman, I find them unsatisfactory and unworkable in serving the electorate of our town.

The past Boards of Selectman that I have served with have had a significant and positive impact on the Municipality in maintaining tight budgets working on municipal projects and problems and the restoration of our Emergency funds while maintaining with your assistance municipal excellence in our Police, Public Works, and other agencies.

Tom, You and the Chairman are well aware of my concern regarding the potential and actual influence of external Boards directed by others from other towns that allow political activism to become a uncontrollable force in leveraging an outcome that may not be in the best interest of our municipality our taxpayers and residents, and in good conscience I must therefore resign my position. Let me state for the record, however, that I hold no personal animosity toward individual members of the board, or any of the municipal employees.

It is my opinion that I can be more effective as others have found in operating outside of the constraints of the current Boothbay Harbor municipal government and look forward to serving the community in a different and possibly more constructive manner while adhering strictly to the Town Charter and MMA Guidelines for effective local government.

Sincerely,

Robert G (Bob) Splaine Citizen of Boothbay Harbor