

*The Town of*

# Buxton News

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## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX INITIATIVE 2009

(Question #2 on Nov. 3 Ballot)

All property owners in Buxton recently received their Tax Bill for the current fiscal year July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. The Selectmen included an insert in that mailing intended to make residents aware of an upcoming ballot question and its potential effect on Buxton if passed by the voters. We would like to take this opportunity to provide more information on this subject.

At the Town Meeting held in June each year, the voters of Buxton vote on all the Warrant Articles that request money to operate all Town functions for the coming year. Our current budget is roughly 10.4 million dollars of which 5 million dollars goes to SAD6. There are many sources of income that the Town receives to fund these expenses. The highest source of income raised is from property taxes and the second highest source of income raised is from Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes. In fact we were projected to receive approximately 1.2 million dollars in Excise Tax in the current fiscal year. This money is not dedicated to the Public Works Department, but it certainly covers the costs of the Public Works Department which includes snow removal, paving, road maintenance, capital items, etc.

The Maine Municipal Association has been holding public hearings throughout the State to inform voters of the effects of the proposed Excise Tax Initiative. A copy of their presentation is at the Town Office for review by the public. The ballot question if approved would reduce the Excise Tax on vehicles for the first five years of ownership by an average of 55%. Hybrid vehicles would be exempt from State sales tax and exempt from Excise Tax for three years. These vehicles use the same roads and create just as much wear and tear on the roads as those vehicles older than five years. Approximately 70% of the vehicles on the road today are older than five years. The MMA estimates that the effect state wide on excise revenue if this question passes would be a loss of about 40%. This could mean a loss of approximately half a million dollars annually to Buxton.

If question #2 passes, it would take effect as early as January 1, 2010 or as late as mid February according to MMA. This is half way through our fiscal year. This means that we could lose between \$200,000 and \$250,000 in revenue that we are counting on to pay the bills. We are obligated by State law to pay the School bill and County Bill every month so that leaves only about 2.7 million dollars that we can control. We would have to reduce our expenses by about 10% between January 1 and June 30, 2010. The Selectmen felt that this issue was so important we needed to notify as many residence and taxpayers as quickly as possible.

## Absentee Ballot Applications Available for November

Absentee ballot applications are available at the Town Hall in person, by phone or on line at the following address: <http://www.maine.gov:80/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>. The Town of Buxton is one of several Municipalities accepting applications via email from its registered voters and to do so the application at the above website must be utilized. Absentee ballots can also be mailed out at the request of the voter by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 929-6171.

**If you expect to vote absentee, please vote early and if you need to register to vote, please register early.** We are expecting a large voter turn out and your early planning will help make the process run smoothly. For more information call the Buxton Town Clerk's office at 929-6171.

**EVERY VOTE COUNTS!**

## EVENTS

**Walsh Fundraiser.** - There will be a get together at Skip's Bar on Route 202 Buxton ME at 6:00 P.M. on October 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 to raise money for Richard C Walsh's wife. Richard recently passed away suddenly in a motorcycle accident and leaves behind a wife that he loved dearly and took care of her during her illness. There will be door prizes during the event and also a DJ. The cost will be \$5.00 at the door. All contributions will be made to his Beloved wife Terry. Please come.

**Buxton Centre Baptist Church** – Public family-style supper featuring two kinds of beans, red hot dogs, chop suey, cole slaw, hot biscuits/corn bread, dessert and beverage – 4:30 – 6:00 PM, October 10<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Adults \$7.00, under 12 \$3.00. FMI 727-3447.

## ONGOING EVENTS

**Board of Selectmen** meets every Wednesday night, 5 to 8 p.m. FMI, call 929-5191.

**Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee** meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7p.m., at the Municipal Building. FMI, call Greg Heffernan at 929-3913.

**Buxton Little League** meets the first Thursday of the month, 6p.m., at the Municipal Building. FMI, e-mail at [buxtonlittleleague.org](mailto:buxtonlittleleague.org).

**Community Cupboard** is open Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Friday 9:30-10:30 a.m., at Plummer's Shopping Center at the corner of Routes 112 and 22. Nonperishable food can be dropped off during open hours or by calling Gwen Hatch 642-2396.

**Narragansett Temple No. 111 (Pythian Sisters)** meets the 2nd Tues of the month at 1:00 p.m.. FMI call 929-8806.

**Republican Town Committee** meets the second Tues of the month, 7p.m. at the Buxton Municipal Building. Newcomers welcome. FMI, call Dennis Santolucito, 929-4233 or [dsantolucito@adelphia.net](mailto:dsantolucito@adelphia.net)

**Buxton Democratic Committee** meets on an as-needed basis, depending on projects planned. If you would like to become involved, please contact Nell-Garwood Garvey, Secretary, at 776-0475 for information.

**Saco Valley Civic Association** meets the first Wednesday of each month, 7p.m., at the Municipal Building. FMI, 727-3398. New members welcome.

**American Legion Post #130 Meetings** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month at 7pm 401 Bar Mills Rd Hollis. FMI 727-3449, 929-8660.

**Hollis/Buxton Senior Citizens Congregate Dining**, Mon and Wed, 9-1, at the Groveville Fire Station, \$4.00/under 60, \$3.00/60 and over. On the 2nd Monday of the month, from 11:30 a.m. to noon, a blood pressure check-up will be offered free. Meals-on-Wheels is also available. Reservations (3 days in advance) & information call Sandi Fisher at 929-6525.

**Hollis Lions Club Public Bean Supper**, first Saturday of each month (No supper in July),

4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., Palmer Hall, corner of Routes 202 and 35. Adults \$7.00/Children under 12 \$3.00. Takeout service available. FMI call 929-5705.

**Sokokis Riders of Buxton Snowmobile Club** meets the first Sunday of each month from October thru May at 5 p.m. at the Groveville Fire Barn. Please come and join us and support the clubs of Maine. All meetings are potluck. FMI call Dave Dunn at 749-6188.

**Leavitt's Mill Health Center** Office staff is generally available Tuesdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesdays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Patients are seen during clinical hours by appointment only. Clinics are held every Thursday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 2nd and 4th Saturdays 9 a.m.-Noon and 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Womens Ministry** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month (except April & October) at the Living Waters Christian Church. All women welcome. FMI call Malena at 727-5771 or 590-7733

**WIC (Women, Infants, Children)** clinic meets every Thursday from 8am-4pm at the Buxton Municipal Building at 185 Portland Road. Nutrition information, free food coupons, free dental clinics, and free books for children. Call York County Community Action at 1-800-644-4202 to see if you are eligible.

**TOPS** meets every Thursday evening at the Buxton Centre Baptist Church, weigh in is from 5-6pm. Meeting from 6-7pm. FMI 727-6364 or 727-4842.

**Pleasant River Assembly # 45 International Order of Rainbow Girls** meets at 7p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. FMI 727-3169 or 642-2509.

**Pleasant River Chapter # 159 O.E.S.** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. FMI 727-3169.

**Buxton Masonic Lodge #115 AF&AM** meets on the first Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7:30 p.m. meeting, at the Masonic Lodge in West Buxton, Rt. 112 &

Christian Row. There are no meetings in July and August. September's meeting is on the third Monday. FMI, call Chad Poitras at 929-3723.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meetings held at Bar Mills Community Church Mondays at 7pm.

**AI-Anon** meets Tuesday nights 6:30-7:30pm at North Congregational Church, Groveville, FMI call Cindy @ 727-5027

**Buxton Trailblazers ATV Club** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Buxton Center Baptist Church Route 22 at 938 Long Plains Rd at 7:00pm. FMI: 229-2787 or email [buxtontrailblazers@yahoo.com](mailto:buxtontrailblazers@yahoo.com)

**Buxton Boy Scout Troop 349** meets every Monday 6:30-8pm @Groveville Fire Barn, visitor's welcome!

**The Buxton/Hollis Senior Citizens** Would Like to invite you to our Newly Organized Luncheon Social Come join us: meet new friends reconnect with old friends.

Lunches are every Wednesday (weather permitting)doors open at 10am lunch is served about Noon. At Groveville Fire Station 31 Turkey Lane,Buxton,Me. Reservations needed by Monday 10am. Call Francis Sullivan 727-6917 or Sandi Fisher 727-5120.

## AREA LIBRARIES

**Berry Memorial Library**, Route 4A, Bar Mills. Hours: Tuesday 1-5p.m., and 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday 1-5p.m. (no Friday hours in July and August). FMI call 929-5484.

**Hollis Library**, Route 202 & 35. Hours: Monday 9:30-Noon & 4-8 pm Monday Preschool Story Hour 10am, Tuesday 6-8 p.m., Thursday 4-8 pm, Saturday 9-Noon. FMI call 929-3911.

**Salmon Falls Library**, Routes 202 & 117. Hours: Monday 3-6 p.m., Thursday Story Hour 10-11 a.m., Wednesday 4-7 p.m., Thursday 3-8 p.m., Saturday 9-Noon. FMI call 929-3990.

**West Buxton Public Library**, 34 River Road, SR 112, West Buxton, Hours: Monday: Knitting Bee 6-8pm (04/06/09 thru 11/11/09); Tuesday: Children's Story Hour 9-10am (04/07/09 thru 11/11/09) and regular 4-8pm; Thursday: 4-8pm; Saturday: 9am-1pm (Free Coffee/Tea & Donuts), [www.westbuxtonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.westbuxtonpubliclibrary.org), 727-5898

**Buxton- Hollis Historical Society**, 8 River Road (Route 112), Buxton. Non-lending library offers local historical and genealogical resources. Open first Friday and first and third Saturdays monthly through October from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.; message phone 207-747-3131.

**Buxton-Hollis Historical Society, N.C. Watson School**, Groveville Road at Buxton Center. Open the first and third Saturdays monthly through October from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The last of Buxton's one-room schools, built in 1900 and restored during the past decade. Available by appointment for schools and other groups who would like to re-enact the one-room school experience. For more information, call 207-727-3766.

## BUXTON CHURCHES

**Bar Mills Community Church**, Worship and Sunday school 10am. Dinner and Bible Study Tuesdays 5:30 - 7:30 pm Call 929-3535 for schedule and more information.

**Buxton Centre Baptist Church**, service 9am and Sunday school, 9:15 am FMI, call 929-3011.

**Buxton United Methodist Church**, service at 9:00 am nursery care provided. Sunday School at 9:15 am (children ages 3 through high school). Adult Bible Study Wednesday 9 am FMI call 642-3996 or 772-1044.

**First Congregational Church of Buxton (Tory Hill)** Worship services Sunday at 10:30 a.m.; summer worship services at 10 am (June 1 through August 31). Sunday School 9:15 am, at the Parish House (September - May). Children of all ages welcome during Sunday service. FMI call 929-4252.

**North Congregational Church**, service and Sunday school at 9:30 am FMI, call 929-5600.

**West Buxton Freewill Baptist Church**, services at 11 am and 6:00 pm, Sunday School at 9:45 am Junior (grades 6-8) and Senior (grades 9-12) youth groups meet Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:15 pm FMI, call 727-3176.

**Living Waters Christian Church** Sunday Service and Sunday school at 10 am, Sunday 6-8:30pm youth center, Wednesday 7pm Service along with 7pm Youth groups. For more information call 727-4444

**Next Issue: November 1, 2009. Deadline for submitting information is October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please make all submissions to [buxtonnews@hotmail.com](mailto:buxtonnews@hotmail.com).**

## Planning Board:

Joffe/Colpitts - Blueberry Ridge  
Subdivision – pending  
Jerry Oliver – wood  
processing/bark mulch sales –  
pending  
Annah-Joy & Greg Brunk – In-  
home daycare - APPROVED  
Daniel & Jennifer Jackson – house  
6 goats – APPROVED  
Marina Salang – Subdivision  
amendment – APPROVED  
Rick & Chad Emery – subdivision  
amendment – Pending  
Normand Berube Builders – 8 lot  
subdivision – Pending  
Daniel Daigle – subdivision  
amendment - Pending  
Planning Board Meetings are the  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month  
at **\*\*7:00 p.m.** at the Municipal  
Building.

## Appeals Board:

Rick & Chad Emery – setback  
variance – Denied

## Buxton Garden Club:

Buxton Garden Club recycles used  
ink cartridges and cell phones.  
Drop boxes are at the following  
places: Buxton Recycling Center,  
Buxton Town Hall, Hollis Town  
Hall, West Buxton Public Library,  
Salmon Falls Library, Hollis  
Center Library, Bar Mills Post  
Office and Hollis Post Office. The  
money funds the annual  
scholarship give to a BEHS senior.  
FMI: [buxtongc@yahoo.com](mailto:buxtongc@yahoo.com).

**Buxton Community Cupboard** is  
located at the Plummer's Shopping  
Center and is open on Wednesday  
evening from 6:30 – 7:30 pm and  
Friday morning from 9:30 to 10:30  
am.

**Buxton Food Co-Op** is located at  
the Pythian Sisters Hall in Buxton  
Center. It is open to the public  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and  
Saturday at 9:30 am.

## **Below are the results of the MSAD #6 District Referendum vote in the Town of Buxton on Tuesday, September 8, 2009:**

414 Ballots Cast in Person  
38 Absentee Ballots Cast

452 Total Ballots Cast

6,226 Registered Voters  
7.26% Voter Turn-Out

Article 2: Shall the Board of  
Directors of Maine School  
Administrative District No. 6 be  
authorized to issue bonds, notes  
and other evidence of  
indebtedness in an amount not to  
exceed \$12,821,765.00 to  
construct and equip additions and  
renovations to Hollis Elementary  
School on River Road in the Town  
of Hollis (the "Project") and to  
acquire and convey such real  
estate interests as the Board of  
Directors may determine to be  
necessary for the Project, which  
may include up to 40 acres of  
adjoining land to supplement the  
existing school site?

Results: 177 Yes / 275 No

## **Charter Commission Requests Your Input**

The Buxton Charter Commission  
has been meeting since July, 2009  
on the second and fourth Thursday  
of every month at 7:00 at the  
Municipal Office at 185 Portland  
Road. The Charter Commission  
was established for the purpose of  
revising the Municipal Charter or  
establishing a New Municipal  
Charter.

The Charter Commission would  
like to know your thoughts on the  
Town's Charter and form of  
government and is requesting your  
input as they review the existing

Charter. If you have information  
you would like to share with the

Commission, please attend the  
Meetings, call any member of the  
Charter Commission or email the  
Charter Commission at  
[buxtonchartercommission@yahoo.com](mailto:buxtonchartercommission@yahoo.com).  
Your input is very much  
appreciated.

## **Saco River Art League**

Local artists of all levels and mediums  
are invited to join the Saco River Art  
League. Next meeting will be Thursday  
October 15th at 6:30 pm. at the West  
Buxton Public Library. FMI - 642-4219

Saco River Art League will be  
holding their 1st annual exhibition  
and auction to benefit the historic  
Marrett House, Rt. 25, Standish on  
Sat. Oct 3rd (raindate Oct. 4)  
from 11:00-4:00pm. Watch local  
artists at work. Silent auction  
2:00-4:00pm. FMI - 642-3032 or  
642-4219.

## Heating Fuel Assistance

York County Community Action  
is accepting applications for fuel  
assistance through the LiHeap  
program. Applicants must pay  
their own heat and not live in  
subsidized housing. All  
individuals that have qualified in  
the past and other low-income  
individuals are urged to apply. To  
make an appointment, please call  
1-800-965-5762. All  
appointments are scheduled  
through York County Community  
Action with appointments  
scheduled at the Buxton Town  
Office on Wednesdays. The Town  
only provides the location for  
YCCA to take applications and is  
not involved in the application  
process.

# Reminder!

**2010 DOG LICENSES AVAILABLE on October 15th**  
**Don't Pay a Late Fee License Your Dog Today**

**ALL** dogs six months and older must be licensed by January 31st. To license your dog you will need a valid Maine rabies certificate and altering certificate, if appropriate. You can get the license in person at the Town Hall, by mail to the Town Hall, 185 Portland Road, Buxton, ME 04093 or online at [www.doglicensing.com](http://www.doglicensing.com). Altered dog licenses are \$6.00 and non-altered dog licenses are \$11.00 each. Any dog licensed after January 31<sup>st</sup> will be charged a \$15.00 late fee. All dogs must wear their license tag at all times. If you have any question call the Town Clerk's Office at 929-6171 or email us at [deputytcbuxton@sacoriver.net](mailto:deputytcbuxton@sacoriver.net).

## BUILDING PERMITS (map and lot numbers followed by names)

### Dwelling:

110 A 5 14 KIRK WISHOWSKI  
83 A 8 40A-6 NORMAND BERUBE  
BUILDERS  
87 D 1 140A TROY MARTIN

### Garage:

98 E 10 17 DURWOOD & JANET LANG  
108 C 7 33-3 JOSHUA BACH

### Additions/Alterations:

97 D 10 10-Sep GARY & PAMELA  
GAUVIN

### Misc. (deck, shed, pool, etc.):

88 E 2 61- 8 LENDELL SHORES  
89 E 10 1-7 BEVERLY CLARK  
90 E 8 21A JESSE DEGUZMAN  
84 E 6 21 DAVID LUND  
85 E 4 1-1 PHILIP CUMMINGS  
86 E 1 150A DAVID REDLON  
91 E 5 47B DR. LOPEZ/ JIN  
HWANG  
92 D 10 28-1 CHRIS & DONNA  
EMERY  
94 E 10 126-5 BERNARD  
JACKSON  
95 E 3 45-15 KEVIN DAMIAN

96 E 4 18-10 THOMAS & CHERYL  
VANDERBURGH  
99 E 5 40 ALAN EMERY  
100 E 10 29 TIMOTHY CONN  
101 E 9 47-41 JOHN NICELY  
102 E 4 58-2 WILLIAM & SHARON  
CLANCY  
103 E 2 34-7 JOEL ST. PIERRE  
104 E 9 6-21 BRIAN CHANDLER  
105 E 7 54C BUXTON LITTLE  
LEAGUE  
106 E 4 78B JOSHUA MAYO  
107 E 7 44-1 MIKE MCKINNLEY  
109 D 4 12B ROLAND CHARLTON

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHS

Brayden Alexander Dunn  
Madeline May Thorne  
Baxter Charles Flagg  
Lauren Jane Roy  
Natalia Sage Marzano  
Tayven Jace Wells  
Madden Longone Messer  
Benjamin Scott Havu

### MARRIAGES

Matthew Malm to Nicole  
Burns  
Matthew Hoyt to Roberta  
Lestage  
Nicholas Dunton to Rachel  
Hoffman  
Benjamin Cook to Angie Lane  
Jeffrey Poulin to Dawn  
Declercq  
Casey Hillock to Meghan Aube  
Erik Dellinger to Lisa Robinson  
James Ricci to Tammy Cade  
Michael Perry to Elizabeth  
Roberts  
Jason Beaulieu to Laura  
Mingione  
James Bolstridge to Julie  
Morrill

### DEATHS

Carolyn Davidson  
Sylvia Hillock  
Frank Henderson  
Weston Burnell  
Jonathan Duprey  
Anna O'Haire  
William Hulbert  
Lee Raymond

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