# Town of Buxton Minutes for June 8, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting

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Members Present: Clifford L. Emery, Jean C. Harmon, Peter E. W. Burns, Dennis P.

Santolucito. Chad E. Poitras

Others Present: Dave Harmon, Julie Gamelson, Ellen DiCotiis

#### Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

#### 1. Call to Order

*Selectman Emery called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.* 

# 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge.

# 3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Meeting Minutes June 1, 2016 Approved 5-0

#### 4. Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

The Board had a discussion about the Boston Post Cane. The most recent recipient passed away so the Selectmen are doing some research to determine who should be the next recipient.

Our Tax Collector met with the Board to get some letters signed and discuss some properties.

At 5:30 our Recreation Director met with the Board to discuss a Buxton Recreation logo she was proposing that could be put on flyers, staff shirts and paperwork. The Director is working on the design and will bring it to the Board for review as soon as it is ready.

She talked with the Board about the Bus Lease Agreement with SAD #6 for two school buses the Recreation Department leases to use when they have field trips. Selectman Burns has been going over the language and Maine Municipal, has recommended one small adjustment that needs to be made in the language before the Board finalizes the lease agreement.

The Recreation Director also talked with the Board about some discounted tickets she has purchased for Splashtown, Funtown, Funtown/Splashtown Combo, and Aquaboggan. Selectman Harmon mentioned some other tickets that the Rec Department may have as well, including a pass to the Wildlife Park in Gray.

A resident came in needing signatures from the Board for a Narragansett Number One Grant letter for Flanders Cemetery.

At 6:45 the Board of Selectmen went into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (D) to discuss labor negotiations. The Board of Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 7:03 PM.

#### 5. Review of Correspondence

 Email from Rick LaRiviere, President Saco Salmon Restoration Alliance – Re: Saco River Trash Drive on Saturday & Sunday, July 30-31 from 9 AM to 4 PM

# 6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Santolucito reported that he had a meeting yesterday with Maine Power Options to discuss our electric rates contract. They are going to come up with a new proposal for the upcoming year.

Selectman Santolucito talked about some incidents involving children at the Transfer Station. He said the Transfer Station is not a playground; there are a lot of moving vehicles there and other hazards. He reminded everyone to be careful and also noted the importance of wearing shoes on when you go there to avoid stepping on broken glass.

Selectman Harmon has been almost every day. She talked about the Food Mobile from the Good Shepherd Food Bank that came yesterday. She said there was a very good turnout and there were close to 150 people. She said it went very well and a lot of people went away with a lot of food.

Selectman Harmon reported that she was here Monday night for the brief Planning Board Meeting where they approved changes to the Commercial Zone Design Standards and tomorrow she will be here negotiating with Police and Dispatch. Selectman Harmon said the Board has information in regards to who should be the next person to receive the Boston Post Cane and she is working on that as well.

Selectman Burns was in last Thursday and was in Monday night for the Planning Board Meeting. Although he was only 4 or 5 minutes late, the meeting was so short that it was over when he got here.

Selectman Burns reminded people that Buxton schools with be over with next Wednesday and he cautioned people to be careful because children will be out and about.

Selectman Poitras reported that he has been in once or twice since the last Selectmen's Meeting to see how things were moving along and answer any questions he could. Also, he mentioned stopping by the Transfer Station and said how impressed he has been with how smoothly things go there. He said the whole crew is upbeat and always pleasant.

Selectman Emery calls in every day. He had some conversations with Tom Kennie at Public Works and with the Police Chief about a couple of issues that have been resolved. The Selectmen are getting ready for Town Meeting and Selectman Emery mentioned that voting is next Tuesday from 6 AM until 8 PM. He encouraged people to come out and vote.

# 7. Old Business

- Solar Power Project
- Composting Proposal food waste from school

The Board had no new information to report on these items.

# 8. New Business

Selectman Emery spoke briefly about SAD #6 schools closing next Wednesday.

Bar Mills Bridge is tentatively scheduled to be closed to traffic on July 11 for approximately 120 days and Depot Street will be closed at the intersection of 4A & Depot Street.

Selectman Burns informed everyone that there is a false date around of June 20. That is not correct; the correct date for the bridge closing is July 11.

# 9. Executive Orders

- E.O. 151606012 An order to approve the hire of Monique Pomeroy to the position of part time Dispatcher starting June 7, 2016, at a pay rate of \$14.73 per hour Approved 5-0
- E.O. 151606013 An order to approve the hire of Matthew Ballou to the position of part time Dispatcher starting June 7, 2016, at a pay rate of \$14.73 per hour Approved 5-0
- E.O. 151606014 An order to approve the hire of Bethany Walker to the position of part time Dispatcher starting May 24, 2016, at a pay rate of \$14.73 per hour Approved 5-0

On behalf of the Board, Selectman Emery thanked these three Dispatchers. They normally work for another employer but one of our Dispatchers is having some medical issues and these three people have been kind and gracious enough to help us out so we can keep our Dispatch going 24/7. The Board wants them to know that their help is very much appreciated.

- E.O. 151606015 An order to appoint Patricia L. Morrison, Judith D. Piawlock, Bette A. Robicheaw, Darlene S. Ivy, Nancy L. Owen to the position of Democrat Ballot Clerk to be effective until the end of the election on June 14, 2016
  Approved 5-0
- E.O. 151606016 An order to appoint D. Ellen Angwin, Olive I. Collomy, Sandra P. Mergen, Sharleen A. Fields, Kathryn L. Peasley, and Sylvia W. Young to the position of Republican Ballot Clerk to be effective until the end of the election on June 14, 2016 Approved 5-0
- E.O. 151606017 An order to appoint Patricia L. Morrison, Bette A. Robicheaw, Judith D. Piawlock, Darlene S. Ivy and Nancy L. Owen to the position of Democratic Election Clerk to be effective until the end of the election on June 14, 2016 Approved 5-0
- E.O. 151606018 An order to appoint D. Ellen Angwin, , Olive I. Collomy, Sandra P. Mergen, Sharleen A. Fields, Kathryn L. Peasley and Sylvia W. Young to the position of Republican Election Clerk to be effective until the end of the election on June 14, 2016 Approved 5-0

# 10. Executive Orders by Initiative

E.O. 151606019 – An order to approve an Abatement in the amount of \$547.79 for [Map 7, Lot 71 J-1]
Approved 5-0

# 11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 151606004 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #106
Approved 5-0
The amount was \$51,415.16

E.O. 151606005 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #105
Approved 5-0

*The amount was \$59,670.58* 

# 12. Next Meeting of the Board

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, June 15, at 7:00 PM

# 13. Other Business

Secret Ballot Voting day is Tuesday, June 14. Polls will be open from 6 AM until 8 PM.

Buxton's Annual Town Meeting will be on Saturday, June 18, starting at 9 AM

#### 14. Public Comments and Questions

Ellen DiCotiis went to the podium and updated the Board on the food waste composting proposal. Greg Heffernan contacted the school but has not heard back from anyone yet. Ms. DiCotiis said he asked her to contact our representatives on the School Board to see if they would be interested in supporting the project. After talking with Selectman Harmon about that, she emailed the two Buxton School Board members who are staying on the Board. Ms. DiCotiis said they are very interested in the project. One asked that it be tied to the curriculum to get students more involved, and the other asked about the funding and if the cost was budgeted by the Town. Ms. DiCotiis said she will be working to get that information to him.

# 15. Executive Session

None

# 16. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM Approved 5-0