

***Town of Buxton***  
***Minutes for May 25, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting***

Prepared by: Beverly Gammon

*Members Present: Clifford L. Emery, Jean C. Harmon, Peter E. W. Burns, Dennis P. Santolucito. Chad E. Poitras was absent.*

*Others Present: David Harmon, Julie Gamelson, Ellen DiCotiis*

**Selectmen's Meeting Agenda**

**1. Call to Order**

*Selectman Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*The Board recited the Pledge.*

**3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes May 18, 2016  
Approved 3-0-2*

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

*Our Recreation Director, met with the Selectmen. They had a lengthy discussion about recreation programs, things she is doing, things she would like to do, and ideas that she has. The Selectmen felt that the conversation was fantastic. The Director is putting together some new programs and will take that back to the Board as soon as she finishes. Selectman Emery encouraged people to go to the Buxton Recreation website at [www.buxtonrec.com](http://www.buxtonrec.com) to find information about programs we offer. There is also a link on the town website that will take you right to the Buxton Rec website. Selectman Emery said the Board is very pleased with the new Director we have.*

*Steve Heroux came in and gave the Selectmen an update on the design standards for the business district zone that we will be voting on.*

*The Board discussed the lawn mowing contract but they have not signed it yet because they have questions on the spring cleanup.*

*Earlier, Selectman Burns talked with most of the Board about his meeting last Tuesday with Bill Brockman, the finance director for SAD #6. They went over a list of questions that Selectman Burns will talk about later on in this meeting.*

## **5. Review of Correspondence**

- *Email from SAD #6 Business Office – Re: District Budget Meeting Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 PM at the Bonny Eagle Middle School*

*Selectman Emery described this as a town meeting type affair where the final budget articles are presented, discussed, and voted on. Whatever is approved there will be the final budget we will vote on by Secret Ballot on June 14*

- *Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director, York County EMA – Re: Training Announcement*
- *Email from John Myers, Town Clerk – Re: Sample Ballots for June 14, 2016*

*Absentee ballots are now available at the Town Office and some voting booths are set up in the lobby for anyone who wants to vote there.*

- *Email from Alan McKinney, Poland Spring Manufacturing – Re: Poland Spring Truck Route Sign Plan*

*Selectman Harmon explained Poland Spring's plan to station people for a few days with directional signs at designated intersections to re-establish truck routes and get contracted drivers back on track with where they should be driving*

- *Public Health Alert from Maine CDC – Re: Maine Animal Rabies 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Update*
- *Email from Peter Brown, Maine D.O.T – Re: May 23 Progress Meeting Minutes (Bar Mills & Canal Bridges)*

## **6. Review of Projects and Issues**

*Selectman Santolucito reported that he will be going to the school budget meeting tomorrow night. He was a member of the Budget Advisory Committee and said a lot of time and work went into developing the budget. He is going to support the budget as presented and encouraged other people to show up and support it as well. Selectman Santolucito also reported spending some time working with Bev Gammon on a General Assistance topic.*

*Selectman Harmon reported that she talked with the gentleman from Poland Spring last week. She came in Friday and dealt with a payroll issue that has since been corrected. She spoke with a gentleman who had a complaint about the traffic light at Tory Hill and told him we will get in touch with D.O.T. and have them look at it again. She also talked about a conversation she had with a resident who came in with some questions about Community Day and whether or not we are planning on having it this year. Selectman Harmon said she told the resident the town is probably not going to have anything this year because it is late at this point. She said if people want it, they have to be willing to commit to help put it together.*

*The Board received a report this morning about some vandalism at Pleasant Point Park. Selectman Harmon said one of our picnic tables was destroyed, trash and other items were strewn about, and the Porta-Potty was tipped over. She called Public Works to ask them to go over to pick up the trash that was strewn about and the picnic table which did not look salvageable. She contacted Blow Brothers to have them re-locate the Porta-Potty closer to the road and have it chained.*

*Selectman Harmon reported that she and Selectman Burns will be in the office tomorrow to start labor negotiations with Police and Dispatch.*

*Selectman Burns talked more about his meeting yesterday with Bill Brockman from SAD #6 and explained in detail the registration and voting process for the district budget meeting tomorrow night. Selectman Burns talked about the articles and gave some numbers for the budget and amount of increase over last year's budget. Selectman Burns also talked about another article we will vote on June 14 regarding the two-step process we have now where we have the district budget meeting like we are having tomorrow night to vote on the articles and then that budget is presented to the voters in all the towns where people get the final say on whether or not to pass the budget. If we do not continue the process we are doing now we would have the district budget meeting and whatever gets approved there would be the final budget. Your right to vote after that district meeting would go away. He talked about the pathetic attendance at the district meeting and urged people to vote to continue the two-step process we currently have.*

*There was a brief discussion among the Selectmen about how we got to the two-step process.*

*Selectman Emery said he has not been here very much over the last five weeks but he has called in and kept in touch with the other Selectmen and Department Heads to get updates on who is doing what and talk about things that are going on. He has been in a few times this week working on some day-to-day things and he reported that right now everything is going well.*

**7. Old Business**

*None*

**8. New Business**

*The Board will be doing the dedication of the Town Reports next Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM and Town Reports will be available after that. The Board invites everyone to attend.*

**9. Executive Orders**

*E.O. 151605025 – An order to approve the countersignature of the Warrant and Notice of Election Calling Maine School Administrative District No. 6 Budget Validation Referendum as amended May 23, 2016  
Approved 4-1*

*E.O. 151605026 – An order to approve the hire of Bethany Walker for the position of Reserve Dispatcher starting May 24, 2016 at a pay rate of \$14.73 per hour  
Approved 4-1*

*E.O. 151605027 – An order to approve Kimberly Beam's attendance at a TRIO Fiscal End of Year Training Class  
Approved 4-1*

*E.O. 151605028 – An order to approve Kimberly Beam's attendance at the MMA Basic Municipal Budgeting Workshop  
Approved 4-1*

*E.O. 151605029 – An order to approve Kimberly Beam's attendance at the MMA Cash Management Workshop  
Approved 4-1*

*E.O. 151605030 – An order to appoint Hiram R. Davis to the position of Election Warden for the State Of Maine Democratic and Republican Primary Election to be held on June 14, 2016  
Approved 4-1*

**10. Executive Orders by Initiative**

*None*

**11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**

*E.O. 151605023 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #102  
Approved 4-1  
The amount was \$65440.87*

*E.O. 151605024 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #100 and #101  
Approved 4-1  
\$49,731.15*

**12. Next Meeting of the Board**

*SAD #6 District Budget Meeting & vote Thursday, May 26 in the Bonny Eagle Middle School Gym. Registration will begin at 6:45 PM and the meeting will start at 7:00 PM. Voters must be present at the meeting to vote.*

*Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, June 1 at 7:00 PM*

**13. Other Business**

*The Board is accepting bids for roadside mowing. This is a two year contract covering the mowing periods of July and August 2016 & 2017 for approximately 120 miles of road. Bid specifications and bid sheets can be picked up at the Buxton Town Office or you can email [selectsecbuxton@sacoriver.net](mailto:selectsecbuxton@sacoriver.net). The deadline for bids is 4:00 PM, Wednesday, June 1. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Contact Tom Kennie, Public Works Director at 207-929-4400 for more information.*

*The Municipal Office will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day which means that the Transfer Station will be closed on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> for the same holiday. There will be no change in the curbside pickup schedule.*

*The **Good Shepherd Food Mobile** will be in Buxton **Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**. The Food Mobile will be parked at the Corner of Haines Meadow Road and Long Plains Road (former old town garage), from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM (While supplies last). Anyone who needs food assistance is welcome. Please bring your own bags or boxes. For more information please contact Joanne Groder at 929-8806.*

#### **14. Public Comments and Questions**

*Ellen DiCotiis went to the podium and asked about the status of the solar work that was discussed that might possibly power the town buildings.*

*Selectman Burns replied that he has not contacted the man yet to see if the Board can set up a meeting but he will write himself a note to do that.*

*Ms. DiCotiis asked if there are steps that can be taken with regard to the food waste proposal and composting food waste from the school.*

*Selectman Harmon responded saying that she had contacted Greg Heffernan at the Transfer Station on that because he believes in that program. The last time he approached the school district they said they were not interested. He was going to get in touch with them again to find out if they want to move forward with that. He was also going to check with D.E.P. to see if any regulations have changed because we have to be careful at the Transfer Station where that composting would occur. She said he (Greg Heffernan) is in favor of it; it is just a matter of whether or not the school wants to do it.*

*Selectman Emery questions if that might have to be done in a controlled, enclosed space.*

*Selectman Burns asked Bev Gammon to put that item on the next agenda under old business as a reminder to the Selectmen so they do not lose sight of that.*

*Ms. DiCotiis asked about the Comprehensive Plan and said she has seen where other towns in the area are reviewing or developing their plans. She asked if there is another step in that process.*

*Selectman Harmon said if the Board was going to seriously pursue getting our Comprehensive Plan approved by the state, the Board would post notices at several places around town vacancies on that committee and have people who are interested get in touch with them. There is one person who may possibly be interested. She said it is just a matter of getting people involved and finding a starting point. She said Krystal*

*Dyer in the Code Enforcement Office has a copy of that and the first step might be to go through that and figure out where the last committee left off.*

*Selectman Emery said he has seen two other communities that have put out the bid for professional people to update their plans.*

*The Planning Board had looked into having a consultant look into our comprehensive plan and the pricing they got was in the area of \$35,000 to \$60,000. She said if the Board was to go that route money would have to be appropriated for that.*

*Ms. DiCotiis thanked the Board.*

**15. Executive Session**

*None*

**16. Adjournment**

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM  
Approved 4-1*