

***Town of Buxton
Agenda February 15th, 2023
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes***

This meeting will be streamed on the Saco River Community Media at <https://www.src-tv.org/>

Recorded by Hunter Cox

*Members Present: Francis E. Pulsoni, Chad E. Poitras, David A. Field, Mark J. Blier,
Thomas J. Peters*

Others in attendance:

Called to Order at 7:00

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

February 8st, 2023

Approved 3-0-2

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

4:00PM –

4:30PM – Nate Schools-Budget and Employee discussions

5:15PM – Peter Pinkham- Demolition at Emery O Ranch discussion

5:30PM – Patti McKenna-Demolition at 60 Old Thompson Road

6:10PM – Krystal Gallant-Accounts and Insurances

6:30PM –

Correspondence

- Email From BFR: Monday Message
- Emails From Robert B. Hunt: Weekly Legislative report
- Email From Sgt. Collins: BPD Bi-Weekly Report
- Email from MMA: First Amendment Audit Info Session, Mental Health Workshop, Broadband 101 Webinar
- Email From MTCCA: Vital Records Training
- Emails From Tammy Sobiecki: Maine DOT 2023 Traffic Signal Training, and Nominations.

Projects and Issues-

Selectman Poitras- Met with CEO about unsafe building on Flaggy Meadow Rd, Worked with trustee of local cemetery about ownership and care.

Selectman Pulsoni- In and out of the office all week, Spoke with Sheridan Bennett about budget meetings and presentations.

Selectman Field- Went over budgets and discussed with budget committee, spoke with Rec and PW depts.

Selectman Blier- Not Present

Selectmen Peters- Not Present

Old Business-

New Business

Executive Orders

E.O. 2223002010- An order approving 32 hours of vacation leave for Nate Schools.

Approved 3-0-2

Executive Orders by Initiative

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 2223002011- An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #67
In the Amount of: \$85,090.13

Approved 3-0-2

E.O. 2223002012- An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #68
In the Amount of: \$72,319.46

Approved 3-0-2

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, February 22nd at 7pm

The Next Planning Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February, 27th at 7pm

The Next Budget Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 21st at 6pm

There will be a special town meeting on February 22nd, 2023 at 7:00PM

Other Business

Public Comment and Questions

Ellen Dakotis- Updates from *AGING IN BUXTON*- They received a grant for towns in northern York County. Sponsored by a group called *Comfortably Home*. The purpose is to help people stay in their homes by modifying them and making them safer for inhabitants. This is for simple repairs like hand bars, lighting, minor repairs and installation of ramps and doors. Nothing Major. Please contact at 298-9356, or aginginbuxton@gmail.com if you feel that such repairs are needed. Must be 55+ and own your own home. Also, would have to meet financial guidelines.

Lisa Crockett- Wanted to clarify that she did not bad mouth the Public Works Director in a past meeting, but merely asked about his position, title, and working with his guys.

Also, who do I talk to about the Town sharing an animal control officer with Hollis, and who approved that.

Also, would like clarification on holiday pay for public work employees, and how far back that goes.

How do research grants get obtained by public works, who researches and obtains those? I have heard about all these grants, just wanted to know how that worked.

Last week, you said that if we had specific questions about departments, we need to go to that department. Does that mean we can't come here, or do we go to the department heads first.

Selectman Pulsoni- You would ask Sgt. Collins about that arrangement. As to the pay for public works employees, that is going forward. We have been having that discussion with PW for a while, but now we will pay them the new rate.

As for grants, the department applies for the grants that they want. They usually receive information through mail or email and they apply.

Selectman Field- The PW department just got a grant for a new liftgate for one of the trucks, Its to help prevent back injuries, and it saved us \$4000.

Selectman Pulsoni- As to asking questions about departments, we don't micromanage them. We are basically aware of what's going on in the departments, but we don't know every little detail. That's why we send you to them. They would have all the info to answer your questions correctly. You can come here and, but we ask that you go to them first.

As to interviews, we prefer to have all the selectmen present when we conduct them.

Dave Harmon- The minutes have been posted, but there is a mistake on January 11th. There was a payroll expenditure of \$800,000+., its usually not that high.

When will the interviews for police chief be conducted? Who will be involved.

Selectman Pulsoni- It looks like payroll and accounts payable got switched. We corrected it in that meeting.

The interviews will be next week, so all 5 selectmen will be there.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:19

Approved 3-0

Thomas J. Peters, Selectman

Francis E. Pulsoni, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

*David A. Field,
Selectman*

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

*Date Signed: _____
Video Taped by David Blais*

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