

**Selectmen's Meeting
Agenda for July 19th, 2023**

***Town of Buxton
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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: Mark J. Blier, Chad E. Poitras, David A. Field, Thomas J. Peters

Others in attendance:

Called to Order at 7:04

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

July 12th, 2023

Tabled until next week.

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

4:00PM – Chief Nate Schools-Grants for equipment
4:30PM – Kevin Kimball- Roadside Mowing
5:00PM – Krystal Gallant- Treasurer update, Patti McKenna-Code Car Update
5:30PM – Joe Pereira-Glenvale LLC- Solar Development Fees
6:00PM –Patti Mckenna-EC Tower zoning discussion
6:30PM – Executive Session MRSA 405-6A-Personnel Issue
6:45PM - Ethan Bump- Bonney Eagle Park Trustee request

Review of Correspondence

- Email From BFD: Monday Message, and Fundraiser Info
- Emails From MMA: Public Sector Apprenticeships, State Working Group
- Email From MTCCA: Nominations, Municipal Law Workshop
- Email From CMP: June Newsletter

Projects and Issues-

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Selectman Poitras- Discussions with fire chief, PW updates about ditching

Selectman Field- Public works and transfer station updates, Code Enforcement updates

Selectman Blier- Met with Brookfield at dam sites and got updates about process and projections, Met with CEO about new vehicle and Tower, Walked proposed tower site with police chief

Selectman Peters- Discussions with public works about roadside trimming and equipment

Selectman Pulsoni-. Not Present

Old Business-

Public works is out patching potholes. If residents call in, they go on a list and they are filled in order, usually within 24hr of being notified.

New Business-

Automated trash pick-up begins August 1st, and trashcans will be delivered July 24th-28th. Each dwelling gets 1 trashcan, which is 96 gallons. Please see flyers and information posted on the town website for full details. Please be patient with the Town and Casella during this transition.

Executive Orders-

E.O. 2324007009 – An order to un-table and approve 8 hours of vacation leave for Hunter Cox.

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 2324007014 – An order to approve a Victualer Licenses for Shannon Keefe d/b/a Oak and Ember

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 2324007015 – An order to approve a liquor license for Shannon Keefe of Oak and Ember

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 2324007016- An order to approve the hire of Andrew Ward as a full-time Police Officer effective July 31st, 2023 at a rate of \$32.29/ hour.

Approved 4-0-1

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E.O. 2324007017- An order to appoint Andrew Ward as a Constable in the Town of Buxton effective July 31st, 2023.

Approved 4-0-1

Executive Orders by Initiative-

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 2324007018- An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #109
In the Amount of: \$77,885.46

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 2324007019- An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #5
In the Amount of: \$96,179.01

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 2324007020- An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #6
In the Amount of: \$105,778.69

Approved 4-0-1

Next Meeting of the Board

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, July 26th at 7pm

The Next Planning Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 24th at 7pm

Public Comment and Questions

Lisa Crockett-What is going to happen if people have more trash than fits in the barrel, especially if Casella has missed picking up their trash the previous week, as they often do?

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Selectman Blier- I honestly don't know, we will have to see how all this works out. However,

Selectman Field- They will not pick up trash that is not in the can. But anybody who was missed can bring their trash into the transfer station, and they won't be charged.

Martha Muldoon- Is there still an option to get a smaller can? Can I have 2 cans?

Selectman Field- Once your can is delivered, you can call the number provided by Casella and request a smaller one. However, they will only pick up 1 can for each residence. Nobody can have 2 cans.

Martha Muldoon- Did anyone think about gravel driveways and hardships on residents? Can we have a referendum to get out of this if we are not satisfied?

Selectmen- We did consider a lot of things when making this decision. The selectboard had another proposal that we put forward, but it was voted down by the Town. We are locked in this contract for the next five years; we cannot get out of it.

Martha Muldoon- I talked last week about having the selectboard meetings less frequently, so more people will show up. I think you should have a public meeting every other week, and more people will show up. Other Towns don't have a public meeting every week, why are we doing that. I also think the agenda should be posted on Monday rather than on Friday. I think we should investigate amending the town charter, so that our meetings can be more informative, and in line with what other towns are doing.

Selectman Blier- I understand that you feel that more people would show up if we had this meeting every other week, but I don't agree. We also have a large amount of business that needs to be conducted every week, and we simply could not postpone that business to every other week. Most of those Towns that you mentioned have town managers.

Dave Harmon- I think meetings should be every week. I have asked for the past few weeks about a question we had on the Town warrant. People voted on it and they didn't have a clue as to what it was. People will come if they want to, but they will not come every week. We need to make sure that old and new business is addressed on camera every week.

Trash Cans- How are they going to deliver the trash cans, are they going to leave it at the end of your driveway where they are going to pick it up.

Selectboard- Yes, they will deliver them where they will be picking them up. But make sure they are not behind telephone poles, mailboxes, or brush.

Martha Muldoon- When do you have to have the trash cans out and when do you have to pull them back.

Selectmen- 6am to 6pm

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Dave Harmon – I believe the ordinance says that it can be put out at 6 am the night before and must be picked up the next morning by 11am.

Selectman Blier- I believe that is correct. I also want to take a moment to address your question about the article warrant. If we don't pass the articles in the budget, this article gives you 3/12^{ths} of last year's budget to work with until you are able to get a new article voted on.

Executive Session-

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:47

Approved 4-0-1

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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