

*Town of Buxton
Minutes January 26, 2022
Selectmen's Meeting*

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

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

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

Others in attendance: Dave Harmon, Jon Bartlett, Kevin Kimball, Patrick Hanna, Representative Nathan Carlow

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:03PM

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Quarterly report by Public Works Director Kevin Kimball

The Department has moved into plowing operations, we still have the same crew and they are doing a great job. We have not received a lot of accumulation of snow but have had many storms to keep up with. The roads have been in great condition with the minimal amount of material used. Our Mechanic is keeping up with the maintenance of the trucks as needed and keeping them all on the roads.

Selectman Blier agreed the roads have been great compared to surrounding towns. He has also noticed the budget side you have been saving a lot of money. It's a benefit to our community and we really appreciate. Kevin said he tries to use the least amount of material at the right times of the storm.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

*January 19, 2022
Approved 5 - 0*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:45PM the Board went into executive session to discuss union negotiations at per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D), back out at 5:00PM.

At 5:10PM the Board went into executive session with a resident and Code Enforcement Officer Peter Gordon per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F), back out at 5:25.

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At 5:30PM Kandice Talbot was in regarding Planning Board ordinance amendments and building permits

The Board went into executive session at 5:53PM to discuss a personnel matter per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), back out 6:03PM.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Raegan Young from So. Maine Planning & Development Commission, Re: Local Competitive funding grants*
- *Email from MDEP Re: February Newsletter*
- *Email from Brookfield White Pine Hydro, Re: Notice of Battery Storage Facility in Hollis*
- *Email from Robert B. Hunt, Clerk of the House, Re: Weekly Legislative Report*
- *Maine Town & City magazines from MMA*

Projects and Issues

Selectman Poitras had an inquiry from resident regarding plow patterns of certain roads. He thanked the Public Works crew for their efforts with the storms.

Selectman Field stopped at public works to check in after one of the storms and also at the Transfer Station on these cold days.

Selectman Pulsoni has been very busy this past week with personnel issues with Chief Cline, Chief Schools and our legal team. He stopped at the transfer stations and hung around with the crew. He hasn't had as much time as he would like to see how the operation is run.

Selectman Blier has been on phone conversations this week with the union negotiations. He briefed the board on the updates and where we are at as a community.

Selectman Blier informed residents about the Keep The Heat On program that was set up to assist our senior residents with heating fuel during the winter months. The program runs on monetary donations and returnable bottles and cans through the Clynk program.

Selectman Peters has been working on the police union negotiations and he spoke with a resident regarding a foreclosed property. He also saw Public Works Director Kevin Kimball who was doing maintenance on the backhoe.

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Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

*E.O. 212201016 – An order to approve a Poverty Abatement for Case #PA 22-001
Approved 4 – 0 -1 selectman Blier abstained*

*E.O. 212201017 – An order to approve Grace Bibber to attend Maine Recreation
Parks Association – Spring Training Conference.
Approved 5 – 0*

*E.O. 212201018 – An order to approve a Pole Permit for Private Power Services. To
construct and maintain 2 poles on Berry Road, 358 feet Easterly starting at CMP
pole #11 on Berry Road.
Approved 5 – 0*

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

*E.O. 212201014 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts
Payable Warrant #63
Approved 5 – 0*

In the amount of \$50,067.29

*E.O. 212201015 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll
Warrant #62
Approved 5 – 0*

In the amount of \$81,697.49

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Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, February 2, at 7:00PM

Special Town Meeting regarding Wednesday, February 2 at 7:00PM regarding the ARPA funds

Other Business

2022 Dog licenses are due - State law requires that all dogs six months and older be licensed by January 31st of each calendar year. Any dog licensed after January 31st will have an additional \$25.00 State law late fee per dog. For more information call the Town Office at 929-5191.

Rescue Subscriptions expired December 31, 2021. There are no automatic renewals You need to fill out a new form each year. For more information call the Town Office at 929-5191.

Haddock Supper Buffet – Saturday, January 29 at 6:00PM at Living Waters Church, 197 Parker Farm Road. Suggested donation: \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child or \$20.00 per family. Please contact Donna Aikins at 329-0753 if you would like to order takeout.

Dinner Theatre and Silent Auction with Open Mic Night (featuring Living Waters School students). Saturday, February 5, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Living Waters Church, 197 Parker Farm Road, Buxton Dinner includes a pasta bar with three types of pasta, 3 different sauces, 2 meats, salad and dessert. There is also a vegetarian option. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per person or \$20 for a family. Proceeds benefit the Living Waters Parent Teacher Fellowship.

Public Comments and Questions

None

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:20PM

Approved 5 - 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 Harrison Beam