

**Selectmen's Meeting
Agenda for January 17th, 2024**

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

Others in attendance:

Called to Order at 7:02

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

4:00PM – Grace Bibber-Budget Discussions
4:30PM – Patti McKenna-CODE Enforcement Update
4:45PM – Executive Session MRSA 405 -E-Legal
5:00PM – Chief Kevin Collins- Update on Possible Hollis Partnership, Emergency
Communications System
5:30PM –
6:10PM – Executive Session 405 6A-Personnel Issue
6:30PM – Bill Hall-Budget Updates

Review of Correspondence

- Email From Kate Dufour: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Webinar
- Email From MSAD 6: BoD Meeting Agenda
- Email From MMA: Legislative Bulletin
- Email From Jared Googins and MDOT: Lyman-Hollis-Buxton-Gorham Road Reconstruction Projects
- Email From MWDA: 2024 Nominations
- Email From MCMA: LD 1967

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Projects and Issues-

Selectman Peters- Public Works check-up with recent storms and equipment condition, discussed some repairs needed on the roof of the Bar Mills Fire Station with the Fire Chief,

Selectman Field- Updates from the CEO and Public works

Selectman Poitras- Fire Department update from the Fire Chief, Updates from the PW Director about recent storms and clean-up, Meeting with CEO about some health code issues on the Saco end of Town.

Selectman Pulsoni- Out This Week

Selectman Blier- Discussions with Public Works Director about employee overtime compensation, Spoke with Admin Assistance about Town updates, Spoke with CEO about current code enforcement cases.

Old Business-

New Business-

We do have some positions open on various committees in Town, as well as a position open on the appeals board. If anyone is interested, please contact the Town Clerk, John Myers.

Executive Orders-

E.O. 2425001004- An order to approve changes to section X, subsection C of the Town of Buxton Personnel Policy as follows.

X.C:

- ~~Public Works Employees who are required to work on a Town holiday shall receive an additional time and one half hours for any overtime actually worked on the holiday.~~ (Section Removed)
- ~~Full Time and Part Time, Non Union Employees who are required to work on a Town holiday shall receive their regular pay plus applicable holiday pay.~~ (Section Removed)

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- For Public Works employees holiday hours shall be included as hours worked for the purpose of calculating overtime. No other forms of paid leave shall be counted as hours worked. (Section Added)
- All Non-Union and Non-salary employees who are required to work on a holiday shall receive time and a half for all hours worked on the holiday, plus applicable holiday pay. (Section Added)

Approved 4-0-1-Selectman Pulsoni Abstaining

E.O. 2425001011- An order to appoint Randall J. Porter to the Position of Estes Park Trustee for the Municipality of Buxton Maine. Appointment to be effective until December 31, 2026

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2425001012- An order to appoint Ruth M. Scheidenpflug to the Position of Town Farm Park Trustee for the Municipality of Buxton Maine. Appointment to be effective until December 31, 2026

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2425001013- An order to appoint Ansel E. Stevens to the Position of Barry Memorial Library Trustee for the Municipality of Buxton Maine. Appointment to be effective until December 31, 2026

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2425001014- An order to appoint Scott A. Warchol to the Position of Keep the Heat on Committee Member for the Municipality of Buxton Maine. Appointment to be effective until December 31, 2026

Approved 5-0

Executive Orders by Initiative-

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

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E.O. 2425001017-An order approving expenditures as documented in
Accounts Payable Warrant #58
In the Amount of \$79,863.13

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2425001018- An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll
Warrant #57
In the Amount of \$105,408.71

Approved 5-0

Next Meeting of the Board

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, January 24th at 7pm

The Next Planning Board Meeting will be held on Monday, January 22nd
at 7pm

The next Budget Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 23rd at 6pm

Public Comment and Questions

Dave Harmon- You accidentally announced the meeting as the 24th, instead of the 27th. Last week you said there were maps of the coverage areas of the new communications system. I haven't received one yet. Can I get one.

Selectman Blier- Are those available yet, Hunter? Can you post those and get him one?

Hunter Cox- Yes

Dave Harmon- Thanks

Scott Warchol- Are the meetings with the DOT online or in person? Can I participate in those meetings as a Town liaison? There are many things we need to pay attention to like the length of time the project is expected to last. I believe it will take longer than they are forecasting. Also, there are many events and a parade that takes place during that time, so we would have to know how the detoured traffic would affect those events. I offer my expertise as a liaison to help represent the Town on these issues.

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Selectman Blier- *I believe the meetings are in person, we can look into it.*

Scott Warchol- *These openings on the committees and boards, it would be helpful to have them listed on the Town's website with a description of what those positions entail. Also, just a thank you and a reminder about the Keep the Heating Program that is available for low income seniors and disabled persons who are in need of heating assistance.*

I would also like to bring attention to our great Aging in Buxton Program here in Town. Ellen Dacotis and Terri Warren started and run the program. They have recently received the AARP's approval as an age friendly community. The program was started in the spring of 2021 with a goal to aid seniors in Buxton which provides rides to medical appointments, and food boxes for over 40 seniors. They also recently participated in a housing grant with Biddeford and Saco to supply needed home repairs to needy seniors who needed minor repairs that they were unable to do on their own. They also worked with the Sierra Club to provide storm windows, to cut down drafts and provide warmth. They recently worked with local high school student volunteers to provide snow shoveling services. They have also worked with various agencies to provide better access to Buxton seniors to state and local programs. I would like to thank Ellen and Terri for all they do to help our seniors.

There is a meeting Saturday, January 27th of Aging in Buxton at the Saco River Community Theatre between 10-Noon, to work on issues and solicit volunteers. The snow day for that meeting is February 3rd.

Executive Session-

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:27pm

Approved 5-0

Thomas J. Peters, Selectman

Francis E. Pulsoni, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

*David A. Field,
Selectman*

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Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Date Signed: _____
Video Taped by David Blais

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