

**Selectmen's Meeting
Agenda for January 03, 2024**

***Town of Buxton
Agenda January 3rd, 2023
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes***

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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.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Dana Deering is Selected and Sworn in as Moderator.

Article 2. To see what sum not to exceed \$155,738.15 (One hundred fifty-five thousand, seven hundred thirty-eight, and fifteen cents.) to reconcile the following accounts from fiscal year 2022-2023. Said money to come from Undesignated Surplus.

Legal -	\$35,272.41	Fire and Rescue Dept-	\$85,768.51
Revitalization -	\$374.88	Closed Landfills Monit. And Test	\$5,265.08
Miscellaneous-	\$27,339.64		
Dry Hydrants -	\$1,032.44		
Mun. Building Repair/Main. -	\$685.19		
		Total -	\$155,738.15

Article 2. Passed

Article 3. To see what sum not to exceed \$133,055.32 (One hundred thirty-three thousand, fifty-five, and thirty-two cents) to reconcile the following accounts from fiscal year 2022-2023. Said money to come from ~~Excess Revenues for Fiscal Year 22-23 and Recreation Fund Balance.~~ Excess Recreation Revenues for Fiscal Year 22/23 and Recreation Fund Balance.

Recreation Department	\$133,055.32	Total-	\$133,055.32
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The sum of all accounts to be reconciled totaling \$288,793.47(Two hundred eighty-eight thousand, seven hundred ninety-three, and forty-seven cents.)

Article 3. Amended and Passed

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Article 4. To see what sum not to exceed \$70,000 (Seventy Thousand) to purchase a police cruiser and retrofit said cruiser. Said money to come out of unassigned fund balance. Said purchase will replace the budgeted capital purchase of a cruiser in the 2024-2025 budget.

Article 4. Passed

Special Town Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

December 27th, 2023

Approved 4-0-1

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

4:00PM – Department Head Meeting

4:30PM – “ “ “ “ “ “ “

5:00PM – Kevin Kimball- Holiday compensation for Public Works

5:30PM – Bill Hall- Executive Session MRSA 405 6A-Personnel Issue

6:00PM –

6:45PM – Executive Session MRSA 405 6E-Legal Issue

Review of Correspondence

- Email From Heather Sneff: Local Health Officer Continuing Education
- Email From Maine Audubon: January News Letter
- Email From MSAD 6: BoD Meeting Agenda
- Email From MMA: Legislative Bulletin, Maine T&C Magazine
- Email From Kay Mann: Maine Power options New Year Update

Projects and Issues-

Old Business-

New Business-

Executive Orders-

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E.O. 2425001001- An order to approve the hire of Adam Ricci as a Full-Time Police Officer and Constable of the Town of Buxton effective Monday, January 8th 2024 at a rate of \$30.70/hour.

Approved 5-0

Executive Orders by Initiative-

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 2425001002- An order approving expenditures as documented in
Accounts Payable Warrant #54
In the Amount of \$918,344.15

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2425001003- An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll
Warrant #53
In the Amount of \$88,306.46

Approved 5-0

Next Meeting of the Board

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, January 10th at 7pm

The Next Planning Board Meeting will be held on Monday, January 8th at 7pm

Public Comment and Questions

Elen Dacotis-Can you explain whats going on with the communications tower and system

Selectman Blier- We have had to change the system a little bit. There will no longer be a tower. We are putting our communications systems at the schools and piggybacking off their system. There will be 4 locations at the various schools in our area.

Ellen Dacotis- I heard that there will be some costs that will be passed on to the school.

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Selectman Blier- There shouldn't be any costs passed on to the school. I haven't seen anything saying that. We are covering the cost of the upgrades.

Elen Dacotis- Ok, that's good. I have a question about main street in Bar Mills. I heard that there may be some stop signs put up?

Selectman Blier- A while ago DOT came to us and said that they might put a 4-way stop up at 4A and 112. They did some studies, and they came in and said they were going to get the project going. However, now they are going to use that intersection to detour traffic for the Salmon Falls bridge reconstruction. They may put temporary stop lights there, but eventually the plan is to have a 4-way stop. So we will have to wait until after the bridge construction is completed.

Elen Dacotis- What is the plan for the bridge, and will anything be done to the road before the construction begins? When will the project start, and how long will it last?

Selectman Blier- From what we are hearing, the bridge will be completely ripped out and the two piers that hold the bridge up will be removed. They will rebuild the bridge without the piers, and there will be a 5-foot shoulder added on either side of the bridge for walkers and bikes and things. We are trying to have them put a shim layer over the road before the project starts, and to share in the costs of fixing any damage to the road afterwards. The project will start in spring of 2025 and go to the fall of that year, so about 6 months.

Dave Harmon- As far as the Tower, or the new microwave system. Is there a coverage map available? Was the reason for the cancelling of the Tower because of the land issues.

Selectman Blier- When we found out that there would be a problem with the land, we asked the vendor to look into other options. They examined the situation, and came up with the option to use microwave transmitters on the schools. They explored that option with the schools, and they came back and said that it would work with 4 locations, so that is the direction we are moving in now.

Stephanie Manzolli- I would like to know what is going on with the Barrubi equipment property that was denied a conditional use permit by the planning board. In addition, the DEP in maine is requiring them to get a variance because of the hazards that stem from the business. How come in light of these things, has the selectboard failed to put a stop work order on the property?

Selectman Blier- Because we are still in legal proceedings with our lawyers on that case, we cannot discuss it.

Stephanie Manzolli-My legal council says that there are no proceedings going on, and that it is up to the selectboard at this point.

Selectman Blier- Again, I believe we are still in legal proceedings. I don't want to give false information. I will find out where we are in the process and then, I can get back to you.

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Scott Warshaw- During the special meeting it was unclear whether we were buying a Ford Cruiser or a Chevy Tahoe. Im glad they clarified that before we voted. With the communications system, what is happening with the three towers we have. Will the new locations cover 112.

Selectman Blier- They are being shifted to the 4 new locations at the schools. The new system will address all the problem areas in the area. It will spread the signal more equally, and our coverage will go up. Without the Tower 112 will be slightly effected, and there won't be as good a coverage as there would have been, but other areas in town will be covered better than they were. There were multiple problem areas in Town, not just 112.

Scott Warshaw- At the beginning of this project, the budget committee was told that we had to replace everything, because it came as a package, and it wouldn't work with the old equipment. Now that seems to not be the case.

Selectman Blier- At the beginning we were told many things like that, and we were working off the information we were being provided. Things have changed as the project has progressed. We were told that everything needed to be changed, and that if you changed one thing, you had to change it all. We are not software engineers, but we worked with the info we had.

Scott Warshaw- I would be interested to know, in regards to the questions posed by Stephanie Manzolli. Does the selectboard have the right to overrule or ignore a ruling by the planning board, which is elected.

Selectman Blier- We can only go off of what our attorneys are telling us, so I cannot speak to that until I am sure what they are advising.

Executive Session-

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 8:34

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Thomas J. Peters, Selectman

Francis E. Pulsoni, Selectman

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Mark J. Blier, Selectman

*David A. Field,
Selectman*

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

*Date Signed: _____
Video Taped by David Blais*

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