

*Town of Buxton
Minutes December 22, 2021
Selectmen's Meeting*

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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

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:05PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Quarterly Report with Recreation Director Grace Bibber

The Rec. Department has been very busy this fall with most of our programs starting up again, including two senior trips. A fall foliage trip to Mount Washington and a then a trip to Heart's Turkey Farm for dinner. We were even able to start bingo up again with thirteen participants, our largest held yet. Our childcare program serves 130 families, which include before and after care programs.

We were happy to bring back our community events, Town Farm Haunt, Drive Thru Thanksgiving dinner. We handed out seventy meals that day. The season finished with Touch-a-Truck.

Fall sports and youth enrichment programs, soccer was a huge program this year with 133 participants, which was a 20% increase from last year. This program would not have been a success without the 13 volunteer coaches. They devoted their time and skills to make this program work.

We offered Three Youth enrichment programs; one was Girls on the Run of Maine, a non-profit to encourage education and enhances the girls all around. Let's get crafting class held here at the community building and GASP, this is a Get Active Sports Program. All were very popular social activities.

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Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

December 15, 2021
Approved 5 – 0

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

Public Works Director Kevin Kimball was in regarding a pay issues that he wants the for the Board to discuss.

At 4:30PM Peter Gordon was in. The board went into executive session for a personnel issue at 4:40PM per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), out at to 4:50PM.

At 5:00PM we had a zoom presentation for a new Phone System, which qualifies under the ARPA money. We will look into it further once we have all the numbers.

At 5:37PM the Board went into executive session on a discussion of confidential records per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F), back out at 5:45PM.

At 5:50PM the Board went into executive session on a personnel matter per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), back out at 6:10PM

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Monday Message from Chief Schools*
- *Email from Associated Press, Re: Vaccine mandate for large employers to take effect effective 2/22/2022*
- *Email from Ellen DeCotiis, Re: Why Maine towns are going 'age friendly'*
- *Email from Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission, Re: Winter Newsletter*
- *Email from Kate Dufour of MMA, Re: Governor Mills' COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign*
- *Email form The Collins Center, Re: The Collins Center Report*
- *Email from David Ouellette of MaineDOT, Re: 3 pavement resurfacing overlay questionnaires.*
- *Received a letter from U. S. Census Bureau, Re: 2020 Census Count Question Resolution*
- *Letter from Central Maine Power, Re: Reliable electricity delivery service for your community*
- *Email from DrummondWoodsum, Re: OSHA Vaccination Testing Rule Appeal*

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Projects and Issues

Selectman Poitras was notified of a potential rodent issued in the Bar Mills Village area. The Code Officer will educate the resident on the matter.

Selectman Poitras was honored to officiated the Wreaths Across America event on Saturday. It was a good event.

Selectman Field attended the Wreaths across America. The weather was good and it was well attended. He also spoke with Kevin Kimball regarding the storms. The Public Works Department, Police Department and Fire Department have done an excellent job with the bad weather and working together during the last three storms.

Selectman Pulsoni was in the office off and on, he met with spoke with Chief Cline regarding a personnel issue. Spoke with Peter Gordan on a couple issues and he met with Treasurer Kim Beam and Krystal Dyer as well as Chief schools over policy changes.

Selectman Blier attended the wreaths across America. He thanked Sandy Atkinson and Chad Poitras for organizing the event. The did a great job. He had a conversation with dept heads regarding the union negotiations and ARPA money.

Selectman Peters also attended the wreaths across America and commends Sandy Atkinson and Chad Poitras for pulling it all together.

He spoke with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball and he commends the crew on the great work they all did during the past storms. They make it look easy, even with an ice storm and vehicle issues.

The Board thanked the Buxton Toy Box Committee for the work they have done assisting 86 kids this year.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

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Executive Orders

E.O. 212212022 - An order to adopt changes to the Personnel Policy regarding Compensation for Full Time Fire-Rescue Employees, effective December 22, 2021.
Approved 5 – 0

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 212212020 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #51
Approved 5 – 0

In the amount of \$831,833.87

E.O. 212212021 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #50
Approved 5 – 0

In the amount of \$78,489.84

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, December 29, at 7:00PM

The next Planning Board meeting will be Monday, December 27 at 7:00PM

Other Business

Christmas Tree Festival through December 26 at the Bar Mills Community Church located at 13 Hermit Thrush Drive. For more information or to view the trees contact Mimi at 929-4445. To see other schedule of events go to www.barmillscommunitychurch.org

The Town Hall Will be closed Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31 for the Christmas, and New Year's holidays.

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The Transfer Station will be closed Saturday, December 25 and Saturday, January 1, 2022, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Free Take-out Christmas Dinner at Buxton Centre Baptist Church, located at 938 Long Plains Rd. Pick up will be between 12:00PM to 1:00PM. Call 929-3011 by Saturday, December 18th to order a take-out meal.

Public Comments and Questions

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:26PM
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