

***Town of Buxton
Minutes for October 19, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting***

Prepared by: Beverly Gammon

Members Present: Clifford L. Emery, Jean C. Harmon, Dennis P. Santolucito, Mark J. Blier
Chad E. Poitras was absent.

Others Present: Julie Gamelson, Henry Huntley, David Harmon, Ellen DeCotiis

Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

Selectman Emery called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes October 12, 2016
Approved 4-0-1*

4. Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

At 5:30 the Board met with a resident and the Transfer Manager regarding an issue involving the Transfer Station.

After that discussion was over, the Selectmen went over carry-forwards from this past year and reconciliations that will be done in a Special Town Meeting. The Board will set a date for that after the election is over.

The Selectmen spent the rest of their time reviewing the accounts payable and payroll warrants.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Nicole Welch, Buxton Recreation Director – Re: Cooking Matters Workshop*
- *Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director, York County EMA – Re: More information on Drought Resources*
- *Email from Peter Brown, Maine D.O.T. – Re: Bar Mills & Canals Bridge Progress Meeting Minutes*

A brief discussion followed about the bridge opening on November 8, the dedication ceremony the Selectmen are working on and possible dates for that. Selectman Harmon said she believes Selectman Poitras has been in touch with a Maine D.O.T. representative about doing something Monday, November 7th and he talked with Roger Hicks in Hollis who is happy with whatever the Board plans to do. Selectman Poitras was going to get in touch with a member of the historical society to see if that works for them.

- *Email from Darcy Hobgood, 12 Town Group -- Re: Candidates Night is available to view on line. There is a link on the Town's website that takes people right to the video.*
- *Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director, York County EMA – Re: SBA Disaster News Release Economic Injury Disaster Loans*
- *Email from Dave Francoeur – Re: County Emergency Board Minutes and Disaster Drought 2016 News Release*

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Santolucito spent some time on Monday working on the Sales Ratio Analysis. He explained what the report is and said initially it looks like the Town is in good shape. He went on to mention that he called Bonita Pothier in Senator King's Office to see what might be out there regarding Broadband and high speed internet. There is not much going on right now and will not be until the election is over but he said there may be more information in 2017.

Selectman Harmon reported that our new mechanic started at Public Works. She stated that Tom Kennie (Public Works Director) reported that he is doing a fantastic job fitting right into the position and he (Tom) is very pleased.

Selectman Harmon said she talked with Mia Dodge who runs the Buxton Toy Box. The Toy Box is tentatively scheduled to move into the large meeting room on Monday, December 12, and move out on Thursday, December 22. So the Toy Box does not have to displace the Selectmen for both weeks, Mia Dodge is going to look at the room the next time she is in the building to see if the Toy Box can put their things in part of the room

and cover them so the Board can meet in the large meeting room on December 14. Then, on December 21, the Selectmen's Meeting will be held in the Selectmen's Office.

Selectman Harmon talked about a conversation she had with Penny Booker who stopped in today. Selectman Harmon said one of the questions on the ballot deals with legalizing marijuana. As a member of the Planning Board, Penny Booker thinks that the town should start addressing some of the issues before that of how if that passes the town is going to deal with that and people wanting to open retail stores to sell marijuana. Selectman Harmon said they had a brief discussion then Selectman Harmon said she sent Penny to Krystal Dyer in the code office to explore moratoriums, and look at what the Planning Board can do prior to that. She said this is something the Planning Board has discussed at length that can potentially affect us if that passes.

Selectman Blier reported that he spent some time this week at the Transfer Station talking with Greg Heffernan about the resident issue to educate himself on that before today's meeting. Selectman Blier said he also spent time at Public Works and met Tim, our new mechanic. Selectman Blier said he is happy to hear that Tim is working out and that it was a good choice.

Selectman Blier went on to mention that he has been working on the Comprehensive Plan. He set up a meeting with Mr. Lee Jay Feldman from Southern Maine Planning Commission who will be meeting with the team on November 7 to give them some guidelines on what they should be doing on things of that nature.

Selectman Emery stated that he has been in the office, and talks with Selectman Harmon about every day to keep up with what is going on. He noted that some of the vandalism has quieted down.

Selectman Emery mentioned the SAD #6 Frye Island meeting he attended last night and said the Facilitator brought a formula to the committee that was voted down. He said he is not sure what the next step is or if it just goes back to the Legislature but the Selectmen need to get information ready in case they have to make some trips to Augusta.

Selectman Harmon reiterated that the cost sharing committee which Dennis Santolucito is on voted last night to leave the cost sharing formula alone as it is now. She wanted people to know that what the Facilitator had proposed was voted down

7. Old Business

Davis Road

Selectman Emery is going to talk with Peter Gordon, our Code Enforcement Officer, to find out what the status is. The Board needs information from the owner before the road

can be accepted. Selectman Emery said it will be a warrant article at the Special Town Meeting that will be held to reconcile accounts.

Boston Post Cane

Selectman Emery stated that the Board will deal with this after the election is over.

8. New Business

Selectman Harmon reported that we have had over 600 absentee ballots cast already. She said today was an extremely busy day in the front lobby; it is tax time, but all day it has been steady and a lot of people voted absentee.

9. Executive Orders

*E.O. 161710019 – An order to approve the hire of Elizabeth Sinclair for the position of full- time Dispatcher at a pay rate of \$16.60 per hour starting October 7, 2016
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 161710020 – An order to approve 8 hours vacation time for Beverly Gammon
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 161710021 – An order to appoint Helen J. Andronaco, Vincent A. Andronaco, Dianne M. Oakes, D. Ellen Angwin, Sandra P. Mergen, Kathryn Peasley, Sylvia W. Young, Donna L. Keim as Republican Election Clerks to be effective until end of election on November 8, 2016
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 161710022 – An order to appoint Meredith R. Small, Thomas A. Ashby, Judith D. Piawlock, Patricia L. Morrison, Bette A. Robicheaw, Darlene S. Ivy, Timothy S. Hoar, and Sally Nardi as Democrat Election Clerks to be effective until end of election on November 8, 2016
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 161710023 – An order to approve Nicole Welch's attendance at the Northern New England Recreation & Parks Conference
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 161710024 – An order to approve an Application for Veteran Exemption for [Map 9, Lot 11-2]
Approved 4-0-1*

10. Executive Orders by Initiative

None

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 161710017 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #032

Approved 4-0-1

The total was \$667,218.72

E.O. 161710018 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #031

Approved 4-0-1

That total was \$49,935.03

12. Next Meeting of the Board

Planning Board Meeting Monday, October 24 at 7:00 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 PM

13. Other Business

We are accepting applications for a seasonal Laborer/Equipment Operator in our Public Works Department. This is a 30 hour per week position starting in November and ending in April. The primary job is plowing snow; the pay rate is \$16.00 per hour and the deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, October 26 by 4 PM. For more information you can contact Tom Kennie, our Public Works Director, at 929-4400.

We are soliciting bids for plowing (3) Fire Stations and (+/-46) Dry Hydrants. This is a one-year contract covering the 2016/17 winter. For a bid package and more information, contact our Fire-Rescue Chief, Nathan Schools at 207-929-3099. Bids must be presented to the Board of Selectmen in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Fire Station & Dry Hydrant Plowing." and must be received no later than 4:00 PM, Wednesday, October 26. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Buxton-Hollis Historical Society presents its Annual Meeting, Potluck Dinner & Preview of its first major exhibit: "All Roads Lead to Bar Mills" presented by Brenton Hill on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 5:00 PM at their headquarters at 100 Main Street in Bar

Mills. If you do not hear from Berty Ramsdell who will be soliciting potluck contributions, please give her a call @929-4529 or email robertaramsdell@myottmail.com to make your dinner reservation. Suggested donation \$10, seniors \$8.

The Buxton Recreation Department will be holding two Cooking Matters at the Store Workshops at Buxton Town Hall. There are two dates to choose from; Tuesday, October 25 from 6:00 ~ 7:00 PM, or Tuesday, November 15 from 9:00 ~ 10:00 AM. These workshops are open to any adult who wants to learn more about saving money and identifying healthy foods. Contact Nicole Welch at 929-8381 to reserve a spot.

The Buxton Town Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, October 22 and Saturday, October 29 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM to issue absentee ballots and register voters for the November 8 Presidential Election at Buxton Town Hall at 185 Portland Road. Absentee ballots are available at Town Hall, on line, or they can be mailed at the request of the voter by calling the Town Clerk's Office. For more information contact John Myers, Town Clerk, at 929-6171.

Selectman Harmon reminded everyone that property taxes are due tomorrow October 20. Interest will start accruing after October 28.

14. Public Comments and Questions

Selectman Harmon also reminded everyone that when the Town Hall is open this Saturday and the following Saturday to do voter registrations and issue absentee ballots that is all they will be able to do. People will not be able to register a vehicle, license your dog or get a hunting license or pay your taxes.

A very brief discussion followed among the Selectmen about the Board's decision to open the next two Saturdays for voter registration and absentee ballots only.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM

Approved 4-0-1