

Town of Buxton
Minutes for November 16, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting

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

Others Present: Dave Harmon

Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

Selectman Emery called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes November 9, 2016
Approved 4-0-1*

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

At 4:22 PM the Board went into Executive Session for a personnel matter, per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A). The Board came out of Executive Session at 5:40 PM.

At 5:40 the Board had a conversation with the Police Chief. After he left, Steven Johnson, the gentleman who was the low-bidder on snow plowing for our fire stations and hydrants, came in. The Board talked with him about the snow plowing contract for this upcoming year and came to an agreement with him on how that will work. Selectman Emery is going to get the contract drawn up so the Board can move forward with that.

The Selectmen talked about having Andy Townsend do some bush hogging at the old landfill on Town Farm Road; they talked about the bills that are mounting up for the waste oil furnace at the Transfer Station. The Selectmen also talked about how the new

minimum wage, that will increase from \$7.50 per hour to \$9.00 per hour in January, is going to impact some of our recreation programs where we employ a lot of young people at minimum wage.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *Notice from Greg Heffernan, Transfer Station Manager – Re: Thanksgiving Schedule*
- *Letter from Maine Department of Agriculture – Re: Maine Forest Service Winter Moth Survey*
- *Email from Patrick Bonsant, Director, Saco River Community Television – Re: Recognition*
- *Email from Dennis Emidy, Maine D.O.T. – Re: Maine DOT Candidate Safety Project*
- *Email from Patrick Bonsant, Director, Saco River Community TV – Re: Video of Bar Mills Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony running on their website*

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Santolucito reported that the Board got numbers back to upgrade audio visual components in our small conference room and it was a lot more than the Selectmen anticipated. So, they are going to stick with the original plan to upgrade the equipment in the large meeting room and doing the wireless project. He said they will work on that in December and January. The cost to do the smaller conference room would nearly double the cost of the project which Selectman Santolucito said is not worth it for the amount of use that room gets. He stated that the Board will move forward on the other upgrades and he (Selectman Santolucito) will keep people updated on how that is going.

Selectman Santolucito also mentioned that he talked to the Code Enforcement Officer in New Gloucester and got a copy of their Marijuana Ordinance which he passed on to Selectman Harmon to get to our attorney as a model for a potential moratorium that would have to be written for the Town of Buxton. This is regarding Question 1 which is the legalization of marijuana and would give the Board some time to understand the public safety issues.

Selectman Harmon expanded on that issue noting that other communities have developed moratoriums in regards to legalization of marijuana. She said the Board received a response from the Town's attorney saying that the Town can wait because once it establishes a moratorium the clock begins ticking. The moratorium is only for 180 days and once that time runs out, they cannot do another one. Selectman Harmon stated that the Selectmen should use this time to look at what they want to do in Buxton so that when the time comes to do a moratorium, the Board will be ready to move forward. Selectman Harmon stated that the State does not have any licensing rules in place and no one can operate one of the smoking parlors without a State license so there is no immediate

danger of that coming into the Town of Buxton. Selectman Harmon said our attorneys will continue working on it and will tailor the wording to fit Buxton's needs, and the Board will continue to follow this as the State develops their regulations.

Selectman Harmon said she attended the Planning Board Meeting Monday night. They set a Public Hearing date for making changes to the design standards and zones it applies to, which she said is only changing the land use table to include the village and the light commercial zones, in addition to the business zone that it currently applies to. The Planning Board set their Public Hearing date for December 12. She said from there the Board can set a Special Town Meeting to adopt those standards.

Selectman Harmon mentioned talking with an individual about the Town's website. The person stated that he/she loves the website with the exception of a problem he/she encountered while navigating the site. Selectman Harmon checked that out today and talked with several others in the office and no one could duplicate the issue. We are not sure if it may have something to do with that person's computer. Selectman Harmon went on to describe the problem that was described to her and said it is something none of us have encountered or could duplicate. She is going to let the person know she did check that out.

Selectman Poitras was in Monday. He said he got his desk cleaned up and also worked with Chet Ouellette on an issue outside with a large pile of leaves that blew into a pile in the front parking lot. Selectman Poitras contacted Public Works and had them come over and clean it up to make the building more welcoming as people came in.

Selectman Poitras brought up the issue that was discussed last week regarding the flag pole by the monument down by the bridge in Bar Mills and the concern there was with some power lines that were directly behind it. Selectman Poitras said he talked with the Project Resident who also has concerns because there is no way to fix it besides ripping it up and moving the monument. When it was originally put in he worked with CMP and they said it would not be an issue. Selectman Poitras said the plan of action is for us to go ahead and try it and see what happens and if it is an issue, they will go from there.

Selectman Emery reported that he was in a lot last week dealing with various town matters. He went over some issues with Greg Heffernan, Tom Kennie and Chief Cline and stayed busy on the phone. Selectman Emery said there are always things going on such as the snow plowing contract but overall things are going good.

Selectman Emery talked about going to the 12 Town Group Meeting and listening to the explanation of why the new court house is not going to be in Alfred and is going to go to Biddeford. He described where the access to the new building is going to be and the congestion in that area and said it will be good for Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard but Acton, Parsonsfield, Kittery, York and some other places might have it a little tougher. The District Attorney's office and the Attorney General's office will not be at the new courthouse, they will still be in Alfred because they do not house the County people at the new court house. Selectman Emery also pointed out that people could have walked from

the jail to the courthouse if it was in Alfred but now we will have to pay to bus them, hire people to do that, and have holding cells in Biddeford while they are waiting for trial at a cost of about \$65,000 per person. Selectman Emery said there is nothing we can do about it.

Selectman Harmon asked if there is a way for the Board to contest the vote. Selectman Emery stated that Linda Valentino wrote the bill and the people who were going to be on the Committee, and wrote it so that their decision was going to be binding. Selectman Emery explained that the cost of the land was around \$200,000 to \$220,000 and in Alfred we could have had the land for nothing. He went on to talk about some other issues including that Alfred was going to be too far out of the way for attorneys from the Portland area and some others to have to drive, and no public water and sewer.

7. Old Business

Davis Road

The owner signed a letter that allows the Board to move forward but we are still waiting for a copy of the deed.

Boston Post Cane

The Board plans to deal with this by the end of the month.

8. New Business

9. Executive Orders

*E.O. 161711018 – An order to approve 8 hours of vacation time for Nathan Schools
Approved 4-0-1*

10. Executive Orders by Initiative

*E.O. 161711019 An order to approve an Application for a Poverty Abatement for Case
No. PA16-010
Approved 4-0-1*

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

*E.O. 161711016 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts
Payable Warrant #040
Approved 4-0-1
The amount was \$82,350.32*

E.O. 161711017 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #039

Approved 4-0-1

The amount was \$52,072.32

12. Next Meeting of the Board

MSAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, November 17 at 6:00 PM at Central Office

Planning Board Meeting Monday, November 28 at 7:00 PM

Public Hearing Wednesday, November 30, at 7:00 PM on an application for a Liquor License renewal & a Special Amusement Permit for Kevin & Sundae Fallen d/b/a Personal Touch Catering at 62 Chicopee Road

Next Board of Selectmen Meeting will be Wednesday, November 30 at approximately 7:05 PM or immediately following the Public Hearing

13. Other Business

The Board of Selectmen will not be meeting on Wednesday, November 23, the day before Thanksgiving.

Town Hall & the Transfer Station will be closed Thursday & Friday (Nov. 24 & 25) for Thanksgiving weekend.

There will be no curbside pickup on Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving). Thursday's route will be picked up on Friday, November 25.

The Transfer Station will be open Saturday, November 26.

Buxton Toy Box applications and guidelines are available at Town Hall. Applications will be taken Thursday, November 17 from 9 AM – Noon & 1-3 PM, and Friday, December 2, from 9 AM – 1 PM

There will be a Rabies Vaccination Clinic Saturday, December 3 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Buxton Public Works Garage. Cost is \$8 per vaccination. All dogs must be on a leash and all cats must be in carriers. For faster service, please bring the previous rabies vaccination certificate.

Selectman Emery reminded everyone that next Wednesday Town Hall will be open from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

The Board wished everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and noted that the Town Office is having the annual dinner for the community cares folks and anyone else who wants to come this Friday from noon until 2:00 PM.

14. Public Comments and Questions

None

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM
Approved 4-0-1*