

Town of Buxton
Minutes for July 13, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting

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

Others Present: Henry Huntley, Julie Gamelson, Ellen DeCotiis

Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

Selectman Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes July 6, 2016
Approved 3-0-2*

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

Selectman Blier shared information with the rest of the Board about his field trip to Groveville Fire Station and things that need to be addressed there. Selectman Harmon said the Board is looking at furnace replacement and updating the septic system.

At 5:15 our Recreation Director, Nicole Welch met with the Board to provide an update on a grant she received and share ideas for items she would like to purchase with that money. She also provided an update on summer camp, what has been happening in general, and talked about upcoming programs she is thinking about.

After that Arthur Payeur came in. He is a resident who has expressed interest in serving on the Budget Committee. The Board will be appointing him to that committee next week. Selectman Harmon mentioned another gentleman who is interested in serving on the Planning Board but he was unable to make it in to meet with the Board. The Selectmen met last week with another gentleman who also expressed interest in being on that Board. Selectman Harmon said she knows that the Planning Board has some issues coming up and they are looking to fill that vacancy as soon as possible.

Ellen DeCotiis, our newly appointed School Board Director came in and filled the Selectmen in on what was discussed at Monday's School Board Meeting, Frye Island and what is happening with that. The Board appreciated the information.

Selectman Poitras mentioned some research Selectman Blier did on the purchase of a new truck for the Fire Department.

Selectman Blier stated that the Board ended up getting a decent deal on a 2016 F150 that will be ordered tomorrow in the color they wanted which is red. He said the cost is less than the amount that was allocated for the purchase of a truck and he expects we will have it in the next 5-6 weeks.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Nicole Welch, our Recreation Director – Re: American Red Cross Blood Drive*
- *Email from Peter Brown, Maine DOT – Re: July 5 Progress Meeting Minutes for Bar Mills bridge project*
- *Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director York County EMA – Re: FEMA courses convert to college credit*
- *Letter from Geoff Herman, Maine Municipal Association – Re: Survey to generate ideas for legislation*

Selectman Harmon said the Selectmen individually received copies of the survey and she encouraged them to complete theirs and send them in.

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Santolucito reported that he is still working with a vendor in regard to some type of managed service contract for all of our public safety computer systems, servers, and the likes. He is still working with the numbers comparing the services on a break/fix basis for the last two years which we are doing now, versus a managed service contract.

Selectman Santolucito talked about going over to the Public Works garage the other day and talking with Tom Kennie about the 2004 ten wheeler truck in the garage. Selectman Santolucito said it is as close to a restoration from the frame up that he has ever seen and he was amazed that almost everything on the truck is being replaced. He said it is a testament to the Public Works Director, Larry Anderson and the whole crew that they are doing the best they can and rebuilding a lot of their equipment to keep them in service.

Selectman Santolucito spoke about recent news reports regarding land lines and provider of last resort. He said a lot of changes are taking place in Maine. There will be no impact to Buxton right now but at some point he expects there will be an end to land line service. He said we don't have to worry about it though for the next few years.

Selectman Santolucito mentioned the robotics team at the high school and how competitive they have been on the national level. He said they were doing their annual bottle drive and it reminded him that there are a lot of challenges going on right now with the schools but it goes to show you that a lot of good things are happening with the students and teachers.

Selectman Blier reported on his communication with Pit Stop Fuels regarding our fuel contract for the next 3 years. They matched their current discount for the town and did a little better on the discount for town employees. He asked about a discount for the whole town but they are unable to do that. He also talked with Downeast Energy and will speak with Lampron and a few others to see if they will give us quotes as well. He is getting information together for them so they can give us those quotes.

Selectman Blier stated that he rode around today with the Fire Chief to all the fire stations. He was specifically interested in Groveville because it has a heating system that we budgeted \$4500 for and he does not think that is a realistic number. Selectman Blier said the biggest problem over there right now is the septic system that has failed and we are having to pump it out every other month. It has been pumped out 10 times for a cost of about \$2600. Unfortunately the septic system is underneath the driveway so it is going to be a concrete, double chamber type system and we are going to have to re-tar the driveway which will be expensive. Selectman Blier said he thinks that needs to be addressed before the heating in order to stop the bleeding of pumping the tanks. Selectman Blier said he is going to talk with the Board about taking the \$4500 to put toward the septic system.

Selectman Blier said he does not think that just replacing their heating system is a forward thinking idea. He said they are burning 4300 gallons of fuel there per year and we need to look at alternative types of heating like heat pumps. They have three air conditioners in there and some electric heat they are using. Selectman Blier said if we look at the whole package, what they are using for electricity, what they are using for fuel, and try to come up with a way to save money in heating and electric costs and pay off something like a heat pump over a 5-7 year period; we can pay that off then we will have positive cash flow for the town for 13-15 years. One of the estimates he got on heat

pumps was \$19,000. He said it is just food for thought right now. He said he is trying to come up with some "outside the box" thinking to see what we can do there to have a long-term plan and save some money on heating costs.

Selectman Poitras reported that he has been working with a couple residents in town on questions they had and he has been working with the Code Enforcement Officer on an issue up on Parker Farm Road that he said is resolving itself.

Selectman Poitras said he spoke with the Fire-Rescue Chief today about a couple of older fire department members that have passed away. Their services are coming up over the next week or so and he is trying to organize the fire department honors for these two gentlemen.

Selectman Harmon stated that she has been working with our AP clerk on the year-end and new-year printouts. Last week there were two warrants and there are two this week getting this to the point where we can start seeing what we are using in the current fiscal year. There were a couple of capital items that needed to be entered and she had questions for the Fire Chief and Police Chief on capital items from last year. Next week she said we should see a new printout for the new fiscal year. Selectman Harmon will be here for union negotiations tomorrow and is hoping we are getting to the end of that so we can get the last fiscal year quickly behind us.

Other than that, Selectman Harmon has been in every day working on payables and year-end issues. She has been sitting with our new Treasurer going over questions and making sure we are on track. Our Treasurer worked with the PW Director on the financing for the new truck.

Selectman Harmon thanked Selectman Blier for his quick work in securing us a new pickup. She reported that she met with the fire chief to talk about some budget issues and he is looking into some over-runs so we can justify them as the Board will have to reconcile the Fire account. There are other accounts the Board will have to reconcile as well at a Special Town Meeting but Selectman Harmon said we are still paying bills outstanding from the last fiscal year so we have to wait until that closes out to find out where we are really at.

Selectman Harmon cautioned everyone to stay hydrated while it is so hot, check on elderly neighbors, and if you find anyone that is in distress and needs a place to cool off, they can come to the Town Office where there is air conditioning.

7. **Old Business**

- *Composting food waste proposal*

Selectman Harmon said she spoke with Greg Heffernan today at the Transfer Station and he is still trying to get information on that. He had some questions for the state and is waiting to hear back from them. He also ordered some signs to be posted at the Transfer Station for people's safety and to remind people about some of the rules. She said sometimes people get complacent so he will be putting those signs up this week or next to remind people of that.

8. **New Business**

None

9. **Executive Orders**

*E.O. 161707006 – An order to approve the Rules of the Board for 2016/17
Approved 4-1*

*E.O. 161707007 – An order to appoint Ellen DeCotiis to the position of Maine School Administrative District Number Six Director. Jean thanked her for stepping up.
Approved 4-1*

*E.O. 161707008 – An order to approve 24 hours of vacation time for Troy Cline
Approved 4-1*

*E.O. 161707009 – An order to approve 48 hours of vacation time for John Myers
Approved 4-1*

*E.O. 161707010 – An order to approve 32 hours of time off without pay for Ruth Scheibenpflug
Approved 4-1*

10. **Executive Orders by Initiative**

None

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 161707004 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #117 & #004

Approved 4-1

The totals were \$155,289.19 and \$598,112.57.

E.O. 161707005 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #001

Approved 4-1

The total was \$51,393.51

12. Next Meeting of the Board

Public Hearing Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM on a Liquor License renewal for Gail Landry, d/b/a The Barn at Flanagan Farm located at 668 Narragansett Trail in Buxton

Public Hearing Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 7:05 PM on a Liquor License application for William Ham III, d/b/a Skip's Lounge located at 288 Narragansett Trail in Buxton

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, July 20 immediately following the Public Hearings

13. Other Business

Blood Drive at Buxton Town Hall Monday, July 18 from 1:00 PM ~ 6:00 PM. Please call the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS or log on to redcrossblood.org for an appointment.

The Board is soliciting sealed bids for hot bituminous material to be delivered starting August 2016. Contact our Public Works Director, Tom Kennie at 929-4400 for more information. The deadline for bid submission is Wednesday, July 27 at 4:00 PM.

14. Public Comments and Questions

There were no comments or questions.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM

Approved 4-1