

***Town of Buxton  
Minutes for August 3, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting***

Prepared by: Beverly Gammon

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

***Others Present:*** Peter Burns, Julie Gamelson, Ellen DeCotiis, Patrick Hanna

**Selectmen's Meeting Agenda**

**1. Call to Order**

*Selectman Emery 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 27, 2016  
Approved 4-0-1*

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

David Field, a Trustee of Pleasant Point Park talked with Selectman Harmon about issues at the park and vehicles parking in no parking areas on Route 117 and Joy Valley Road. Selectman Harmon stated that she talked with the Police Chief. She explained how the police have been dealing with that and said the Board will be talking more about it. She suggested that doing something drastic like towing immediately might be a good wake-up call.

After that the Selectmen discussed where they were last night and the addition the Board is proposing for the police station. Selectman Harmon said she is in agreement with Selectman Blier on the roof pitch and she realizes that it would cost more.

Michael Robinson met with the Board to talk about the Pleasant Point Park issues

## **5. Review of Correspondence**

- Press Release from SAD #6 – Re: MSAD #6 Board of Directors Appoints Paul Penna as Interim Superintendent
- Maine Municipal Association – Re: Information Request Regarding Abandoned & Discontinued Roads
- Email from Geoff Herman with Maine Municipal Association – Re: Maine Natural Resources Conservation Program
- State Senator Linda Valentino – Legislative Update
- Email from Rick LaRiviere, President Saco Salmon Restoration Alliance – Re: 2016 Saco River Trash Drive Report
- Public Health Alert from Maine CDC – Re: Federal CDC Guidance for Travel & Zika Testing

## **6. Review of Projects and Issues**

*Selectman Blier reported that this week he reviewed an energy audit that was done in 2009. He talked with Rick Emery who does some of our electrical work about getting some information and numbers on changing all the lights to LEDs. Selectman Blier said he is working on a plan and once he gets all the information together, he will present it to the rest of the Board.*

*Selectman Blier and our Rec Director, Nicole went on Monday to the senior luncheon at the Buxton Center Church where they met some of the seniors of the community. They talked about things the town can do to help facilitate some activities for seniors. Selectman Blier invited any other seniors who may be listening to this meeting to send ideas to his attention at Buxton Town Office, 185 Portland Road in Buxton.*

*Selectman Blier stated that on Tuesday night he met with Selectman Emery and Selectman Harmon on the addition for the Police Department, and he stopped over today with Ellen DeCotiis and Julie Gamelson for a meeting they were supposed to have at the Transfer Station with “Garbage to Garden”, but the gentleman forgot to place that on his calendar. The meeting got moved to next Wednesday. Selectman Blier reported that he is also looking to get the Comprehensive Plan back on track. He spoke with three people so far that have given him a “yes”. He is looking for a few more to try to get that plan back in motion and completed.*

*Selectman Poitras reported that he has been corresponding with Dana Ryder who has taken care of the ancient cemeteries, the mowing and such. They are looking at some issues there to make sure they stay on budget but also make the cemeteries look very nice. Also, Selectman Poitras said he has talked with a couple residents this week about the Pleasant Point Park problems and ideas on how to potentially handle the situation there.*

*Selectman Poitras reported that he has been working with the Code Enforcement Officer about an ongoing issue and health concern on a house that has been condemned.*

*Selectman Harmon reported she was in last night with Selectmen Mark Blier and Clifford Emery to meet with representatives from Great Falls Construction in regards to the new addition for the Police Department.*

*Selectman Harmon had a lengthy conversation with David Fields who is one of the Trustees of Pleasant Point Park, regarding the overall lack of respect for the park. They want to enjoy it but they are not paying any attention to the signs that are posted there. They have actually been tearing the signs down and the problems there seem to be escalating. Selectman Harmon stated that the Board is still working on it.*

*Selectman Harmon stated that she also talked with a resident today who wanted to know about digging up some pond lilies. She will get back in touch with that person as well.*

*Selectman Harmon mentioned that River Payne, a select person in Hollis was in earlier to ask us to announce that Hollis is putting on a Pirate Fest next Saturday, August 13 at the Hollis Sports Complex on Tarbox Road from 10 AM to 4 PM. This event is geared for families and children so they will have a lot going on. More information can be found on their website, our website and posters they have put up in several places.*

*Selectman Emery was in Monday morning. He had a conversation with the Code Enforcement Officer about the issue Selectman Poitras eluded to earlier, and talked with the Public Works Director about the fact that he is putting up signs at Pleasant Point Park just about every other day. Selectman Emery said he also had a long conversation with the Police Chief about some serious incidents at the park this past week including arrests of people with outstanding warrants, fighting and interfering with arrests, an altercation with a police officer, followed by a video on Facebook with the talking about police brutality when the police had done nothing wrong, people doing drugs, selling drugs, consuming alcohol and more. Selectman Emery said this is a group of people that we do not need in this community. He said it is getting dangerous and that concerns the Board; somehow this has to be stopped, he said, and shutting the park down for the rest of the summer is not out of the question. The Board understands that affects the innocent people but something has to be done. Selectman Emery came close to hitting two kids when he came home across the bridge the other night and shared the details of a scary situation that occurred when they jumped on the rail and one started to fall backwards in front of his truck. Selectman Emery said the State has essentially closed a blind eye to that. The Board feels these problems are not going to get better and they are at the point*

*where they need to take some drastic measures including closing the park and towing vehicles that park illegally.*

**7. Old Business**

- *Composting food waste proposal*

*Selectman Blier talked about this earlier and Ellen DeCotiis will talk about it later.*

**8. New Business**

*None*

**9. Executive Orders**

*E.O. 161708003 – An order to award the paving bid to F. R. Carroll Inc., for the bid price of \$54.89 per ton  
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 161708004 – An order to approve 8 hours of vacation time for Beverly Gammon  
Approved 4-0-1  
The amount was \$48,039.24*

**10. Executive Orders by Initiative**

*E.O. 161708005 – An order to set the Mil Rate for Fiscal Year 2016/17 at \$13.05 which is an increase of \$.10 per thousand over last year  
Approved 4-0-1*

**11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**

*E.O. 161708001 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #010*

Approved 4-0-1  
The amount was \$40,819.70

E.O. 161708002 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #009

Approved 4-0-1  
The amount was \$48,039.24

**12. Next Meeting of the Board**

Planning Board Meeting Monday, August 8 at 7:00 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, August 10 at 7:00 PM

Garbage to Garden Presentation Wednesday, August 10 at Noon in the small meeting room at Town Hall

**13. Other Business**

*On behalf of the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society, this Saturday evening at 5 PM there is going to be a fund raiser. Cost is \$25 per person and there is also going to be an antique appraisal done by a licensed appraiser who works for a firm in Boston at no extra charge. There is a limit of one item per person. Please R.S.V.P. with Beverly Atkinson at 929-6495. This will be held at the Brewster Mansion over at Tory Hill.*

**14. Public Comments and Questions**

*Ellen DeCotiis went to the podium and introduced herself. She mentioned getting together for the Garbage to Garden presentation earlier and said Greg Heffernan showed them the area out back that is licensed so the food composting could be done there. She said he is not sure how the food would be brought there but he is going to have another company come talk with them about it next week. Ms. DeCotiis said he had a question about where the mulched grass from town fields that are being mowed is put because that could be added to the mix.*

*The Selectmen talked briefly about the cut grass and would be willing to ask about it with the people who are mowing.*

*Ms. DeCotiis mentioned that the town does not have a grinder to process meat process or a sieve that would refine the nature of the compost. She mentioned searching for grants and she shared information on a couple of places we can search for grants which she received from Mark King with the D.E.P. She said the group will meet next week to*

*discuss which way they are going with this and then it will have to be brought to the School Board Committee.*

*Selectman Blier thanked Ellen and Julie for the leg work they are doing and time they have spent on this.*

**15. Executive Session**

*None*

**16. Adjournment**

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM*

*Approved 4-0-1*