

Town of Buxton  
Minutes May 15, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

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

Others in attendance: David Harmon

Open the meeting at 7:09pm

Public Hearing – 7:10 PM, Approved 5-0

Selectman Emery read the posted public hearing notice for Secret Ballot Article for the June 11,  
2019 Annual Town Meeting

Article 3.      Shall the following amendment to the Town's Tax Acquired Property Ordinance be  
enacted? (Additions are bold and underlined, deletions are ~~strikethrough~~.)

Section 8:      **Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale  
process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead  
property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former  
owners.**

Selectman Harmon explained the purpose of the amendment is to bring us into compliance with  
the new Maine State Elderly Tax Lien Foreclosure Law.

Having no comments, the Board closed the public hearing at 7:13PM

Selectman Emery called the Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:13PM

The Selectmen recited the Pledge and approved the Prior Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2019

Approved 4-0-1

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*Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM*

*Selectman Blier, Selectman Santolucito and Selectman Poitras attended the Affordable Housing presentation. Richard Begin, President of Westbrook Development Corporation was looking for input from residents on "What are Buxton's affordable housing needs?" Selectman Santolucito added that the location is determined on a point system, which includes public transportation.*

*The Town Farm Park Trustees sponsored Candidate's Night last night, giving residents a face to the name on the ballot. It was well attended and there were very good questions.*

*Review of Correspondence*

- *Email from Representative Robert Hunt, Re: Weekly Legislative Report*
- *Email from Maine Municipal Association Re: Legislative Bulletin*
- *Email from Representative Donald Marean, Re: Legislative Update*

*Review of Projects and Issues*

*Selectman Santolucito attended the Candidates night, he said it was well run and went very good.*

*Selectman Harmon announced they are still working on the buzzing issue in the audio system, hoping for a resolution soon. Today she received a letter with signatures from the Route 202 residents regarding the noise and traffic. She spoke with DOT, they informed her of the process and it could take up to nine months before there is any action. She will continue to work on this request letter to DOT.*

*She attended Candidates Night last night and today she went to the York County Commissioners for an appeal for a property tax abatement. We are now waiting for the final decision from the County Commissioners.*

*Selectman Harmon has been keeping up on the quotes to remove the debris and the sand from the sand/salt shed. Once this is done the Engineer will be able to inspect the foundation.*

*Selectman Harmon will attend the Fire Department Union Negotiations meetings that were rescheduled for Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and she reminds the Board to review the Public Works Laborer/ Operator resumes so they can start the interviews.*

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*Selectman Poitras dealt with a tiny house issue near a cemetery in town and a Health Officer case with Code Officer Peter Gordon. He watched the Candidates night on Vimeo and adds the audio quality was perfect. It's good to see so much interest in people running for Selectman.*

*Selectman Blier thanked David Anderson for doing a great job running Candidates night. He worked with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball with a billing issue on one of the trucks.*

*Selectman Blier contacted the Comprehensive Planning members and scheduled a meeting for Monday, May 20th at 6:30PM. He has also been running around trying to get contact repair information on the transfer station furnace. Selectman Harmon was able to check with Chet Ouellette and Greg Heffernan regarding the contact person.*

*Selectman Emery checked in with Department heads by phone and spoke with Krystal Dyer and Kevin Kimball regarding the quote for removal of the sand and salt shed debris.*

*Selectman Harmon added that the Board received an email from a resident regarding the Selectmen's meetings. Stating that people at home do not have maps to follow along to the location of the properties the Board is speaking about. In her reply, Selectman Harmon requested specifically what items they were referring to. The second question was if they could list the accounts payable and payroll items individually, rather than the total amount of all the invoices. She explained that it would not be an effective way to run the meeting due to the amount of invoices to read off.*

*Selectman Blier explained a question that came up at the Candidates Night meeting last night regarding transparency. To show where the town's money is going, he suggests looking at the Treasurers report in the annual town report, it lists where all of the money goes. Secondly, he announced the property at 134 Cemetery is out for bid. All bids are due back on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> by 4PM.*

*Selectman Emery added that the Budget Committee meets on a weekly basis reviewing every Department's budget every year. Or if you are interested in being active in the community you can start by getting on one of our Boards or Committees. The Budget Committee and the Planning Board have openings.*

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*Old Business*

*None*

*New Business*

*None*

*Executive Orders*

*E.O.181905016 – An order to approve 32 hours of vacation leave for Kevin Kimball  
Approved 5-0*

*E.O.181905017 – An order to approve 8 hours of vacation leave for Krystal Dyer  
Approved 5-0*

*E.O.181905018 - an order to approve a pole permit for Central Maine Power and Saco  
River Telephone, LLC to construct and maintain one pole on Lower Egypt Road, being  
2800 feet westerly of Depot Street, in accordance with Saco River Telephone, LLC.  
Approved 5-0*

*Executive Orders by Initiative*

*None*

*Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants*

*E.O. 181905014 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable  
Warrant #98  
Approved 5-0  
The amount was \$28,606.23*

*E.O. 181905015– An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant  
#97  
Approved 5-0  
The amount was \$59,208.40*

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*Next Meeting of the Board*

*The next Board of Selectmen Meeting is Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 PM*

*Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting is Monday, May 20 at 6:30PM*

*SAD#6 School Board Meeting, Monday, May 20 at 5:30PM at Central Office*

*SAD#6 District Budget Meeting, Thursday, May 30 at 7:00PM at Bony Eagle Middle School Gym*

*York County Budget Committee Public Meeting on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30PM, at the EMA room York County Government Building, 149 Jordan Springs Rd, Alfred, for the 2020 proposed budget*

*Buxton's proposed portion is \$427,283.42, being 2.4% of the total budget*

*Maine Department of Transportation will be presenting a plan to resurface the Salmon Falls Bridge on Route 202 on Tuesday, May 28 at 6pm at the Hollis Community Building, There will be a discussion to potentially have a side walk added to the bridge during the resurfacing project. The meeting is open to the public.*

*Other Business*

*Senior Citizens of MSAD#6 are invited to a FREE Turkey Dinner on Thursday, May 16. Dinner begins at 4:45PM at Bonny Eagle High School Cafeteria. For more information and to RSVP please call 929-3831*

*Absentee ballots are available for the Town of Buxton Annual Town Meeting, MSAD #6 District Directors Election and MSAD #6 District Budget Validation Referendum Elections until Thursday, June 6th, 4:30 pm.*

*Public Comments and Questions*

*None*

*Executive Session*

*None*

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*Adjournment-*

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:39 PM*

*Approved 5-0*

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*Clifford L. Emery, Selectman*

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*Jean C. Harmon, Selectman*

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*Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman*

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*Mark J. Blier, Selectman*

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*Chad E. Poitras, Selectman*

*Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Videotaped by Harrison Beam*