

**Town of Buxton**  
**Minutes for April 19 2017 Selectmen's Meeting**

*Prepared by: Beverly Gammon*

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

*Others Present: David Harmon, Chief Troy Cline, Ellen DeCotiis, Julie Gamelson, Rusty Rowe, Gail Landry, David Harmon*

**Public Hearing 7:00 PM**

*Application for Automobile Graveyard and/or Junkyard Permit for Jason Rowe, d/b/a Rowe's Auto Parts LLC*

*Selectman Emery read the notice then opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM. He invited questions or comments.*

*Mr. Richard Streeter, a resident, introduced himself and spoke neither for nor against the application. He asked if the owner is required to have a bond. Selectman Emery stated that the yards are regulated by the State. Rusty Rowe went to the podium and said that D.E.P. has inspected the yard and they got a good report. He said the people working for the State are willing to work with owners if they have questions or problems which is a big help.*

*There were no other comments or questions so the hearing was closed at 7:08 PM.*

**Public Hearing 7:05 PM**

*Application for Liquor License Renewal and Special Amusement Permit for Gail P. Landry d/b/a the Barn at Flanagan Farm*

*Selectman Emery read the notice and opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 PM. He explained that the Board gets reports from Fire, Police and Code Enforcement for all liquor licenses. The Fire Chief talked with the Board earlier. He had some items that need to be dealt with but said there is nothing that would keep him from recommending this renewal.*

*Police Chief, Troy Cline gave a brief report and stated that he is happy with the way things are going over there and has no issues.*

*Gail Landry spoke briefly noting that Flanagan's Farm was nominated once again by Brides' Magazine as one of the most beautiful venues in America. She said she cannot say often enough how much she loves it here.*

*Selectman Emery said the establishment is a great asset to the community and something the town is proud of.*

*The Public Hearing was closed at 7:14 PM.*

### **Meeting Agenda**

#### **1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM.*

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*The Selectmen recited the Pledge.*

#### **3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for March 29, 2017  
Approved 3-0-2*

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2017  
Approved 4-0-1*

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

*The Fire Chief met with the Board to discuss issues they are currently having with one of the fire engines that has been taken out of service. They discussed purchasing a used fire truck and a new fire truck and the Chief is getting numbers together. This may be on the warrant for the June Town Meeting.*

*The Board discussed putting changes for the village zone on the warrant along with what the design standards group may have for changes. The Selectmen also talked about whether or not we are going to vote to make this a dry town for marijuana social clubs, retail stores or manufacturing here in town. If so, the Board has to work on getting it on the ballot.*

*After several discussions Selectman Harmon had with Maine DOT last week, she reported to the Board that the lights on the Bar Mills Bridge are now operational and the town is going to start receiving bills for the lighting.*

*After that, the Selectmen talked about a vacant lot the town owns and possibly putting that out to bid.*

## **5. Review of Correspondence**

- *Weekly Legislative Bulletin from Maine Municipal Association*
- *State House News update from Representative Don Marean*
- *Update from the office of Justin Chenette*
- *Email from Marian Alexandre, Southern Maine Planning & Development – Re: General Assembly Member Request*
- *Email from James W. Sewall Company – Re: Broadband Planning Update*
- *Email from 12 Town Group – Re: Introducing New Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services Newsletter*
- *Email from Marian Alexandre, So. ME Planning & Development – Re: Legislative Update*
- *Email from Representative Don Marean – Re: Public Hearing LD 1336*
- *Email messages from Representative Don Marean, Robert Deakin, SAD 6 School Board Member and Maine Senator Amy Volk – Re: Public Hearing LD 1336, Wednesday, April 26 at 1:00 PM*

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

*Selectman Santolucito followed up on LD 1336 saying that Amy Volk, one of our Maine Senators has offered to read any testimony that the school board members or the Selectmen want to provide to her to read at the Public Hearing in their absence. Selectman Santolucito went on to mention that the School Board is going to have a special meeting Monday night at 6:30 PM to rally a team around going to Augusta for the hearing and they will provide a lot of information on what needs to happen at the hearing. Selectman Santolucito mentioned that there are three different meetings on Monday with School Board activities. Then, he went on to talk about some are other bills dealing specifically with Frye Island and how they relate. Selectman Santolucito expects there will be a pretty large team in Augusta to vote next Wednesday.*

*Selectman Santolucito reported that next Wednesday night, April 26, the Superintendent, Paul Penna and Bill Brockman will be here to present the school budget. He encouraged people to go to the SAD 6 website and watch the meeting Wednesday to get a sense of what's going on because there are significant increases in school funding.*

*Selectman Santolucito went on to report that he had a complaint from a resident saying that the person's curbside trash was not picked up yesterday. After passing it along to the Transfer Station Manager, he learned that they had put out yard waste including leaves, brush, and sticks that we do not pick up at the curbside. A box spring and mattress were also put out. That is a large item that would have to be brought to the Transfer Station.*

*Selectman Harmon reported that most of her time has been taken up with working on the warrant to get that ready for the Town Report. The Board will be voting together with the Budget Committee on that tomorrow night.*

*Selectman Poitras stated that he stopped in at the Police Station and saw Chief Cline a couple of times to see how things are going in that department. Selectman Poitras also had some communication with the Chicopee Neighborhood Watch Group and said he has some information to relay later on in this meeting. He commented that he is anxious to stop in and see the old fire truck that is having issues.*

*Selectman Blier reported that there was a Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting Monday night and encouraged people to read the minutes of that. He stated that right now the Committee is looking at preserving rural character and although development has been slow farm land is being used up for housing developments. He mentioned talking with a resident who has been here a long time and said some points were brought up that had not been brought up before. He would like to talk with some other people who have been here a long time and perhaps some who have been involved in town politics to get their opinions as well. Selectman Blier said if anyone would like to speak with him he would love to hear from them.*

*A gentleman stopped by last week to discuss with Selectman Blier a piece of tax acquired property that the town owns. The gentleman would like to buy that land. Selectman Blier is not sure if the Board will put that out to bid or not. He (Selectman Blier) went on to comment on the Public Works crew cleaning up around the Town Hall this week and thanked them for doing a great job.*

*Selectman Emery went down to Public Works several times this week. They were going over the fire truck which he said has a bad frame and issues with the tank on it. He said the truck is old and they will likely run into more problems if they start pulling that apart. It is a 1989 truck, he said, that has outlived its usefulness. There is no sense sinking \$20,000 to \$30,000 into something that old. Selectman Emery talked with the Fire Chief. He came in tonight and presented some options for the Board to consider and is going to get a price for a new engine. The Board feels that the most feasible option right now is to look at getting a new engine, hold on to the ladder truck and deal with that when they have to. Selectman Emery said the Board is trying to be a good steward of the peoples' money and will keep people informed when they have more information.*

**7. Old Business**

*Charter Review Committee*

**8. New Business**

*None*

**9. Executive Orders**

*E.O. 161704020 – An order to approve 4 hours of vacation time for John Myers  
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161704021 – An order to approve 24 hours of vacation time for Greg Heffernan  
Approved 5-0*

**10. Executive Orders by Initiative**

*E.O. 161704022 – An order to approve the Application for an Automobile Graveyard and/or  
Junkyard Permit for Jason Rowe, d/b/a Rowe's Auto Parts LLC  
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161704023 – An order to approve the Applications for a Liquor License renewal & Special  
Amusement Permit for Gail P. Landry, The Barn at Flanagan Farm d/b/a Flanagan's Table  
Approved 4-1-0  
Selectman Harmon abstained.*

**11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**

*E.O. 161704018 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant  
#86  
Approved 5-0  
The amount was \$71,734.22*

*E.O. 161704019 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #85  
Approved 5-0  
The amount was \$46,426.87*

**12. Next Meeting of the Board**

*The Budget Committee will meet with the Board of Selectmen Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 PM at  
Buxton Town Hall. They will be voting on the warrant articles.  
Planning Board Meeting Monday, April 24 at 7:00 PM for a Public Hearing on an application for  
Scotty Ouellette of Dayton for a medical cannabis facility at 402 Narragansett Trail*

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

*Paul Penna, Superintendent of SAD 6 and Bill Brockman, Business Manager will be at the Selectmen's Meeting on April 26 to present the school budget*

### **13. Other Business**

*The Buxton Transfer Station is looking for part-time, seasonal help on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The pay rate is \$10.15 per hour for 8 to 24 hours per week. Please call the Transfer Station at 929-3913 or email [buxtonts@sacoriver.net](mailto:buxtonts@sacoriver.net) for more information. Applications can be picked up at the Transfer Station.*

*Selectman Poitras read an announcement and invitation from Sherry Kessler who is heading up the Neighborhood Watch Group Program, to meet Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 PM at the Groveville Fire Station with neighbors, the Neighborhood Watch Group, and the Buxton Police Department. All are welcome.*

*Chief Cline went to the podium to talk about the Neighborhood Watch Group. He said it has been his intent since taking office to see this branch out to the various villages throughout Buxton; Chicopee branching out to Groveville, then they are looking at Bar Mills to get several watch groups going. Chief Cline shared some other thoughts about the groups and thanked the Kesslers for taking the lead on that.*

*Selectman Poitras encouraged everyone to go and see the exhibit about Bar Mills at the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society. They are going to leave the exhibit up for about a year then plan to possibly move the exhibit to West Buxton to display.*

### **14. Public Comments and Questions**

*Julie Gamelson went to the podium and introduced herself. She asked there will be a hazardous waste day this year.*

*Selectman Harmon explained that the Board has not planned for that. Most of the items that people were bringing for hazardous materials, such as fluorescent lights and paint can now be taken to the hardware store. Aubuchon Hardware has been doing that for a few years now. People bring other things to the Transfer Station that are considered hazardous and Greg Heffernan, the station Manager has a process in place for disposing of those things.*

*Ellen DeCotiis went to the podium and introduced herself. She stated that Mr. Penna and Mr. Brockman came to a meeting on April 3 with the Finance Committee, Budget Advisory Committee and School Board members. She explained that they have a plan developed but it is not clear because they do not know yet how much money the district will receive from the State. She talked briefly about the school Board and the potential impact of some legislative bills. Ms. DeCotiis asked Selectman Santolucito about the size of the School Board.*

*Selectman Santolucito responded to the question and stated that there will be 11 School Board members and the reapportionment committee is having some challenges flushing out the details. He stated that an attorney is working with the committee and several of the Town Clerks have been involved as well.*

*There were no more questions or comments.*

**15. Executive Session**

*None*

**16. Adjournment**

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM*

*Approved 5-0*