

*Town of Buxton  
Minutes September 4, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting*

*Recorded by Krystal Dyer*

*Members Present: Jean C. Harmon, Dennis P. Santolucito, Chad E. Poitras, Mark J. Blier and Thomas J. Peters*

*Others in attendance: Scott Warchol, Peter Pinkham*

*The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.*

*The Selectmen recited the Pledge*

*Approval of Prior Meeting Minute*

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for August 28, 2019  
Approved 5-0*

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

*At 5:00PM the Board had a discussion on the IT bids. Selectman Santolucito is still doing his due diligence and checking references. The Board hopes to award the bid in the next couple weeks.*

*Ed O'Neil was in at 5:30 regarding a job opening at Public Works.*

*The Board had a conversation concerning Insurance deficiencies. There are two sheds that need to be re-shingled and the salt shed on Church Hill Road is in need of repair. They talked about needed repairs at the Berry Memorial Library.*

*A University of New England student was in inquiring about what public health services are available to residents in Buxton.*

*Review of Correspondence*

- *Email from Maine Centers for Disease Control, Re: Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) - a horse in York County has tested positive.*
- *Email from MMA News, Re: Monthly News Letter marijuana cheat sheet*
- *Email from Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition, Re: Monthly Newsletter - Selectman Harmon highlighted the Bonny Eagle Resilience Coalition, which focuses on student engagement, empowerment, digital mindfulness, chem-free lifestyles, and healthy behaviors across the community*

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*Review of Projects and Issues*

*Selectman Peters has been working on the Emery O Ranch project, ensuring the disposal prices are still current. The project is moving forward and will be putting the bid out to local contractors soon.*

*Selectman Santolucito has been working on the IT bids. He had not seen the new Recreation Department offices, they look great, very nice set up. While there, he stopped in to see Chief Schools on staffing, equipment and upcoming projects.*

*Selectman Santolucito worked with, Transfer Station Manager Greg Heffernan regarding a solid waste issue on Curtis Farm Road.*

*Selectman Blier was asked to read an email regarding deadlines for Peoples Vetoes and a list of locations where registered voters can stop by on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to sign the petitions. Go to [cclmaine.org](http://cclmaine.org) for your voice to be heard.*

*Selectman Blier had a conversation with Kevin Kimball regarding the new hire and with Chief Cline about an animal control issue from last week. He is still trying to organize the outside maintenance work at Berry Memorial Library.*

*Selectman Poitras has been speaking to residents regarding the pros and cons for the new ladder truck and he has been working with Code Officer Peter Gordon on a health officer issue.*

*Selectman Harmon has been listening to complains about speeders on the roads and she asked that now that school is in session, to please be mindful of their time and leave earlier to avoid the busses.*

*She attended the police negotiations with their union contract, they will meet again in two weeks.*

*Last week, the ATV Trail Master was in requesting permission to travel more than 500 feet over town roads. Chief Cline will check with the warden service and get back to the Board.*

*Old Business*

*None*

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*New Business*

*Special Town meeting Wednesday September 11 at 7:00PM*

*Executive Orders*

*E.O. 192009003 – An order to approve 48 hours of vacation leave for John Myers*  
*Approved 5 - 0*

*E.O. 192009004 – An order to approve John Myers to attend the New England*  
*Municipal Clerks Institute and Academy Board of Directors Retreat*  
*Approved 5 - 0*

*E.O. 192009005 – An order to approve Peter Gordon to attend the Maine Building*  
*Officials & Inspectors Association Meeting*  
*Approved 5 - 0*

*E.O. 192009006 - An order to approve a Supplemental Tax Warrant and Certificate for*  
*fiscal year 2019/20 in the amount of \$2,908.22 for [Map 3, Lot 49]*  
*Approved 5 - 0*

*Executive Orders by Initiative*

*None*

*Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants*

*E.O. 192009001 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable*  
*Warrant #20*  
*Approved 5 - 0*  
*The amount was \$92,397.22*

*E.O. 192009002 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant*  
*#21*  
*Approved 5 - 0*  
*The amount was \$59,368.31*

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*Next Meeting of the Board*

*The next Planning Board Meeting is Monday, September 9 at 7:00PM*

*Special Town Meeting is Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:00PM, the regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting following immediately after.*

*Other Business*

*Blood Drive Monday, September 16 from 1:00PM to 6:00PM*

*Flu Shot Clinic Thursday, September 26 from 12:00PM to 1:00PM at 185 Portland Road– (Please remember to bring your insurance card. The cost is \$30.00 for anyone who is self-paying).*

*Public Comments and Questions*

*Peter Pinkham has concerns with voting on a new ladder truck vs. a used ladder truck. How many Board members are for a new truck and why are we not having a public hearing before, so the residents can ask questions. He feels the residents are coming in blind. Mr. Pinkham does not agree with this process. Are there any quotes to fix the existing truck? Selectman Peters said yes, we were presented a proposal of approximately \$20,000.00 for repairs. It needs a new pump, fire apparatus, lights, door gaskets, dented guards, etc., and there is no guarantee that the quote we have will completely fix it.*

*Selectman Harmon stated that this is a 35-year old truck that the town purchased used, ten years ago for \$60,000.00 and over that ten years the town has spent approximately \$80,000.00 in repairs. She added that a new truck is an investment for the entire community and will last in this community for thirty years. Yes, it is a lot of money, but we have never had a public discussion before a Special Town meeting on anything we have purchased.*

*Mr. Pinkham said there's a first time for everything. He feels this information should be available and it should be on a ballot. It would involve more voters, now it's at night, the elderly don't want to come out, parents can't get out due to school and their kids activities, there's no absentee voting. This is a large ticket item that should involve more voters. Selectman Peters agreed, if it was on a ballot, it would involve a lot more voters and there's a first time for everything.*

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*Selectman Santolucito said he is for the new truck and added that not going through the regular budget cycle, was one of his concerns, but purchasing a new truck will eliminate the need to replace a second truck in Groveville next year.*

*Selectman Peters said he is not in favor of a new truck, he thinks we could find a used truck for 25% less of a new truck and still do Chief Schools plan to fit the department.*

*There was further discussion involving the mil rate, how the truck will be paid for and the cost to service it. Chief Schools and the Select Board will be at the Special Town meeting to answer questions.*

*Executive Session*

*None*

*Adjournment-*

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:26PM*

*Approved 5 - 0*

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

*Video Taped by Kyle Durkin*