

Town of Buxton
Minutes for April 26 2017 Selectmen's Meeting

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

Others Present: David Harmon, Paul Penna, Bill Brockman, Rep. Don Marean, Rich Streeter, Scott Warchol, Peter Burns

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Selectman Emery announced that there is going to be a presentation this evening on the SAD 6 budget for 2017 - 2018.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

After reciting the Pledge, the Board invited Superintendent Paul Penna to the podium to present the school budget. Mr. Penna thanked the Board, gave an overview of the challenges facing the district, and talked about the projected impact on the school budget of less revenue expected to come in from the State. The Superintendent and Bill Brockman, the Business Manager, then went through the proposed school budget in detail and explained the process for how it gets to the final vote in June.

The proposed school budget for 2017/18 is \$48,590,440.00. Buxton's share of that will be 27.7541% or \$6,980,381.00 which is an increase of \$237,717.00, or 3.53%. On a property in Buxton valued at \$180,000, it will amount to an average tax increase of about \$70.

After the Superintendent and Mr. Brockman finished the presentation, the Selectmen asked questions and talked about the impact the school budget increase will have again on Buxton taxpayers. Selectman Santolucito challenged the school to consider how it can consolidate and find ways to do more with less as the school budget continues to increase and student enrollment continues to decline.

Selectman Harmon stated that the Board is looking at the Town's budget being up \$713,000.00 over last year. The Selectmen have worked diligently to make sure there is no impact to Buxton

residents on their taxes. Last year residents saw an increase on the mill rate due solely to the school budget and based on the projected school budget, Buxton residents will see an impact again this year on our mill rate based solely on the school budget and not the municipal budget. She asked the Superintendent how much effort went into the school budget to minimize the impact that the increase will have again this year on Buxton taxpayers.

Mr. Penna responded saying that a significant amount of effort went into making sure that the school budget increase is no more than it is. He went on to explain the process.

Selectman Emery commented that the school budget is projected to increase almost 1 million dollars in 3 years which creates a financial crisis and a budget that is not sustainable. Mr. Brockman responded and went through more details of the budget. A long discussion followed.

The Board thanked Mr. Brockman and asked if there were questions from the public.

Peter Burns went to the podium. He talked about the transparency of the budget and encouraged people to go to the SAD 6 website to see all of the details. He also shared concerns about the district adding positions without cutting anything and the cost of bussing students. He added that about half of the classrooms at Buxton Center are for Special Ed classes and we are bussing students from other towns there.

The Superintendent went to the podium and responded by saying that the district made the decision to put those kids in that building which is why it was designed accordingly and the other school buildings do not have those facilities.

Scott Warchol went to the podium to ask questions about the School Board voting on the budget and how the recommendations and prioritization of some budget items that were recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee factored into the final numbers. He also spoke about the role of the Committee which is to represent the public.

Mr. Brockman responded. That was followed by the Board asking more questions

That was followed by questions from Selectman Emery about how the school will handle money that comes back from the State after the final budget vote in June. Mr. Brockman and Superintendent Penna responded.

The discussion ended around 8:37 PM. The Selectmen thanked the school officials and continued on with the Selectmen's meeting.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2017
Approved 5-0*

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

The Board spent time talking about this year's budget, the budget that passed last year and some of the spending issues. Selectman Emery stated that some of the spending in certain accounts is starting to get close and the Board is going to have some discussions with some of the Department Heads to help avoid any issues that could arise going forward.

At 5:30 a resident came in to talk about an experience with our rescue.

Then, Marston Lovell met with the Board. They talked about some county matters.

Selectman Harmon reported that a resident came in to ask a question about growing hemp. He also asked about having one of the speed limit signs posted that shows people what their speed is because people are traveling faster than the speed limit.

5. **Review of Correspondence**

Letter from Alex Shubert, Manager-National Processing Center, ISO – Re: Public Protection Classification 05/10

Weekly Legislative Bulletin from Maine Municipal Association

Email from Rep. Don Marean – Re: State House News Update

Legislative Update from Marian Alexandre, So. ME Planning & Development

Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director York County EMA – Re: Meth Lab Class from MEDEA

Maine Drinking Water Program Newsletter from Maine CDC

Email from ME Commission for Community Service – Re: Rural AmeriCorps Grants & Volunteer Manager Training

Letter from SAD #6 business office – Re: MSAD 6 Annual Turkey Dinner for Senior Citizens of the District

6. **Review of Projects and Issues**

No discussion.

7. **Old Business**

Charter Review Committee

The Board will be looking into this sometime in the next few weeks.

8. New Business

None

9. Executive Orders

E.O. 161704026 – An order to approve a Supplemental Tax Warrant and Certificate for tax year 2014/15 in the amount of \$640.08 for [Map 10, Lot 27A]

Approved 5-0

E.O. 161704027 – An order to approve a Supplemental Tax Warrant and Certificate for tax year 2015/16 in the amount of \$650.68 for [Map 10, Lot 27A]

Approved 5-0

E.O. 161704028 – An order to approve a Supplemental Tax Warrant and Certificate for tax year 2016/17 in the amount of \$657.72 for [Map 10, Lot 27A]

Approved 5-0

E.O. 161704029 – An order to approve an abatement for real estate taxes for fiscal year 2015/16 in the amount of \$640.08 for [Map 10, Lot 27A]

Approved 5-0

E.O. 161704030 – An order to approve 16 hours of vacation time for Troy Cline

Approved 5-0

E.O. 161704031 – An order to approve Victualer Licenses for Gail Landry d/b/a The Barn at Flanagan Farm, Robie Wagner d/b/a Buxton Mini-Mart, Julie Hagerman d/b/a Chaps LLC, Stacey Breault d/b/a Chefa's Inc., Ryan Merritt d/b/a Chicopee Market, Ronald Arborio d/b/a Donut Hole Cafe, Danny Bouzianis d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, Hannaford Supermarket & Pharmacy, Nicole & Wade Peabody d/b/a Hot Apple Buns II, James Dillon, d/b/a J. D. Variety, Julie Micucci d/b/a Just Julie's Catering, Barbara Low d/b/a Low's BE and Low's BM, Kevin & Sundae Fallen d/b/a Personal Touch Catering, Jodie Macomber d/b/a Portland Rd. Farm Stand & Gift Shop, Troy Plummer d/b/a P. W. Plummer & Sons Inc, William Ham III d/b/a Skip's Lounge, Christopher Fogg d/b/a Timberline Country Stores, Carrie & Mark Stedler d/b/a Tory Hill Café, and Ying Chen d/b/a Yummy Chinese Restaurant Inc.

Approved 5-0

10. Executive Orders by Initiative

None

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 161704024 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #89

Approved 5-0

The amount was \$41,445.55

E.O. 161704025 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #88

Approved 5-0

The amount was \$48,130.57

12. Next Meeting of the Board

Public Hearing Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00 PM on an Application for Automobile Graveyard and/or Junkyard Permit for Alexander Filatov d/b/a Atlantic Motors LLC, 59 Beech Plains Road

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, May 3 at 7:05 PM or immediately following that Public Hearing

Public Hearing Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 PM on a Liquor License renewal and Special Amusement Permit for Julie Hagerman d/b/a Chaps LLC

Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting Monday, May 1 at 6:30 PM

13. Other Business

Leavitt's Mill Free Health Center will hold its 2nd Annual Spring Fun Run/Walk 5K on Saturday, May 6. Registration opens at 8:00 AM in the ITS, Inc building next to the Bar Mills Post Office at 63 Main Street in Buxton. Kids run at 9:00 AM and the 5K Teen and Adult Run is at 9:30 AM, cost is \$15/students and \$30/adults. There is no charge for children age 0-10 or adults over age 65.

Selectman Emery read all of the non-budgetary items in the warrant for our Annual Town Meeting in June.

14. Public Comments and Questions

Scott Warchol went to the podium and asked when copies of the warrant will be available to the public and if the Board will hold a public hearing.

The Selectmen advised that the Planning Board has to hold a public hearing on the zoning articles but the Board does not. The warrant will be printed in the Town Report.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM

Approved 5-0