

*Town of Buxton
Minutes October 30, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting*

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

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

Members Not in Attendance:

Others in attendance: Dave Harmon, Andrew Mason, Florence Mason, Linda & Frank Pulsoni, Sue Myers, Ellen H. DeCotiis, Trudy Kent, M Rubin, Jon Bartlett

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 October 23, 2019
Approved 4 - 0*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 5:00PM Chief Cline was in a personnel issue, the Board went into executive session at 5:00PM per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

At 5:30PM Rec Director Nicole Welch updated the Board on the Recreation programs and a Department Head meeting held at the Bar Mill Fire Station.

At 6:00PM the Board met with residents from Biddeford regarding how a traffic stop was handled.

The Board discussed carry forwards and Chief Schools is planning a harassment training class with all employees soon

Review of Correspondence

None

Selectmen's Meeting
Minutes for October 30, 2019
Page 2.

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Peters attended Public Works interviews on Tuesday night. Kevin Kimball also updated him on the Crews progress with the shoulder work and to wrap up the remaining earth work for the close of the season. The salt shed is almost finished and the sand is scheduled to be delivered on November 11th

Selectman Peters reminded everyone that tomorrow is Halloween and to use extra caution

Selectman Santolucito has been working on the assessing, stating that every tax payer will received a little over one hundred dollars in January/February as part of the tax relief process. He thanked Tax Collector LeeAnn Pratt for all her assistance with this project.

He also worked on the Municipal Evaluation Return yesterday at the town office. This is an annual inventory report of the town of Buxton's exemptions, which include tree growth, farm land, open space, homestead, veterans, and power lines and transmissions. He is still reviewing the IT bids and will award the contract next week.

Selectman Blier spoke with the General Contractor of the salt shed, he chose the colors for the trim to match the Transfer Station as best as possible.

He spoke with a lighting contractor regarding the exterior lights, the Contractor said the town could recoup its money within a year, if we upgraded to LED's.

He has also been working on getting quotes to re-shingle the leaky shed roof, that is needed before winter and he was in attendance for the Public Works interviews.

Selectman Blier informed the public of an MDOT meeting at the Salmon Falls Bridge on Thursday, October 31st at 1:00PM. He feels there is a need for a safer pedestrian crossing.

Selectman Poitras has been working with John Myers regarding the Special Election on January 7, 2020

Old Business

None

Selectmen's Meeting
Minutes for October 30, 2019
Page 3.

New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 192010028 – An order to appoint Brenda Brown, Patricia Morrison, Meredith Small, Darlene Ivy, Bette Robicheaw and Dorothy Bell, to the position of Democratic Election Clerks to be effective through November 5, 2019

Approved 4 -0

E.O. 192010029 – An order to appoint Sandra Mergen, Vincent Andronaco, Helen Andronaco, Mary Spugnardi, Kathryn Peasley and Sylvia Young to the position of Republican Election Clerks to be effective through November 5, 2019

Approved 4 -0

E.O. 192010030 - An order to shorten the nomination process to fill a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen as defined by 30-A M.R.S.A. Chapter 123 § 2602, 3, ordering the Town Clerk to prepare and issue nomination papers for the vacancy created by Jean C. Harmon, with nomination papers available on Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 8:30 AM and due for filing by 4:30 PM on Monday, November 25, 2019, as defined under 30-A M.R.S.A. Chapter 121, §2528, 4E, with Election Day set for January 7, 2020.

Dated October 28, 2019 by the Town Clerk.

Approved 4 -0

E.O. 192010031 - An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 8 Lot 12]

Approved 3 – 0 -1, Selectman Blier abstained

E.O. 192010032 - An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for fiscal year Lease for 2019/20 in the amount of \$995.90 for [Map 11, Lot 39]

Approved 3 -0 -1, Selectman Blier abstained

E.O. 192010033 - An order to approve a Supplemental Tax Warrant and Certificate for fiscal year 2019/20 in the amount of \$923.29 for [Map 11, Lot 39-B1]

Approved 3 – 0 – 1, Selectman Blier abstained

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Selectmen's Meeting
Minutes for October 30, 2019
Page 4.

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 192010026 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #37

Approved 4 -0

The amount was \$73,083.95

E.O. 192010027 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #36

Approved 4 -0

The amount was \$60,561.85

Next Meeting of the Board

Comprehensive Plan Committee will meet on Monday, November 4th at 6:30PM

The Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is Wednesday, November 6, at 7:00PM. This will be an informational Workshop for the purchase of the proposed ladder truck.

Special Town meeting on Wednesday, November 13 to vote for the ladder truck

Other Business

Patrick Adams of MDOT will be meeting with Buxton and Hollis Officials and residents to discuss the pedestrian & bike access on the Salmon Falls Bridge reconstruction on Thursday, October 31 at 1:00PM in the parking lot on the Hollis side of bridge.

The Buxton Toy Box application will be available on Monday, November 4th, (all information is on the town's web site)

Reminder of the Referendum Election on Tuesday, November 5 from 6:00AM to 8:00PM

Flu Shots – The Hannaford Pharmacists will be at the Town Hall to administer flu shots on Tuesday, November 5 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM

Selectman Poitras read a notice from Rec Director Nicole Welch, regarding the Town of Buxton's Annual Holiday Truck show. A Truck is scheduled for Sunday, December 1st from 5:30 PM-7:00 PM at the Buxton Town Hall. This event will showcase a variety of Buxton's engines, cruisers, and trucks decorated in holiday lights. There will be cookies.

Selectmen's Meeting
Minutes for October 30, 2019
Page 5.

decorating station, kids craft table, cotton candy, popcorn, and hot coco available, as well as a tree lighting at 6:00. Parking will be located in front of the Buxton Town Hall, as well as at Public Works. This is a FREE event, however we will be accepting donations and canned foods for the local food pantry. This is a rain or shine event. If you have any questions, contact Nicole Welch, Recreation Director, at 929-8381.

Selectman Poitras read the warrant for the December 4, 2019 Special Town Meeting which will be to vote to approve three private roads Colony Lane, Russell Drive and Park Place.

Public Comments and Questions

Andrew Mason confirmed the date and time for the special town meeting to vote for the ladder truck.

Ellen DeCotiis said the Friends of Buxton met last night and hope to continue to create a mission statement with goals at the next meeting. She invites more residents to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, November 12th at 6pm.

Miriam Rubin asked about the re-routing of traffic from the Salmon Falls Bridge and the need to update the minutes posted on the web site.

Linda Pulsoni is happy to see peoples come out and getting involved. She strongly suggests for the Board to think about hiring a Human Resource person now and creating a Nepotism policy, update the Charter changes in regards to the following: not allowing Selectman to bid on town jobs and she suggests changing the town auditors. She also suggests on-line classes for Customer service, harassment and bullying.

There was further discussion with Miriam Rubin who support a paper secret ballot for the ladder truck in January. Selectman Poitras said that historically, the purchase of large equipment has not been on a ballot, the town meeting is not on a ballot either.

Selectman Poitras announced the workshop on the Wednesday, November 6th, would be an opportunity to ask questions regarding the proposed ladder fire truck.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment-

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:42PM

Selectmen's Meeting
Minutes for October 30, 2019
Page 6.

Approved 4 -0

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Thomas J. Peters, Selectman

Dennis Santolucito, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Date Signed: _____
Video Taped by Harrison Beam