

*Town of Buxton
Minutes January 15, 2020
Selectmen's Meeting*

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

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

Others in attendance: Ellen H. DeCotiis, Mirum Rubin, David Field, Dave Harmon and Jon Bartlett

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:12PM.

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2020
Approved 5 - 0*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:00PM Chief Cline was in and the Board went into executive session on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

John Myers came in at 4:30PM to discuss charter changes. He explained the difference between minor and major changes. Minor changes are language issues, Major changes are far more exclusive and can take up to 12 months to complete.

At 5:30PM Rec. Director Nicole Welch updated the Board with the new Rec. Department Senior activities and upcoming budget.

6:00PM the Board met with the Budget Committee members regarding the upcoming budget season, discussing raises, capital items and the presentation of the request for budget items.

At 6:30PM the Board went into executive session with Attorney Amy Tchoa, and Peter Gordon

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Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Kelsey Pelton of SMPDC Re: Solar Forum January 23 starting at 6:00PM at Sanford Town Hall for more information call 571-7065*
- *Email from Maine CDC, Re: Widespread Influenza Activity in Maine. Reporting confirmed cases in all sixteen counties*
- *Email from 2020 Maine Municipal Association Member Annual Renewal Program*
- *Email from Susanne Meidel of MDEP Re: Inviting proposals for changes to Maine Water Quality Standards*
- *Email from Don Marean, State Representative Re: Legislative Update*
- *Email from MMA Legislative Bulletin, Re: Weekly Update*
- *Email from Tony Vigue of CTAM Re: requesting co-sponsors of the Community TV Protection Bill*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Pulsoni was in the town office getting acclimated while going over correspondence and reviewing the duties of the selectmen.

Selectman Blier attended the Planning Board meeting with the Design Standards Committee. We will be moving forward with more transparency, it was a really good meeting.

Selectman Blier was involved in the Berry Memorial Library interviews for a new librarian. He reached out to the community for anyone interested in serving as a trustee, or a volunteer at the library. If interested please contact the town office.

Selectman Poitras attended the Planning Board meeting with the Design Standards Committee. It was a successful meeting. He also spoke with the Chief Schools and Chief Cline involving executive session issues.

Selectman Santolucito was here Monday night at the Planning Board and it was a productive meeting.

Selectman Santolucito explained the reason behind the \$104.00 checks that residents have been receiving in the mail. He thanked Tax collector LeeAnn Pratt for entering all 3,700 cards into the system. This will bring us back into compliance next year.

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Selectman Santolucito announced there are new Recreation activities for seniors starting soon. Learn to play bridge is one activity, it's a great time to get out and socialize with others.

Efficiency Maine is increasing the rebates for the heat pumps. The Board will keep watch for this.

Selectman Peters also attended the Planning Board meeting with the Design Standards Committee this past Monday night.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 192001011 – An order to approve an Application for a Blind Exemption for [Map 4, Lot 76]

Approved 5-0

E.O. 192001012 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 4, Lot 76]

Approved 5-0

E.O. 192001013- An order to approve 48 hours of Vacation Leave for John Myers

Approved 5-0

E.O. 192001014- An order to appoint Richard J. Fitzgerald to the position of Budget Committee member to be effective until June 13, 2020

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 192001015- An order to approve 16 hours of Vacation Leave for Greg Heffernan

Approved 5-0

E.O. 192001016 - An order to approve the hire of Christopher Desjardins as a full time Career Captain with Buxton Fire-Rescue effective January 27, 2020 at a rate of \$23.97/hour.

Approved 5-0

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*E.O. 192001017- An order to approve 40 hours of Vacation Leave for Nathan Schools
Approved 5-0*

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

*E.O. 192001009 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable
Warrant #59*

Approved 5 - 0

In the amount of \$780,387.50

*E.O. 192001010 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant
#58*

Approved 5 - 0

In the amount of \$66,526.52

Next Meeting of the Board

*MSAD#6 Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) Thursday, January 16 at 6:00PM at the
District Central Office*

The Comprehensive Planning Committee will meet on Monday, January 20 at 6:30PM

Budget Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, January 21 at 6:00PM

The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00PM

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Other Business

*Blood Drive –Monday, January 20, from 1:00PM to 6:00PM at 185 Portland Rd. Buxton
Walk-ins are welcome or contact the American Red Cross to Schedule an appointment*

The Town Office will be closed Monday, January 20 and the Transfer Station will be closed Tuesday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There will be no change in the curbside trash pickup schedule.

Rabies Clinic on Saturday January 25, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at Andy's Agway in Dayton. For more information call 282-2998

2020 Rescue subscriptions are due. Subscriptions expired on December 31 each year. Subscription Forms are available at the Town Office. The cost is \$10 for seniors (age 60 and over), \$20 for single adults (age 19-60) and \$30 for a family. For more information call the Town Clerk's Office at 929-6171.

Maine State law requires all dogs six months and older to be licensed by January 31 each year. To license your dog you will need a valid Maine Rabies Certificate and Altering Certificate, if appropriate. You can get dog licenses in person at Buxton Town Hall, by mail, or online through January 31 at www.doglicensing.com for a fee of \$1.00 per dog license. Altered dog licenses are \$6 and non-altered licenses are \$11 each. Dogs must wear their license tags at all times. A late fee of \$25 will be charged for any dog licensed after January 31 and additional fees ranging from \$25 to \$100 per dog may be charged. For more information call the Town Clerk's Office at 929-6171 or email deputytcbuxton@sacoriver.net.

Public Comments and Questions

Ellen DeCotiis asked what the procedures are for the charter changes and if the changes are available to the public. Selectman Poitras and Selectman Santolucito explained the procedure involves six elected members and three appointed members and that it is a twelve month process.

Scott Warchol asked questions regarding the Planning Board and Business Standards Committee workshop. Does the Board think the current land use table is adequate? Selectman Poitras said other than a few new uses, like Solar and a few others that need to be added, it is adequate. Selectman Blier disagreed and added that the goal is for the Planning Board and Peter Gordon to make sure the land use table is clear and possibly add a few new uses that have come forward in the past few years. Including but not limited to tiny homes and solar. There was more discussion regarding the meeting.

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Executive Session

None

Adjournment-

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:50PM

Approved 5 -0

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Thomas J. Peters, Selectman

Dennis Santolucito, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Francis E. Pulsoni

Date Signed: _____

Video Taped by Harrison Beam