

*Town of Buxton
Minutes March 25, 2020
Selectmen's Meeting*

This meeting will be streamed on the Saco River Community Media at <https://www.src-tv.org/>

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

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

Others in attendance: None due to coronavirus, all town building are closed to the public

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2020
Approved 5 - 0*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:12 pm the Board went into executive session on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) and came out at 4:26pm.

The Board had a discussion with a resident and was able to resolve their concerns.

At 4:30pm the Board went into executive session on a personnel issue with Chief Cline per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

After there was some general conversation amongst themselves regarding the budget

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Review of Correspondence

- *Email from DrummondWoodsum, Re: COVID-19*
- *Email from Kelsey Pelton, SMPDC Re: assistance through COVID-19*
- *Email from Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House, Re: Weekly Legislative Report*
- *Email from Jonathan Youde, Maine PolweOptions Re: Electricity outlook 2020 – COVID-19*
- *Email from DHHS Re: Maine CDC Drinking Water Program Updates -COVID-19*
- *Email from Dept. of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lotter Operations, Re: COVID-19 Protect Health and Safety of Maine People.*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Poitras said the Board has been dominated by the COVID-19 situation. They have had meetings with our EMA Director Chief Nate Schools and are staying connected by teleconferences and emails. The CDC is still stressing social distancing and proper hand washing will help protect us. The Boards concerns are with the health and welfare of the residents, and employees. He also attended the budget committee meeting on Tuesday night, where the Fire Departments budget was reviewed.

Selectman Pulsoni has been keeping up with the coronavirus updates and reviewing the correspondence.

Selectman Blier had discussions with Code Officer Peter Gordon on how that department will run on limited hours of operation. He also spoke with Kevin Kimball regarding having equipment ready for the next storm and with the town's accountant regarding a five-year projection on the replacement of capital items.

Selectman Blier was also in attended at the Budget Committee meeting. Everyone is doing well, the town is moving forward, the bills are being paid. It's a good thing.

Selectman Santolucito was not able to attend the budget committee, but he did have a brief conversation with Chief Schools on some of the policy issues regarding leave during COVID 19 and staying on top of everything with all department heads.

Selectman Peters attended the two COVID-19 conference calls and chatted with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball regarding the storm and dealing with his staff. He also had a discussion with Attorney Campbell Badger regarding police union negotiations.

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Selectman Poitras added in regards to the Governor referring to the transfer station being an "essential service", this was geared for towns such as Standish who do not have curbside trash pick-up. The town of Buxton has curbside pickup so our transfer station will remain closed. The bulk items will have to wait until we open. We are trying to keep all our employees healthy and safe.

Selectman Blier added that this Board has had a tremendous amount of change in the past year, Tom and Frank have been a great asset to this group. This Board has really stepped up and works well together. He is proud to be a part of this group of Selectmen.
Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 192003028 – An order to appoint Timothy S. Hoar, to the position of Independent Election Clerk to be effective through April 30, 2022
Approved 5 – 0

E.O. 192003029 – An order to appoint D. Ellen Angwin, Hiram R. Davis, Susan W. Ferris, Heather A. McGrath, Dianne M. Oakes, Charles F. Thurber, Lisa L. Townsend, Michael W. Densmore, David A. Ferris, Janet B. Lang, Sandra Mergen, Burton W. Pease, Marilyn Thurber, and Sharleen Fields to the position of Republican Election Clerks to be effective through April 30, 2022
Approved 5 – 0

E.O. 192003030 – An order to appoint Christine M. Acker, Mary Ann C. Daniels, Theo A. Fellows, William Jefferson, Sandra L. McLaughlin, Sally Nardi, Judith D. Piawlock, Miriam L. Rubin, Carolyn A. Snell, Gloria J. Steiger, William J. Andrews, Kelly E. Frost, Tracy M. Kane, Lanci L. Loranger, Nancy L. Owen, Bette A. Robicheaw, Meredith R. Small, Linda J. Somerset, and Tonia Brown, to the position of Democrat Election Clerks to be effective through April 30, 2022
Approved 5 – 0

E.O. 192003031 - An order to appoint John L. Myers, Jr., to the position of Deputy Welfare Director to be effective until cancelled.
Approved 5 – 0

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Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 192003026 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #82

Approved 5 – 0

In the amount of \$73,505.39

E.O. 192003027 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #81

Approved 5 – 0

In the amount of \$620.04

Next Meeting of the Board

There was no Budget Committee Meeting on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00PM

The Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00PM.

Other Business

*MSAD6 Kindergarten registration until March 31, 2020, contact for more information
929-2326*

Public Comments and Questions

None

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment-

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:23PM

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