

*Town of Buxton
Minutes April 8, 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 April 1, 2020
Approved 4 – 0, Selectman Santolucito abstained*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

Treasurer Kim Beam was in to discuss a few items and Welfare Director Krystal Dyer was in regarding the town report timeline and General Assistance Guideline updates to the 211 procedures.

Selectman Poitras said that due to the COVID-19 and social distancing, the Board has been coming in a little bit later. Feel free to contact the Board at anytime with questions or concerns.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Ron Taylor, Maine DOT Re: 2019 inspection reports for municipally owned bridges.*
- *Email from MMA Property & Casualty Pool Members, Re: Municipalities are being targeted by fraudulent impersonators regarding Phishing scams.*
- *Email from Jonathan Youde, Maine PowerOptions, Re: Electricity forward pricing.*
- *Email from Jonathan Youde, Maine PowerOptions, Re: Options for expiring accounts.*
- *Email from Camille Joseph of Charter Communications, Re: COVID-19 UPDATES*

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- *Email from Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition Re: Spring March 2020*
- *Email from Eric Spenlinhauer with Civic Plus, Re: Town Hall Live Streams*
- *Email from Alpha One, Re: ADA Issues Impacting Persons With Disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic-*

Tax Collector LeeAnn Pratt asks that the residents mail their tax payment to the town hall at 185 Portland Road, do not try to bring your payment into the town hall, we are closed to the public.

HEAP Fuel assistant for residents who no longer work or hours have been reduced due to the coronavirus pandemic, may now be eligible for fuel assistance through HEAP call 459-2950

We have two outreach assistance groups, made up of volunteers from Buxton. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, either with picking up grocery or prescriptions, a wellness call or just a social call, contact Rec Director Nicole Welch at 929-8381 or Ellen DeCotiis at 809-9496.

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.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

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Executive Orders

E.O. 192004005 - An order to approve the hire of Olivia Wentworth as a Full Time Police Officer in the Town of Buxton effective April 9, 2020, at a rate of \$29.41/ hour.

Approved 4 – 0

E.O. 192004006 - An order to appoint of Olivia Wentworth as a Constable in the Town of Buxton effective April 9, 2020.

Approved 4 – 0

E.O. 192004007 - An order to approve a Poverty Abatement for Case #PA 20-001

Approved 4 – 0, Selectman Blier abstained

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 192004003 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #87

Approved 5 – 0

In the amount of \$690,304.63

E.O. 192004004 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #85 in the amount of \$64,456.93

#86 in the amount of \$5,638.76

Next Meeting of the Board

The Selectmen will Meet on Friday, April 10 and Monday, April 13 at 7:00PM. For the COVID-19 Updates

The Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, April 15 at 7:00PM.

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Other Business

Selectman Poitras said there are a lot restaurants in town that offer curbside pick-up. Local restraints and convenience stores are considered essential business and they are all open.

The food pantries are open and have an abundance of food. Please take advantage of this.

Selectman Blier announced that the elections will be moved from June 9th to a tentative date of July 14th. We are finalizing the details.

Selectman Poitras asked that with all the uncertainty in the world, that everyone to have patience and we will work through this, its all new to everyone.

Public Comments and Questions

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment-

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:20PM

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