

*Town of Buxton
Minutes May 20, 2020
Selectmen's Meeting*

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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: Due to the coronavirus, all town buildings are closed to the public

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM.

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2020
Approved 5 – 0*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:30PM Rec. Director Nicole Welch waiting for guidance from the CDC on the updated requirement for the summer camp program. She will be using the fire chief's old vehicle to transport water and equipment to the programs. The vehicle has been stripped of all fire related paraphernalia and checked out by the town's mechanic, it's registered, inspected and ready to go.

5:00PM – Valeri Messana, Berry Library Librarian informed the Board on how she is planning to slowly open. On June 1st, she is planning to start a curbside pick-up book program through the website. During the quarantine time she has been reorganizing the children's section, computerized card catalog and familiarizing herself with the library in general.

At 5:30PM the Board went into executive session for Union Negotiations per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) and out at 6:00PM.

Treasurer Kim Beam was in at 6:00PM, looking for signatures on a quick claim deed, and guidance on how to pay an employee during the quarantine.

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At 6:30PM was trying to adapt the restaurant setting to the new standards.

John Myers, Peter Gordon and Kert Jackson came in to review the plan to reopen the town hall on Monday June 1st. They have been working on a traffic flow through the building. Will have a confirmed date for reopening next week.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Shelly Winchenbach of Charter Communications, Re: upcoming changes*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Pulsoni was in and out of the office dealing with personnel issues and correspondence. He and Selectman Blier met at the Bar Mills Fire station to rectify the roof issue.

Selectman Blier spend several hours on the union negotiations, talking with attorneys getting comps on hours and wages from other towns. He met with Chief Schools, the Engineer and Contractor regarding the Bar Mills Fire station roof.

Met with Public Works Director, Kevin Kimball in regard to the roadside mowing and he was able to talk with Valarie Messana at the Berry Library where some work has been completed.

Selectman Blier also met with the contractor to enclose the glass on the front counter. It looks good.

Selectman Poitras made a few phone calls and received communication from the fire chief regarding the new fire truck, which he will discuss below under 'Public Comments and Questions'.

Selectman Santolucito stopped at the Transfer Station to see how the opening went. It was working well. He also met with Peter and Kert on reopening of the town hall.

He also had discussions with Maine Revenue Service, they had questions on the approach we used to get the values we showed on the Tree Growth and Homestead programs. Its resolved confirmed we a certified at one hundred percent. Selectman Santolucito

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suggests if it fits in the budget, we move forward with the computerized assessing program next year.

Selectman Peters met with Kevin Kimball regarding the roadside mowing plan. It had been decided to go an alternate route and have the public works crew do the job in house. Since then, the bidder contacted Director Kimball and offered a lower bid, which will work within his budget for next year. He is now looking for Board approval, since they did not purchase the equipment proposed in his budget.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

*E.O. 192005011 - An order to approve an application for Widow of a Veteran Exemption for [Map 5 Lot 12]
Approved 4 – 0 -1, Selectman Blier abstained*

*E.O. 192005012 – An order to approve 8 hours of Vacation Leave for Krystal Dyer
Approved 5 – 0*

*E.O. 192005013 – An order to approve 8 hours of Vacation Leave for Greg Heffernan
Approved 5 – 0*

*E.O. 192005014- An order to approve 8 hours of Vacation Leave for Kim Beam
Approved 5 – 0*

*E.O. 192005015- An order to approve 16 hours of Vacation Leave for Nathan Schools
Approved 5 – 0*

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Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 192005009 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #101

Approved 5 – 0

In the amount of \$75,103.31

E.O. 192005010 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #100

Approved 5 – 0

In the amount of \$66,183.33

Next Meeting of the Board

The Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00PM

The Selectmen will meet via teleconferencing on Tuesday, May 26th for COVID-19 EMA updates.

The SAD#6 Budget Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, May 28 at 6:00PM (via zoom)

Other Business

When will the town buildings reopening? Tentatively June 1st

Will there be a Community Days Parade –The Board tabled for the Board to discuss next week

If you need a ride or food/Prescriptions delivered from Hannaford or the two pantries in town. Contact Nicole Welch, Recreation Director at 929-8381.

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Public Comments and Questions

The following are questions from a resident:

How long can abandoned buildings remain standing in town? There are many variables related to this question that would best be answered by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Is the new fire truck coming soon? It's all painted, lettered and put back together. We are close and expect it the end of May, first of June.

The Police newsletter is very informative, Thank you

Executive Session

None

Adjournment-

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:30PM

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