

*Town of Buxton  
Minutes May 13, 2020  
Selectmen's Meeting*

*This meeting was 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: Due to the coronavirus, all town buildings are closed to the public*

*The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.*

*The Selectmen recited the Pledge*

*Approval of Prior Meeting Minute*

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for May 6, 2020  
Approved 4 – 0- 1 Selectman Blier abstained*

*Discussions held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM*

*Rec. Director Nicole Welch was in at 4:30PM discussing the challenges she is facing with the summer rec program. She has had to be creative, while adapting to the State regulations such as, room size, number of people allowed, location and social distancing activities, etc. She proposed some great ideas.*

*Chief Cline popped in with an update of current arrests made by the Buxton Police Department. They are making substantial drug busts and doing a great job keeping Buxton safe.*

*At 5:00PM Greg Heffernan was in regarding his plan to open the Transfer Station and current recycling practices. The recycling silver bullet will be removed on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> and the recycling will resume inside the gates, but outside the building, because all town buildings are still closed to the public. The silver bullet is costing the town \$3,000 a week, plus the cost to dump it. Greg has done an excellent job devising a plan to open the Transfer Station safely for his employees and the Buxton residents. When the executive order is lifted on June 1<sup>st</sup>, the town buildings will reopen with social distancing practices to follow.*

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*At 6:15PM the Board went into executive session with John Myers per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A), regarding a personnel issue and came out at 6:30PM.*

*The 6:30PM teleconference scheduled with Attorney Dan Rose, was cancelled.*

*Code officer Peter Gordon was in discussing the use of his vacation time with Selectman Blier.*

*Review of Correspondence*

- Email from York County Community Action, Re: Monthly Update*
- Email from Paul Penna MSAD#6 Superintendent, Re: Tentative Budget Development Schedule*
- Email from Representative Don Marean, Re: Legislative Update*

*Review of Projects and Issues*

*Selectman Pulsoni has been in the office almost every day staying up to date on the COVID-19 issues.*

*He also received a few calls from residents praising the Police Departments newsletter 'The Community Beat'. The Police Department has been very busy the past few weeks.*

*Selectman Pulsoni met with the Budget Committee last night and with Michael Gallant of Maine Properties at the Bar Mills Fire Station regarding the roof repairs. We will meet again at the Fire station with a structural engineer on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM.*

*Selectman Blier had a very busy week as well. He met with the glass contractor to design the glass protective barrier around the columns in the front lobby of town hall. This will glass off 100% of the front office. The glass is scheduled to be installed next week.*

*He spent quite a bit of time preparing the warrant for the final meeting with the Budget Committee and the Board on Tuesday night. The Budget Committee had some good recommendations and thanked them for a good year.*

*Selectman Blier met with Selectman Pulsoni and engineer Michael Gallant at the Bar Mills Fire Department to look at the roof repair issue and was in contact with Berry Library Trustees regarding Budget Committee concerns.*

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*Selectman Peters did not have a lot to report, but he did attend the Budget Committee meeting on Tuesday night with the rest of the Board.*

*Public Works Director Kevin Kimball shared a voice mail from a resident on the other end of town, praising the Public Works Crew for the work they did in his subdivision. He was generally impressed at what a good job the Crew did. Its good to hear positive praise.*

*Selectman Santolucito also attended the budget meeting on Tuesday night. He said they all worked hard this year and cut all capital expenditures. He added that the next few years, looks to be bumpy with the state revenues and the current economy will be slow to recover from COVID-19 shutdown.*

*Selectman Santolucito praised the Public Works Crew on the great job they did cleaning-up the plow damage and spring. They did a great job.*

*The Police Department has had a lot of success lately, Chief Cline is making things happen by creating an uncomfortable environment for the people that don't need to be here. The Officers are out there protecting the Buxton community. Thank you.*

*Selectman Poitras has been answering phone calls from residents and attended the budget meeting on Tuesday night.*

*Selectman Poitras added to what Selectman Santolucito said regarding this years budget, the Board could have cut more, but they are trying make all departments run safely as far as equipment, etc. We understood it would be very tough, and worked to keep the taxes as minimal as possible, which is very tough with the school and county taxes increasing every year.*

*Old Business*

*None*

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*New Business*

*Selectman Poitras announced the town meeting will be held at the Bar Mills Fire Department located at 174 Portland Road on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be handicapped parking at the fire station, all other parking will be across the street at the town hall or public works department. The Fire Police will assist with residents crossing the road. Due to COVID19 social distancing spacing rules, the larger space will give us more area to spread out. As it gets closer we will have the logistics figured out and will share with you.*

*Executive Orders*

*E.O. 192005004 - An order to approve Victualer Licenses for H.A. Mapes, d/b/a J. D. Variety, and for Roger Tracy, d/b/a Skip's Lounge  
Approved 5 – 0,*

*E.O. 192005005 – An order to approve a Liquor License for Max Brody, of The Buxton Common, Buxton, Maine.  
Approved 5 – 0,*

*E.O. 192005006 – An order to sign the July 14 and 18, 2020 Town Meeting Warrant  
Approved 5 – 0,*

*E.O. 192005007 - An order to approve 93 hours of Vacation Leave for Peter Gordon, to be used between May 22 thru September 1, 2020  
Approved 5 – 0,*

*E.O. 192005008 - An order to approve 16 hours of Vacation Leave for John Myers  
Approved 5 – 0,*

*Executive Orders by Initiative*

*None*

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*Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants*

*E.O. 192005003 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrants #99*

*Approved 5 – 0,  
In the amount of \$736,900.42*

*E.O. 192005004 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #98*

*Approved 5 – 0,  
In the amount of \$64,967.47*

*Next Meeting of the Board*

*The Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00PM*

*The Selectmen meet via teleconferencing on Monday May 18th for COVID-19 EMA updates.*

*Selectman Poitras explained the purpose of the weekly EMA COVID-19 meetings with the Departments Heads. Chief Schools has done an exceptional job coordinating and facilitating the EMA updates and keeping Buxton informed and guiding the town through this unprecedented time.*

*Other Business*

*None*

*Public Comments and Questions*

*None*

*Executive Session*

*None*

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*Adjournment-*

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:27PM*

*Approved 5 - 0*

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*Chad E. Poitras, Selectman*

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*Thomas J. Peters, Selectman*

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*Dennis Santolucito, Selectman*

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*Mark J. Blier, Selectman*

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*Francis E. Pulsoni*

*Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Video Taped by Harrison Beam*