

*Town of Buxton  
Minutes June 10, 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, Francis E. Pulsoni  
and Selectman Blier*

*Others in attendance: David Harmon and Jon Bartlett, Cindy Santolucito*

*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 June 3, 2020  
Approved 5 – 0,*

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

*At 4:30PM Rec Director Nicole Welch came in to update the Board on the use of the town parks for outside activities. Previously the Summer Rec program was held at the Buxton Center Elementary School, but due to COVID19, they are moving to Town Farm Park.*

*At 5:30PM the Board went into executive session on a personnel issue with Chief Schools per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), and out at 5:55PM.*

*At 6:04PM the Board went into executive session on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) and out at 6:15PM.*

*Resident Peter Burns came in at 6:30PM to update the Board with his concerns regarding the school budget. Selectman Poitras invited him to come to the meeting And speak under Public Comments and Questions.*

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*Review of Correspondence*

- *Email from New England ADA Center, Re: ADA updates*
- *Email from York County Community Action, Re: COVID19 Community Action Recourses*
- *Email from Ellen DeCotiis Re: The opening of Town Hall, social distancing, police Dept restraints and body camera requirements.*
- *Email from Tony Vigue of CTAM, Re: updated franchise notification*
- *Email from Robert Moosemann from The Department of Transportation, Re: a controlled roadside herbicide spraying program*
- *Email from MMA Workers Compensation Safety Incentive Program*
- *Email from Jean Harmon Re: Outside dining/take out requirements.*

*Selectman Poitras added that Ellen DeCotiis' email was regarding the social distancing requirements within this meeting room. The Town Hall is set up and is in compliance with the CDC Guidelines.*

*Selectman Pulsoni answered Ellen's questions regarding the Police Departments policy with restraint requirements and choke holds. The Buxton Police Department has a 20 page policy on Use of Force. Selectman Pulsoni read a section on physical force from the policy. Police Officers have very strict guidelines for Use of Force in the State of Maine. The policy is reviewed annually and every police officer is trained on all weapons and procedures before they are allowed to carry that weapon. When force is used, the office is required to complete a report for review. It is then reviewed by a three-step review process. The Department takes it very seriously.*

*Review of Projects and Issues*

*Selectman Poitras has been answering questions from residents and worked on a Health Officer issues.*

*Selectman Pulsoni was in town all week dealing with personnel issues, catching up on correspondence and re-familiarizing himself with the Use of Force policy. If anyone has any questions regarding the Use of Force policy, feel free to contact Chief Cline.*

*Selectman Blier attended the MSAD#6 Budget Advisory Committee meeting on Monday night. He met with the glass contractor in the front office this morning. The glass around the columns in the front office is complete. They did a great job and it was money well spent. The painter will start at Berry library tomorrow morning.*

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*He is working on getting bids for the broken air conditioning unit in the old portion of the Police Department. We will be getting pricing on an updated version of what's there and on installing heat pumps.*

*Selectman Blier has been working with David Anderson to coordinate the expansion tank and well line at Town Farm Park. This will be used with the Rec. Departments Summer program. He has also been in contact with a contractor regarding the roof at the Bar Mills Fire Station. This porch like roof is needed to protect the people using the two side doors from the falling snow and ice off the roof.*

*Selectman Peters has had a quiet week with nothing to report.*

*Selectman Santolucito spoke regarding the opening of the town hall. Code Officer Peter Gordon and Facilities Manager Kert Jackson have been working on the opening since early May. We are in compliance with the CDC and the State Guidelines.*

*He also stopped into the Transfer Station on Saturday and it is running very well. He received a phone call from a resident with concerns that the recycling materials are ending up in the landfill. He does not believe that is happening here in Buxton, but will follow up with Greg Heffernan. market in is not great. It is his understanding*

*Selectman Blier explained that because of all the different types of plastic the recycling companies can't accept everything, but everything that can be recycled, is being recycled. The things that can't be recycled is being thrown in the landfill.*

*Selectman Santolucito referenced Jean Harmon's email regarding outside dinning; we did allow a few businesses to set up outside dinning until June 30th, it may have to be extended. We want to help them all get through this time of uncertainty.*

*Old Business*

*None*

*New Business*

*None*

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*Executive Orders*

*E.O. 192006006 - An order to approve 8 hours of Vacation Leave for Krystal Dyer*

*Approved 5 – 0,*

*Executive Orders by Initiative*

*None*

*Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants*

*E.O. 192006004 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrants #107*

*Approved 5 – 0,*

*In the amount of \$57,931.30*

*E.O. 192006005– An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #106*

*Approved 5 – 0,*

*In the amount of \$60,637.31*

*Next Meeting of the Board*

*The SAD#6 Budget Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, June 11 at 6:00PM (via zoom) this meeting was cancelled*

*MSAD#6 Board of Directors meeting is Monday, June 15 at 6:00PM (via zoom)*

*The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, June 17 at 7:00PM*

*Other Business*

*Selectman Poitras announced that Dave Wiggins Drive at Pleasant Point Park is temporally closed due to a pair of Bald Eagles hatchlings. We have to follow the federal guidelines to protect them. It will remain closed until further notice.*

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*Public Comments and Questions*

*Resident Peter Burns gave an overview of the SAD#6 Budget. At this time, we do not even know if the schools will open in the fall or what the requirements will be. The State has not determined the number of kids allowed on buses or in a classroom, if they have to wear PPE, the number of teachers per classroom, etc. The Department of Education has not finalized any guidelines yet, all this is making it very difficult to put a budget together. The School Budget Committee starts with a "Dream List" and then they reduce it from there. The district lost over a million dollars in funding from the State this year, which means the six towns will have to make up the difference. Even though student population is down, many of the unfunded mandated programs are now added to the schools cost. Money is tight. COVID 19 has shut down the state. Businesses are dying and families are struggling. The kids need an education. The school needs to make cuts. It's a tough situation, but he cannot vote for this budget. Over 70% of this town's budget goes to the schools. The school budget vote is August 11th.*

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*Mr. Burns is asking for the Select Board to participate and attend the BAC meetings. He added that there is a whole other population in our town who needs to be heard from. The Selectmen need to represent this population. He suggested for anyone with question regarding this year's budget to contact Bill Brockman's office at Central Office.*

*Executive Session*

*None*

*Adjournment-*

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:47PM*

*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*

*Mark J. Blier, Selectman*

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*Francis E. Pulsoni*

*Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_*  
*Video Taped by Harrison Beam*