

*Town of Buxton
Minutes July 1, 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, and Dennis P. Santolucito

Members not in attendance: Francis E. Pulsoni, and Mark J. Blier

Others in attendance: Peter Burns, Richard Fitzgerald, David Harmon and Jon Bartlett

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for June 24, 2020

Approved 3 – 0

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 6:30PM residents of Simpson Road came in with concerns of vehicles parking and speeding along Simpson Road neat the Pleasant Point Park entrance. Selectman Poitras invited them to come back in a few weeks to meet with our new Selectman David Field, he is a member of the Pleasant Point Park Committee.

Review of Correspondence

- Email from Shelley Winchenbach of Charter Communications, Re: upcoming channel changes*
- Email from William Crozier from the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Re: The Lobster Industry*
- Email from Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition, Re: Monthly Newsletter*
- Email from Maine Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Re: 19/20 Sustainable Forestry Report*
- Email from New England ADA Center, Re: Newsletter 2020*
- Saco River Corridor Commission, Re: notice of intent to file*

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Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Santolucito came into town office on Tuesday, it was quite busy due to it being the last day of the month. He is winding down.

Selectman Peters had a quiet week with nothing to report.

Selectman Poitras responded to a local health officer situation regarding the use of masks at a business in town. He wasn't able to assist, but he believes it has been resolved.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

*E.O. 202107003 - An order to approve 8 hours of Vacation Leave for Kim Beam
Approved 3 – 0*

*E.O. 202107004– An order to approve 40 hours of Vacation Leave Nathan Schools
Approved 3 – 0*

*E.O. 202107005 - To approve the appointment of Sharleen A. Fields by the Town Clerk as the State Election Warden for the July 14, 2020 State Primary and Special Referendum.
Approved 3 – 0*

*E.O. 202107006 - To approve the opening of the Town Clerk's Office on Saturday, July 11, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for additional office hours for voters to have the opportunity to obtain absentee ballots for the July 14, 2020 State, Town and School elections.
Approved 3 – 0*

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Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 202107001– An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrants #113 for fiscal year 19/20

Approved 3 – 0

In the amount of \$45,805.24

Accounts Payable Warrants #1 for the new fiscal year 20/21

Approved 3 – 0

In the amount of \$89,785.60

E.O. 202107002 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #112

Approved 3 – 0

In the amount of \$65,431.29

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00PM

SAD6 Special Board of Directors Meeting Monday, July 6 at 6PM (via zoom)

Other Business

The Town Office will be closed on Friday, July 3 for the Fourth of July Holiday

The Transfer Station will be closed Saturday, July 4 for the Fourth of July Holiday, there is no change to the curb side pickup.

Just a reminder that Starting Tuesday, July 7th the Transfer Station will change the Tuesday hours only, to 8:00am to 4:00pm.

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Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, July 20th from 1:00pm to 6:00pm here at the town hall. walk-ins are welcome or schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED CROSS

Public Comments and Questions

Peter Burns asked where will voting take place? It will be on Tuesday, July 14 voting will be at the Town Hall, the town meeting will be at the Bar Mills Fire Station across the street, with parking here at the Town Hall.

Mr. Burns came in to discuss the SAD#6 school budget. He said that he and Don Marean are the only ones who voted against the budget. On August 11th the district will vote on a \$ 7,896,116.00 school budget. The School budget is 68% of our property taxes. He continues to speak to the Buxton residents telling them they should be aware of this increase. It will add .37 cents on to the mill rate, which will increase your annual taxes. The school budget increases a quarter of a million dollars every year! Mr. Burns continued to talk about the COVID-19, Governor Mills guidelines and how it effects the school budget. The voters need to get out and vote this budget down and do something about this. There are so few residents who attend these budget meetings. It is such a burden on the taxpayers especially the elderly residents. The vote for the school budget is on August 11th , he adds this budget will leave a lot of people struggling to pay their taxes.

Selectman Santolucito thanked Peter Burns for his years and time commitment he has put into keeping the Board informed of the school budget. He realized that based on the structure, there is really nothing the Selectmen could change to their budget.

Richard Fitzgerald of Fogg Road, he halfway agreed with Mr. Burns remarks regarding the school budget and wished the Budget Committee could have done better on the town's budget. Selectman Santolucito asked what he would have done differently. Mr. Fitzgerald said he would have cut all budgets down more and put a freeze on all salaries for a year. Mr. Fitzgerald also commented in Governor Mills' defense regarding Mr. Burns comments.

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment-

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:35PM

Approved 3 - 0

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Thomas J. Peters, Selectman

Dennis Santolucito, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Francis E. Pulsoni

Date Signed: _____
Video Taped by Kyle Durkin