

*Town of Buxton  
Minutes August 12, 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, Mark J. Blier, Francis E. Pulsoni, and David A. Field*

*Others in attendance: Richard Fitzpatrick, David Harmon*

*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 August 5, 2020  
Approved 5 - 0*

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

*At 5:00PM Paul Baresel was in with a number of questions regarding the Maine State Retirement plan for the upcoming Special Town and he to let the Board know that he wants to be involved with the Charter Commission Review Committee.*

*Selectman Poitras announced for anyone who is interested in being involved with the Charter Commission Review Committee to please contact Krystal Dyer.*

*At 6:00PM the Board went into executive session on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A).*

*The Board has designated 6:30PM available each week to meet with Department Head.*

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*Review of Correspondence*

- *Email from resident Julie Gamelson asking for an update and clarification regarding the robbery at Low's Variety Store, Bar Mills this past Saturday night. Selectman Poitras said Lows Variety Store was robbed. No one was hurt. The person did have a handgun wrapped in a bag during the robbery. It turns out, it was not real. Maine Street was shut down for a bit while the Police investigated the situation. The robber did escape, but the Police Department are working on leads at this time. The State Police tactical team is also involved in the search and investigation.*

*Review of Projects and Issues*

*Selectman Pulsoni has been dealing with personnel issues. He spoke with Kevin Kimball regarding patching a portion of Flaggy Meadow Road with the remaining paving budget. Kevin felt it was the best place to use the patch.*

*Selectman Blier attend a Department Heads meeting on Thursday. One thing that came out of it, was that the Selectmen's schedule on Wednesday evenings between four and seven is usually quite full. So every week there is time designated at 6:30 for Department Heads to come in to see the Board if needed. Also, on a quarterly basis each Department Head will attend the Selectman's meeting to give a presentation, updating of the residents. Starting on August 26<sup>th</sup>, Chief Schools will be in for the Fire Department. If you have any questions for him, please send them in to Krystal Dyer.*

*Selectman Blier explained that as part of the Fire and Police Negotiations, we are offering Maine State Retirement to all employees. In order for this to happen, the town has to vote at the Special Town Meeting scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>. This vote will determine if the town can offer MainePERS (Maine State Employees Retirement) to our employees. The Board feels this will help attract and retain qualified candidates for our Police and Fire Departments. We want the residents to know what it would cost the community, we want them to be able to make an educated vote.*

*Selectman Blier also Spoke with Fire Chief Schools and Treasurer Kim Beam. He continues to work on the well at Town Farm Park and the roof at the Bar Mill Fire Station.*

*Selectman Peters spoke with Kevin Kimball regarding Flaggy Meadow Road as well and he has been assisting with questions on the crack sealing bids. The crew has been doing shoulders and driveway aprons on the newly paved roads in order to preserve the pavement.*

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*Selectman Field was also in attendance at the department head meeting on Thursday, adding it was educational and he thinks it will help having the Department Heads give an update as to what's going on in their departments. He also spoke with Kevin Kimball about some equipment last week, just to bring himself up to speed.*

*Selectman Poitras fielded calls from Chief Schools and several from Chief Cline after the robbery.*

*Old Business*

*None*

*New Business*

*None*

*Executive Orders*

*E.O. 202108009 - An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 1, Lot 208-1]  
Approved 5 - 0*

*E.O. 202108010 - An order to approve 28.5 hours of Vacation Leave for Krystal Dyer  
Approved 5 - 0*

*Executive Orders by Initiative*

*None*

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*Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants*

*E.O. 202108007– An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #13*

*Approved 5 - 0*

*In the amount of \$129,113.97*

*E.O. 202108008 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #12*

*Approved 5 - 0*

*In the amount of \$66,419.20*

*Next Meeting of the Board*

*The next Selectmen's Meeting will be a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00PM at the Bar Mills Fire Station*

*Other Business*

*A Census taker will be at the Town Hall on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00PM. For more information please call Gary Kribel, AR, U.S. Census Bureau at 207-852-3215*

*Public Comments and Questions*

*Resident David Harmon vote for the school budget, what did that cost the town for the special election. Selectman Poitras stated approximately \$4,000 and Town Clerk, John Myers said we will be reimbursed by the school.*

*Executive Session*

*None*

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*Adjournment*

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:21PM*

*Approved 5 – 0*

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*Chad E. Poitras, Selectman*

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*Thomas J. Peters, Selectman*

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*Mark J. Blier, Selectman*

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*Francis E. Pulsoni, Selectman*

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*David A. Field, Selectman*

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