

*Town of Buxton
Minutes September 2, 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: Dave Harmon, Jon Bartlett, Richard Fitzgerald and Nicole Welch

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

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

Quarterly update with Recreation Director Nicole Welch

Nicole Welch thanked the Board for the opportunity to showcase what the Recreation Department offered to our Buxton residents during COVID-19. In March we had to come up with ways to engage the community, from the kids to seniors.

What is our mission

- 1. Community Connection*
- 2. How to connect by Social distancing.*
- 3. Encourage Healthy lifestyle choices.*

All by following CDC guidelines

She started several outreach programs, a Postcard Champagne, where they sent over 700 postcards to kids and our Seniors. Everyone likes mail! Some had word a search with action words, like run, jump, or sing on them. We had a Family Trivia Night, which was a Social activity through zoom. A Galaxie Salsa Bingo Night and virtual fitness classes featuring local teachers. Rhonda Davis of Happy Hearts Movements and Sarah Crosby's yoga. They were happy friendly familiar faces to all the kids.

Other programs included a Fitness challenge through strava – this was another way for “like minded residents” could connect with each other. Other programs included The Eggscellent Easter Showcase, Musical Instrument Wednesday, as well as maintaining a daily Facebook presence with treasure hunts. One of our main drives was to encourage families to get outside and into the parks of Buxton. In July we made flyers showcasing information about the local parks and what they had to offer. A Storyboard Walk was created at Town Farm Park. It was 16 to 20 pages from a book of a Maine Author. We posted the laminated storybook pages along the trail system at Town Farm Park. It was well received by the community.

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We did a State driven initiative called Maine Back Yard Campout Weekend. Fifty-six families participated. It was set up to encourage families to camp for free. They don't even have to leave your home and they can stay safe. We dropped of 56 backpacks full of family fun activities, such as fire safety tips from the Fire Department, scavenger hunts, smore' recipe book, and sun safety packet etc.

Our biggest program challenge was the 2020 Summer Camp Experience, where we support our Buxton families under the CDC Guidelines. They had so many challenges in this 8-week program that was held completely outdoors and no field trips. We had smaller numbers in our groups, no building to stay in and no running water on site. The Staff was very creative and adhered to the guidelines.

Nicole expressed how proud she was of her staff for all COVID-19 health and safety protocol the staff had to adhere to throughout the summer program. This included brining water in daily, sanitizing the sanitation stations, sanitizing port o potties and all the games and equipment before and after use. Our goal was to keep the children of our community safe and happy.

What's Next? The fall soccer program and All Day Child Care Programs at Buxton Center Elementary School. Due to the school schedule this year, our program will run Monday thru Thursday from 7:00AM to 5:50PM. We were asked to give homework support for the kids. This program is full at this time. We are also hoping to setup a fitness trail for families at Town Farm Park. The Board thanked Nicole for her excellent presentation and her creative support for our community.

Open Bids for Septic System Replacement Grant

<i>Peter D. Pinkham Excavation</i>	<i>\$19,989.00</i>
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Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2020
Approved 5-0

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Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

The Board went into executive session at 4:35PM per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

At 5:00PM MaryJo Hanna was in interviewing for a vacancy on the Board of Appeals.

The Fire Department brought the new ladder truck over and gave us a tour of all its equipment. It's a spectacular piece of equipment. They hope it will be in service very soon.

At 5:30PM A Dispatcher was in and we went into executive session at 5:30PM per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) on a personnel issue. They came out at 5:45PM.

6:30PM Recreation Director Nicole Welch was in and the Board went into executive session on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Rebecca Graham, Re: MMA Finance Survey*
- *Email from Maine Town & City Re: August/September issue*
- *Email from Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition, Re: Monthly Newsletter*
- *Sprinkler System Inspection Co. Re: Quarterly Report*
- *Email from Maine 211, Re: News Release on Free Confidential Resources in Maine*

Review of Projects and Issues

The Board agreed to wait until next week.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

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E.O. 202109003 - An order to approve a Supplemental Tax Warrant and Certificate for fiscal year 2020/21 in the amount of \$2,714.43 for [Map 14, Lot 11]

Approved 4-0 -1, Selectman Blier abstained

E.O. 202109004 - An order to approve the hire of Rachel A. Horning as a part time Police Officer effective September 2, 2020 at a rate of \$25.16/ hour.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 202109005 - An order to appoint of Rachel A. Horning as a Constable in the Town of Buxton effective September 2, 2020

Approved 5-0

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 202109001- An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #19

Approved 5-0

In the amount of \$316,382.64

E.O. 202109002 - An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #18

Approved 5-0

In the amount of \$68,382.82

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00PM

Meet Thursday, September 10 at 10:00AM for a Department Head Meeting

Other Business

None

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Public Comments and Questions

Richard Fitzgerald stopped in to update the Board with the latest COVID-19 statistics; which included 26 cases in Buxton. He said Maine is doing a good job.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:50PM
Approved 5 - 0

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Thomas J. Peters, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Francis E. Pulsoni

David A. Field, Selectman

Date Signed: _____

Video Taped by Kyle Durkin