

*Town of Buxton  
Minutes September 9, 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 John Myers and Ruth Scheibenpflug*

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

*The Selectmen recited the Pledge*

*Quarterly update with Town Clerk John Myers and Voter Registrar Ruth Scheibenpflug*

*Ruth gave an overview and a description of her responsibilities as Registrar of Voters, which include activities such as register residents to vote, maintain the registry, retain lists deaths and births.*

*John Myers announced what's new at Town Hall. November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Election Day. Requests for Absentee ballots are coming in. In just over a month we have received over 1,000 requests for a ballot. The ballots are expected to be here by the first of October. Due to COVID 19 we are recommending that residents vote absentee. The state is currently working on a on-line portal so residents can check to see if their absentee ballot has been received. There is a drop box located to the right side of the front door at the Town Hall. Residents have the option to either mail their absentee ballot back, drop it in the drop box or hand deliver it during open office hours. John praised his office staff for the added work they are doing in order to keep up with the ballot requests. The deadline for absentee ballots is the Friday before elections, October 30<sup>th</sup> by 4:30PM. There will be further discussions with the Chief Schools on changing the polling place to the Bar Mills Fire Station.*

*Even though we are still under the Governor's Order and CDC Guidelines the town Office has been open, so you are now required to register your vehicles, license dogs and pay your tax bills.*

*We are receiving many, many phone calls as to why the building valuation increased so much. The town assessors increased the building valuations because the town's valuations were under one hundred percent market value. In addition to the school*

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*budget, York County budget, Town budget and the reduction of revenues, the taxes have increased.*

*There were further discussions regarding the location options for election day. They will discussed further at the Department Head meeting tomorrow morning. There where no question. The Board thanked John and Ruth for their update.*

*Approval of Prior Meeting Minute*

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for September 2, 2020*  
*Approved 5-0*

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

*The Board spoke with Code Officer Peter Gordon at 5:00pm regarding building permit for solar farms. Kandice Talbot submitted a spread sheet with building permit fees for solar arrays from surrounding towns. This will give us a baseline for our permits compared to other towns.*

*At 5:30PM and 6:00PM residents concerned with their tax bills came in. After that the Board had general conversation until the meeting.*

*Review of Correspondence*

- *Letter form Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission, Re: Low impact Solar Siting and Best Practices*

*Review of Projects and Issues*

*Selectman Pulsoni has been quite busy with personnel issues and keeping up with the correspondence.*

*Selectman Blier announced there is an opening on the Bonny Eagle Park Committee, if anyone is interested please contact John Myers.*

*He has been in contact with the Contractor regarding the protective roof over the door at the Bar Mills Fire Station. The preliminary estimate has changed, due to the increase in*

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*material costs. The contractor will re-submit a new proposal. Selectman Blier also had a conversation with Chief Schools regarding next year's budget.*

*Selectman Poitras spoke with Fire Chief Schools on a personnel issue and the foreclosed property on Parker Farm Road. He has also been dealing with a Health Officer issue at a Bonny Eagle Pond residence.*

*Selectman Field met with Kevin Kimball regarding, rotted wood on foot path bridges and erosion issues on the trails at pleasant Point Park. They are looking into the best and least expensive way to repair them. They have installed culverts and replaced some of the boards.*

*Selectman Peters spoke with Chief Schools regarding the new fire truck and it is getting some warranty upgrades. He also had the opportunity to speak with Chief Cline last week.*

*Old Business*

*None*

*New Business*

*None*

*Executive Orders*

*E.O. 202109008 - An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 9, Lot 11A-5]*

*Approved 4-0- 1, Selectman Blier Abstained*

*Executive Orders by Initiative*

*None*

*Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants*

*E.O. 202109006- An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #20*

*Approved 5-0*

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*In the amount of \$160,294.17*

*E.O. 202109007 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll  
Warrant #21  
Approved 5-0*

*In the amount of \$ 63,602.82*

*Next Meeting of the Board*

*The Board will meet Thursday, September 10 at 10:00AM for a Department Head Meeting.*

*The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, September 16, at 7:00PM*

*Planning Board Meeting Monday, September 14 at 7:00PM*

*MSAD#6 Board of Directors Meeting, Monday, September 14 at 6:00PM at Buxton Center Elementary School*

*Other Business*

*Census Takers will be at the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 15, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. For more information please call Gary Kribel, AR, U.S. Census Bureau at 207-852-3215.*

*Blood Drive Monday, September 21, from 1:00PM to 6:00PM. To schedule an appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) 1-800-RED CROSS*

*Farm To Families Food Box Event – At the Hollis Sports Complex at the Plains Road parking lot on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm or until it is gone. Boxes will contain milk, cheese, mashed potatoes and produce. For more information call Dave at 207-281-2850*

*Public Comments and Questions*

*Richard Fitzgerald gave an update on COVID-19 in the United States*

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*Executive Session*

*None*

*Adjournment*

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:33PM*  
*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*

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*David A. Field, Selectman*

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

*Video Taped by Harrison Beam*