

*Town of Buxton
Minutes September 16, 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, Patrick Hanna, Richard Fitzgerald and Public Works Director Kevin Kimball

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

Quarterly update with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball

Throughout the summer the Public Works Crew has been ditching, shouldering and replacing culverts that had washed out. The Crew has been doing some general paving. The paving program has completed list and shimming on Cemetery, Old Thompson, Warren and Groveville Roads.

The crack sealing program has started, Cornfield and Pease Roads are complete. Berry, Webster and Fogg Roads, and Mertie Drive are left to complete this year. He follows a three-year rotation schedule.

Mechanic Derek McOsker has started a big push in preparing the trucks for the plowing season. He also fabricated the Police Departments mobile speed monitor to a trailer, it ready to go. The Police Department is anxious to use it.

Selectman Poitras asked about the schedule for ditching roads throughout the town. Mr. Kimball explained that many of the roads are state roads, which the town does not repair. He continued to explain the ditching and paving schedule.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2020
Approved 5-0*

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Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:00PM Chief Schools was in with an update on the latter truck, saying it is being updated while it's still under the 30-day warranty.

Then they went into executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) regarding a personnel matter.

At 5:00PM a resident was in regarding the increase in their taxes bill.

The Board went into executive session with John Goodman, Police Union Attorney at 5:30PM per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

At 6:00PM A business owner was in regarding the Business Design Standards, saying that their commercial projects where stalled due to the Design Standards. One applicant took his business to Scarborough, saying is was easier dealing with them rather than Buxton. Businesses are not willing to make the investment in Buxton. Selectman Poitras added that since the Business Design Standards cam in, there have been zero commercial growth in town. There have been a number of complaints from applicants and the Board will be revisiting the ordinance and will be making some changes.

At 6:30PM Public Works Director Kevin Kimball was in updating the Board.

Review of Correspondence

None

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Pulsoni was out of town most of last week but was able to deal with some personnel issues. He met with Greg Heffernan regarding the cost of the compost. He said the compost is really not very good material. The Board and Greg have reached an agreement not to charge the residents for the compost, it will be free.

Chief cline has some really good candidates for the vacant positions in the Police Department. And He is very impressed and couldn't be happier with the speed trailer.

Selectman Peters made calls to a few contractors regarding quotes for the Fire Department entry way roof.

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Selectman Blier was in contact with a resident regarding their taxes. He gives an brief explanation of how the taxes are determined. The Board of Selectmen and the towns Assessor will look into a total revaluation in next year's budget. It has not been done since 1994.

At the Department Head meeting last Thursday, the Board has decided to close the town hall at noon on Christmas Eve this year. The Board also agreed to hold the November 3rd elections here at town hall.

Selectman Field has been working with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball with the erosion problems on the Pleasant Point Park trails. Trying to batten everything up for the winter season. He also spoke with Greg Heffernan regarding other issues.

Selectman Poitras has been dealing with trying to find the source for a rat issue in the Bonny Eagle Pond area. The most obvious probable cause is chickens in the area that may be attracting the rats. He will be working with the Code Officer.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

*E.O. 202109011 - An order to approve a Poverty Abatement for Case #PA 20-003
Approved 4-0- 1, Selectman Blier Abstained*

*E.O. 202109012 - An order to approve 16 hours of Vacation Leave for Krystal Dyer
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 202109013 - An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2020/21 in the amount of \$364.50 for [Map 9, Lot 13-11]
Approved 4-0- 1, Selectman Blier Abstained*

*E.O. 202109014 - An order to appoint Maryjo L. Hanna to the position of Board of Appeals member to be effective until December 31, 2021
Approved 5-0*

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E.O. 202109015 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 4, Lot 42A-1]

Approved 4-0- 1, Selectman Blier Abstained

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 202109009– An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #22

Approved 5 - 0

In the amount of \$757,898.21

E.O. 202109010 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #23

Approved 5 - 0

In the amount of \$65,061.32

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00PM

Other Business

Farm To Families Food Box Event – At the Hollis Sports Complex at the Plains Road parking lot on Tomorrow, September 17 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 Durrell at 207-281-2850

Flue Shot Clinic Friday, September 18 from 10:00AM to 11:00AM at the Town Office. Sponsored by MaineHealth Care at Home. Please remember to bring your insurance card. Masks are required at all times.

Blood Drive Monday, September 21, from 1:00PM to 6:00PM. To schedule an appointment go to redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED CROSS

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Public Comments and Questions

Resident Patrick Hanna came in to ask why the taxes have gone up so much in the past three years. Selectman Blier explained the evaluation process and that new computer equipment is needed to move forward.

Richard Fitzgerald apologized for the tax increase. He is a budget committee member and promised to do better next year. Mr. Fitzgerald gave his weekly COVID-19 update.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

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

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 Harrison Beam