

*Town of Buxton
Minutes December 30, 2020
Selectmen's Meeting*

This meeting will be streamed on the Saco River Community Media at <https://www.src-tv.org/>

*Special Town Meeting
(See attached)*

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

Members Present: Chad E. Poitras, Thomas J. Peters, Mark J. Blier and David A. Field

Members not in attendance: Francis E. Pulsoni

Others in attendance: Jon Bartlett, Richard Fitzgerald, Dave Harmon, Patrick Hanna, Nathan Carlow and Henry Huntley

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for December 23, 2020
Approved 3 – 0 – 2*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 5:00PM Sheridan Bennett & Scott Warchol of the Budget Committee how to handle the budget request this year due to COVID-19 guidelines. The Board hopes to have each department submit their 2021/2022 budgets by January 8, 2021

The 5:30PM resident did not attend.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Chief Schools Weekly Message*
- *Email from Resident expressing interest in a vacant seat on the Budget Committee*
- *Email from resident with questions regarding curbside trash pick up*
- *Magazine from Maine Municipal Association, Maine Town & City, December issue*

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- *Letter from Bill Jones or the Ossipee Valley Agricultural Society, Re: requesting a contribution which will become a budget committee issue.*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Peters talked with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball regarding employee issues.

Selectman Field was in the office working with Tax Collector LeeAnn Pratt on the Municipal Valuation Return and he spoke with Greg Heffernan, Transfer Station manager regarding an issue.

Selectman Poitras spoke with Chief Schools regarding a contingency plan regarding the attendance capacity at tonight's special town meeting and he spoke with Chief Cline regarding issues at the Police Department.

Selectman Blier spoke with an energy provider regarding Solar fields. He is currently waiting for an email with more information. He also spoke with a resident regarding the solar fields on Haines Meadow Road. He announced on the 18th of January the Planning Board and Selectmen will have a workshop regarding solar fields. This could be a challenge of how this will fit into our community.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 202112037 – An order to appoint Ruth M. Scheibenpflug to the position of Town Farm Park Trustee member to be effective until December 31, 2023.

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Approved 4- 0

E.O. 202112038 – An order to appoint Ruth M. Scheibenpflug to the position of Voter Registrar to be effective until December 31, 2022.

Approved 4- 0

E.O. 202112039 – An order to appoint Patrick Hanna to the position of Board of Appeal member to be effective until December 31, 2023.

Approved 4- 0

E.O. 202112040 – An order to approve 4 hours of Vacation Leave for Kimberly Beam

E.O. 202112040 – An order to appoint William C. Roberts, Jr. to the position of Deputy Emergency Management Agency Director to be effective until December 31, 2023.

Approved 4- 0

E.O. 202112041 – An order to approve the carry forward amount of \$506,429.95 for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 as shown on the report dated 12/30/2020

Approved 4- 0

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 202112035– An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrants #54

Approved 4 - 0

In the amount of \$56,063.03

E.O. 202112036 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrants #53

Approved 4 - 0

In the amount of \$68,587.01

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Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, January 6, at 7:00PM

MSAD #6 Board of Directors meeting Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:00PM

Other Business

Town Hall will be Closed Friday, January 1st in Observation of New Year's Day

Public Comments and Questions

Richard Fitzgerald commended the Board and residents involved in the discussion regarding Article 3 at the special town meeting. Adding that there were discussions that he had not thought of before and it was pretty good. He offered information regarding the vaccine and added that these next two months should be very difficult.

David Harmon asked what happened to the money raised to remove the buildings at Emery O' Ranch two years. Selectman Poitras said several of the heirs and their attorney came forward. The Board decided to let the dust settle instead of wasting the taxpayer money to remove the buildings. Selectman Blier added the town has owned the land for 10 years, and the Board is waiting for a resolution from the heirs before we spend the money allocated to remove the buildings.

Dave Harmon asked what the \$34,519.00 of legal fees were for at tonight's special town meeting? Chase Custom homes has been a yearlong battle of legal fees. And the municipal building repairs? Selectman Blier says when COVID hit we spent money on, plexi glass barriers and the Bar Mills Fire Station rooves. The money allocated for the rooves in last year's budget was not enough, because when COVID hit, the building material costs went up.

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 8:22PM

Approved 4 - 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