

*Town of Buxton
Minutes January 6, 2021
Selectmen's Meeting*

This meeting will be 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: Jon Bartlett, Richard Fitzgerald, Dave Harmon, Scott Warchol, James Maxfield

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

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for December 30, 2020
Approved 4- 0 - 1, Selectman Pulsoni abstained*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:00PM members of the Police Department regarding the police vehicle fleet and then the Board went into executive session with Officers Daryen Granata, Tammy Jo Girard and Frank Costa on a personnel issue at 4:47PM per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

At 5:30PM Treasurer Kim Beam was if regarding the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and how to handle paying employees out with COVID-19 related issues.

At 6:00PM the Board interviewed residents regarding the Budget Committee vacancy

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Chief Schools BFR Monday message*

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- *Email from resident regarding signs on telephone poles*
- *Email from Tina Plummer of MSAD#6, Re: Budget Advisory Committee meeting*
- *Email from Charter Communications, Re: upcoming Changes*
- *Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition, Re: December 2020 Monthly Newsletter*
- *Letter from resident, Re: the food pantry*
- *Email from Patrick Bonsant and David Blais of Saco River Community Television, Re: January Newsletter*
- *Letter from CivicCMS and Acquia (website company) Re: Annual Review & Update on 2021*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Peters did not have anything to report this week.

Selectman Field was in the office for a bit yesterday, but that was it.

Selectman Poitras working with a department head on a personnel issue and a few folks with COVID-19 related concerns. He did speak with a resident regarding the national events happening in Washington D.C. He was concerned that the Board should close town hall.

Selectman Blier the budgets are starting to come out and he checked in with Amanda Schmechel, our new Accounts Payable person.

Selectman Pulsoni fielded a few phone calls, but other than that its been a quiet week.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

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Executive Orders

E.O. 202101003 – An order to appoint Nathan R. Schools to the position of Emergency Management Agency Director, to be effective until December 31, 2023.

Approved 5– 0

E.O. 202101004 – An order to appoint Chad E. Poitras to the position of Health Officer, effective until December 31, 2023.

Approved 4–0–1, (Selectman Poitras abstained)

E.O. 202101005 – An order to appoint Tashia L. Pinkham to the position of Town Farm Park Trustee to be effective until December 31, 2022.

Approved 5– 0

Executive Orders by Initiative

E.O.202101006 – An order to extend the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) from January 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2021, amending the Administrative Leave and Sick Leave policy pay plan during the COVID-19 emergency.

Approved 5– 0

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 202101001– An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrants #56

Approved 5– 0

In the amount of \$61,338.07

E.O. 202101002 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrants #55

Approved 5– 0

In the amount of \$75,566.18

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Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, at 7:00PM

Dept. Head Meeting on Thursday, January 7 at 10:00AM

MSAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, January 7, at 6:00PM (by zoom only)

Planning Board Meeting on Monday January 11, at 7:00PM

Other Business

Blood Drive Tuesday, January 12, from 1:00PM to 6:00PM

Public Comments and Questions

Scott Warchol, Budget Committee member asked questions regarding special town meeting held last Wednesday. He asked what are the capital items the Board wants to pay cash for this year. Selectman Blier explained that the Boards plan is to pay cash for our capital items rather than financing multiple payments over a number of years. The goal is not to make the taxes go up and down. There is money in designated funds to keep the mill rate flat and for the next several years, we can remain flat.

Going forward are you planning to take the money out of undesignated funds? This will be a further discussion for the Board and Budget Committee. Mr. Warchol would like to see a plan. It would be helpful for the residents and the Budget Committee members. The Board will be setting a special town meeting and they would like the assessor here to answer questions. Mr. Warchol feels this is not an emergency and thinks the Board should wait to have this at the June town meeting. Selectman Blier explains the urgency was due to the time frame of having to complete the revaluation by April 1st 2022.

New resident Jim Maxfield introduces himself and would like to be involved in the town's future.

Richard Fitzgerald informed the Board about what was happening at the capital in Washington D C. This is a National Disgrace.

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Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:40PM

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