

**Town of Buxton**  
**Minutes for May 24, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting**

*Prepared by: Beverly Gammon*

*Members Present: Jean C. Harmon, Dennis P. Santolucito, Chad E. Poitras, Mark P. Blier  
Clifford L. Emery was absent*

*Others Present: David Harmon, Ellen DeCotiis, Julie Gamelson*

**Public Hearing – 7:00 PM**

*180-day Extension of the Town's Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Retail Business Establishments in the Village (V) District adopted December 14, 2016*

*Selectman Harmon apologized for the meeting starting late and read the hearing notice.*

*The Public Hearing was opened at 7:19 PM.*

*Selectman Harmon explained the moratorium and why the 180-day extension is necessary.*

*Selectman Harmon asked for comments from the Board and the public. There were no questions or comments.*

*The hearing was closed at 7:21 PM.*

**Meeting Agenda**

**1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:22 PM.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*The Board recited the Pledge.*

**3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2017*

Approved 4-0-1

4. **Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

*The Selectmen had no one scheduled to meet with them tonight. They spent time discussing various things including their selection for the Samuel D. Hanson Scholarship, the marijuana ordinance, Toby Reynolds who has been recommended for the position of trustee for Carroll Park, and several fires recently in Buxton involving people's homes.*

5. **Review of Correspondence**

- *Weekly Legislative Bulletin from Maine Municipal Association*

*Selectman Harmon talked about some of the articles in the bulletin and read a list of recommendations that Municipal Association made to the Legislative Committee regarding marijuana regulations.*

- *Email from Representative Don Marean – Re: State House News Update*
- *Email from Marian Alexandre – Re: FEMA Updated Coastal Engineering*
- *Email from Senator Justin Chenette – Re: Travel Crisis Averted (about your Driver's License)*
- *Email from Marian Alexandre – Re: York County Advocacy Legislative Update*

6. **Review of Projects and Issues**

*Selectman Santolucito reported that he received a letter today from the administrators of the school district regarding the issue with re-apportionment on the school board. The proposal the committee sent to the state has been rejected. The attorney for SAD 6 has sent the legal opinion up to the commissioner defending the case. The committee now has to wait and see what the Education Commissioner has to say.*

*Selectman Santolucito was here for the Public Hearing with the Planning Board Monday night.*

*Selectman Blier reported that he was also here for the Planning Board's Public Hearing and he is in favor of all of the zoning changes. Selectman Blier recognized our business development group, Steve Heroux, Laurie Warchol, Mark Libby and Tom Saxby. He thanked them for the design work they have done and the time they have spent on this project, especially Steve Heroux and Laurie Warchol who have done a lot of work with the zoning changes.*

*Selectman Poitras gave a brief update on the 1915 Model T Fire Truck preservation project saying that the wheels are off, the motor is being worked on, and Mr. Baresel is moving right*

*along on it. The Board does not have a date on when the work will be completed but he said at the rate it is moving, it could be anytime.*

*Selectman Poitras mentioned listening to the scanner the other night and said he was impressed with how well the Fire Department did with communication. He thought they were calm and collected and very professional in spite of all the things that were going on at the same time, and said they saved the house with minimal damage overall. Selectman Poitras also mentioned that he is having the WWII monument that is located in front of the Buxton Center Baptist Church cleaned.*

*Selectman Harmon received a call from a resident who said she watched the Public Hearing last week on the secret ballot question about the town enacting an ordinance to prohibit growing, cultivating, selling and retail marijuana social clubs. The resident said she appreciated hearing the different views but she is not in favor of it and was going to vote “no”. Selectman Harmon read the question to her and explained that a “yes” vote means you agree with the ordinance and do not want these things to come to Buxton. A “no” vote means you do not want to adopt the ordinance and do want these things to come to Buxton. The resident said she was glad she called and Selectman Harmon said she was too so they can make sure that people are informed that a “yes” vote means that you want to adopt the ordinance and do not want any of these activities to come here and a “no” vote means you do not want to adopt the ordinance and do want these things come to Buxton. The wording of questions on the ballot can be confusing and Selectman Harmon said she was glad that she could explain what the votes mean.*

*Selectman Harmon talked about a meeting she had today with our Tax Collector and Treasurer who attended a seminar last week and had questions about a couple of things they learned. One of the questions had to do with them learning that the school is getting more money from the state than they were originally told and they wanted to know if the school budget can be amended so the towns get some of that money back. Selectman Harmon explained that has happened before. The school will get the money after the budget has been voted on but they cannot use that money until the next fiscal year.*

## **7. Old Business**

*Charter Review Committee*

*John Myers is at a conference this week but when he comes back the Board needs to discuss with him whether those positions are appointed or elected.*

## **8. New Business**

*None*

**9. Executive Orders**

*E.O. 161705016 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 4, Lot 44-19]*

*Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 161705017 – An order to approve 16 hours of vacation time for Beverly Gammon*

*Approved 4-0-1*

**10. Executive Orders by Initiative**

*E.O. 161705018 – An order to approve a 180-day extension of the Moratorium Ordinance*

*Regarding Retail Business Establishments in the Village (V) District adopted December 14, 2016*

*Approved 4-0-1*

**11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**

*E.O. 161705014 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #97*

*Approved 4-0-1*

*The amount was \$31,032.35*

*E.O. 161705015 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #96*

*Approved 4-0-1*

*The amount was \$46,430.11*

**12. Next Meeting of the Board**

*The Buxton Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on two applicants at the Buxton Municipal Building Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00 PM*

*The Board will do the Dedication of our Town Report Wednesday, May 31 at 6:00 PM*

*Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00 PM*

**13. Other Business**

*The Buxton Recreation Department has collaborated with “All About Hounds” to offer a 6-week Dog Obedience Course that will be held on Saturday afternoons, starting June 10 from Noon to 1:00 PM, at Town Farm Park. Pre-registration is required. For more information, or to register, go to [www.buxtonrec.com](http://www.buxtonrec.com), or call Buxton Recreation at 929-8381.*

*Buxton Town Office will be closed Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day and the Transfer Station will be closed Tuesday, May 30.*

*There will be no change in the curbside trash pick-up schedule.*

**14. Public Comments and Questions**

*Selectman Harmon announced that the Board got a poster in regards to the Candidates' Night which will be here on June 8 at 7:00 PM.*

*There were no other comments or questions.*

**15. Executive Session**

*None*

**16. Adjournment**

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM*

*Approved 4-0-1*