

*Town of Buxton
Minutes March 24, 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, Dave Harmon, Richard Fitzgerald, and James Maxfield

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

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Selectman Poitras apologized for the recent audio issues with the meetings and assured the public it will be resolved soon.

Quarterly report with John Myers and Ruth Scheibenpflug

Ruth Scheibenpflug voter registration updated the Board with statistics of the following categories:

39 Registered voters have passed away between September 9th and today.

303 new voters

371 moved out of Buxton.

240 changes which would consist of address or name change.

Our current total voter count is 6,813.

Currently she is working on 177 petitions for the CMP Corridor and certifications of the petitions.

The School District Budget vote is May 27th at 6 pm

Town Clerk John Myers informed the Board of what's new and happening out front in the town hall. Nomination papers available for the June 8th town meeting. One seats for the Board of Selectman, Two positions open for the Planning Board and two seats for the Budget committee. Nominations papers are due back in the Clerks office by 4:30pm on Friday, April 9th

The June 8th absentee ballots are available on May 10th along with the MSAD#6 District Budget Validation Referendum Absentee Ballot school budget.

The Board of Selectmen, himself and Angel Michie interviewed 6 candidates for the Deputy Town Clerk position. We hope to have the position filled by mid April.

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John announced the new Motor Vehicle Agent is Angela Michie, she is doing an excellent job. He added that 2,234 vehicles have not yet been registered since the beginning of the pandemic (March 2020). He asks that residence please check their registration, it may be time to reregister your vehicle.

A message from the Tax collector, taxes are due April 10th, and April 1st is the deadline for filing homestead, veterans exemptions, Tree growth, etc. Governor Mills has extended the dog license registration to June 2nd.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2021
Approved 5 - 0

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:00pm Roland Turgeon was in regarding an engine to reduce the fleet. Donate to an organization, who will eventually raffle it off vs. the putting it out to bid. The board will discuss this further.

At 4:30PM Krystal Dyer, John Myers and the Board went into executive session on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A).

At 5:00PM Interview for the Deputy town clerk position in the front office.

At 5:30PM Chief Schools update the Board on the vaccine clinic. Selectman Poitras elaborated on what a great job Chief Schools is doing running the vaccine clinic program. At 5:45PM the Board went into executive session on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Maine Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin, Re: March 19, 2021*
- *Email from Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House, Weekly Legislative Report March 22, 2021*
- *Email from Tony Vigue of CTAM, Re: Civic activism for community access television*
- *Email from New England ADA Center, Re: March Newsletter*
- *Email from DrummondWoodsum, Re: FFCRA Tax Credit Extension – American Rescue Plan Tax Credit*
- *Email from Bernstein Shur, Re: American Rescue Plan*

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- *Letter from Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Re: NOTICE: that the Town of Gorham is amending their 2016 municipal comprehensive plan.*
- *Email from Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission, Re: Regional Sustainability Assessment*
- *Email from Melinda Kinney, Re: fiscal impact of LD920 for all Maine municipalities*
- *Maine Town & City magazine, March issue*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Peters was in touch with Kevin Kimball regarding a new plow truck to be purchased under capital items in this years budget. He was also involved with the interviews for the front office position last night. We had many good, qualified candidates.

Selectman Peters commend Chief Schools and everyone involved on the vaccine clinic. He has heard nothing but good comments from several people. It's a great thing they're doing.

Selectman Field was in for the interviews and talking to Kevin Kimball regarding the quotes for the new plow truck. At Pleasant Point Park a tree fell on an abutter of the park. The Public Works crew came out and cleaned it up. The abutters were very pleased that it was taken care of so quickly.

Selectman Field mentioned that so many people have responded to how professionally run the vaccine clinic was and they really appreciated the town holding it.

Selectman Poitras in touch with Chief Schools regarding a couple of issues and he also had a conversation with Recreation Director Nicole Welch.

Selectman Blier spoke with Kandice Talbot regarding building permit fees, he wants to make sure Buxton is in line with other surrounding towns. He also asked Accounts Payable, Amanda Schmechel to check on the frequency of fuel deliveries and increase of usages since the heat pumps were installed. She is also comparing fuel prices from other fuel companies. The Towns current fuel contract has lapsed and he is comparing prices with surrounding companies.

He also spoke with our Treasurer, Kim Beam regarding undesignated surplus. money for the budgeted line-item police cruiser. He has asked Chief Cline to price out the difference between a Chevy Tahoe and a Ford Explorer.

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Selectman Blier was here for the Interviews and in coordination a meeting between the MSAD#6 community (Standish, Limington, Hollis, and Buxton), he is trying to collaborate a meeting with Paul Penna and other towns to regionalize our services. To pool our resources together to reduce tax dollars.

Selectman Pulsoni in the office to speak with Chief Cline regarding a personnel issue. He met the new Police Sergeant Kevin Collins, who worked in Buxton many years ago. Welcome back.

Selectman Pulsoni spoke with Chief Schools regarding a personnel issue and he was part of the front office interview processes. Adding, we had quit a few great candidates.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 202103019 – An order to approve an application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 2 Lot 10-16]

Approved 4-0-1, Selectman Blier abstained.

E.O. 202103020 – An order to approve 8 hours of Vacation Leave for Kevin Kimball

Approved 5-0

E.O. 202103021 – An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2020/21 in the amount of \$2,605.45 for [Map 7, Lot 49-4]

Approved 4-0-1, Selectman Blier abstained.

E.O. 202103022 – The Board of Selectmen are accepting a monetary gift donation on behalf of the Town in the amount of \$7,770.00 from a resident.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 202103023 – an order to approve a pole permit for State and Central Maine Power to move one pole at 137 Rankin Road. Move pole #42 twenty-five (25) feet northerly on Rankin Road, in accordance with Central Maine Power Co.

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Approved 5-0

E.O. 202103024 – An order to approve 24 hours of Vacation Leave for Peter Gordon

Approved 5-0

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 202103017 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #78

Approved 5-0

In the amount of \$59,274.50

E.O. 202103018 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #79

Approved 5-0

In the amount of \$69,184.92

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, March 31, at 7:00PM

Budget Committee workshop Thursday, March 25, at 6:00PM

Other Business

None

Public Comments and Questions

Richard Fitzgerald gave a Covid -19 update for the Town of Buxton. There are currently 319 confirmed cases in the town of Buxton.

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Selectman Blier thanked Chief Nathan Schools for all the time and commitment he has put into organizing the vaccine clinics at the Fire Station.

There are no dates set yet, once set , the web site will have the link to sign up for the next session.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:32PM

Approved 5 - 0

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Thomas J. Peters, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Francis E. Pulsoni, Selectman

David A. Field, Selectman

Date Signed: _____

Video Taped by Harrison Beam