

*Town of Buxton  
Minutes May 19, 2021*

*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*

*Members not in Attendance: Mark J. Blier*

*Others in attendance: Dave Harmon, Jon Bartlett, Transfer Station Manager Greg Heffernan, Patrick Hanna, and James Maxwell*

*The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM*

*The Selectmen recited the Pledge.*

*Quarterly Report  
by Greg Heffernan, Transfer Station Manager*

*Greg Heffernan presented the proposed revisions to the Buxton Solid Waste Ordinance that will be on the June 8<sup>th</sup> ballot. (see below)*

**Proposed revisions to the Buxton Solid Waste Ordinance:**

Words that are ~~stricken through~~ have been eliminated

Words that are **bold and underlined** have been added or changed

**Section 1.3. Definitions**

1.3.c. Commercial Waste: Shall mean any waste from residential dwellings or trailer parks with more than ~~three~~ **two (2)** units, and any waste from a business or institution that is not considered a home based business or occupation. All such commercial properties ~~shall be responsible for providing their own waste removal services~~ **must have a dumpster on site for trash disposal purposes, or have another arrangement for trash disposal that has been preapproved by the Town.** A home based business or occupation is defined in the Buxton planning ordinance. For the purposes of curbside waste removal services, home based businesses or occupations shall not be considered commercial, **but must abide by the same curbside pickup rules and limitations as other residential properties.** **Any residential dwelling with three units will not be considered commercial for the purposes of curbside waste removal services if the owner of the**

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**property resides in one of the units.** Any building(s) under construction or demolition, whether commercial, institutional, or residential, are considered commercial for the purposes of curbside waste removal services.

1.3.j. Unacceptable curbside waste

1.3.j.10. Leaves, brush, grass, **hay, animal bedding or manures, wood chips, or garden clippings, or other organic material that can be composted.**

Section 5.4, Municipal Collection and Delivery

5.4.2 Acceptable Curbside Waste will only be collected from public roads within the Municipality ~~unless otherwise designated by the Municipality~~ **from lots with an occupied residence and an occupancy permit. Residents on public roads will receive curbside pickup. Residents on private roads can receive trash pickup by bringing their trash to the junction of the nearest public road, or as directed by the Town. Lots without a legally occupied residence in Buxton are not eligible for curbside pickup, but may use the Transfer Station if part or all of the lot is in Buxton.**

New subsection:

**5.4.6 Empty trash cans, unacceptable curbside waste, or any other items not approved by the Town, may not be stored by the side of the road within the Town's right of way. Trash cans or other portable rubbish receptacles must not be placed curbside before 6 pm the night before the scheduled pick-up day, and must be removed by 11pm the day of scheduled pick-up. Permanent curbside trash storage bins approved by the Town are exempt from this rule.**

**5.4.7 Acceptable Curbside Waste must be in a sealed trash bag in order to be picked up, this includes waste in a garbage can. Loose waste in a garbage can is not considered Acceptable Waste, and will not be picked up. Non-traditional garbage bags such as grain feed bags may be used if sealed in a manner that prevents trash from escaping. Non-traditional garbage bags smaller than a bulk grain feed bag are not acceptable.**

*Selectman Pulsoni had a question regarding 5.4.6. Trash was not picked up until 4pm at his house. Greg explained he does not need to bring his can in until 11pm that night.*

*The Board thanked Greg for his explanation of the ordinance changes*

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*Approval of Prior Meeting Minute*

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2021*  
*Approved 4 – 0, Selectman Blier is absent*

*Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM*

*At 5:00PM a Resident who had questions on property taxes on a foreclosed piece of property and on how to remove squatters from her property.*

*At 6:00PM Roy Boothby of H. A. Mapes, is taking a new Victualer license for Harry's, which was previously Timberline County Store.*

*At 6:30PM The board went into executive session with Attorney regarding a tax abatement issue.*

*Review of Correspondence*

- *Email from Lisa Raffin or Glenvale Solar Re: TIF for solar farm.*
- *Email from Governor Mill, Re: plan to move Maine Forward-lifting restrictions*
- *Email from Shelley Winchenbach of Charter Communications, Re: upcoming changes*
- *Email from MMA, Re: Legislative Bulletin May 14, issue*
- *Email from NEW England ADA, Re: May Newsletter*

*Projects and Issues*

*Selectman Peters said it has been very quiet and has nothing to report.*

*Selectman Field on Saturday he and Selectman Blier met with selectmen and school Board members of the MSAD#6 School District and School Board members to discuss changes that may be coming to new building etc. to cut costs and saving money.*

*And then spoke about sharing town services with other towns. They plan to meet again in the fall.*

*Selectman Poitras spoke with Chief Cline and Chief Schools regarding a standoff on Dunnell Road. It was an impressive sight, seeing all the departments and town's working together. The person is still at large.*

*Selectman Pulsoni in and out of the office dealing with personnel issues.*

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*Old Business*

*None*

*New Business*

*None*

*Executive Orders*

*E.O. 202105014 – An order to approve a Victualer License for, Ray Boothby d/b/a Harry's.*

*Approved 4 – 0*

*E.O. 202105018 - An order to approve the road name "Tickle Way" located at Map 10, Lot 35-4, off Bradbury Lane.*

*Approved 4 – 0*

*Executive Orders by Initiative*

*None*

*Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants*

*E.O. 202105016 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #95*

*Approved 4 – 0*

*In the amount of \$120,803.69*

*E.O. 202105017– An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #94*

*Approved 4 – 0*

*In the amount of \$69,275.31*

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*Next Meeting of the Board*

*The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, May 26, at 7:00PM*

*Planning Board meeting will be Monday, May 24 at 7:00PM*

*Other Business*

*Absentee Ballots are available for the June 8, 2021 Town and School elections.*

*This year's Community Parade will be on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11:00AM. The theme is "EVERYTHING MAINE." Pick up a registration form at the town hall or contact John Myers with any questions at 929-6171 or [jmyers@buxton.me.us](mailto:jmyers@buxton.me.us)*

*Public Comments and Questions*

*Patrick Hanna stated he fully agrees with the proposed amendments, because he has constant battle with his neighbors trash on his road every week.*

*The Town swears in all the police officers as constables, is this to allow them to enforce civil law? Selectman Pulsoni said the reason they are sworn in as constable is so they can postings.*

*He also asked who is going to enforce the trash cans being picked up? Most ordinances are enforced by the Code Officer, Peter Gordon.*

*There was further discussion regarding barking dogs, the noise ordinance, and unregistered vehicles. We have residents trying to do the right thing, trying to improve their property. They go to the Board of appeal and are denied. How do we change the ordinance on setbacks? The Select board gave his guidance on the Town Zoning Ordinance.*

*Executive Session*

*The Board will be going into executive session on a personnel issue directly after the meeting tonight per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)*

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*Adjournment*

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:33PM*

*Approved 4 - 0*

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*Chad E. Poitras, Selectman*

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*Thomas J. Peters, Selectman*

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*Mark J. Blier, Selectman*

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*Francis E. Pulsoni, Selectman*

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*David A. Field, Selectman*

*Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Video Taped by Harrison Beam*