

*Town of Buxton
Minutes June 23, 2021
Selectmen's Meeting*

This meeting is 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, James Maxfield, and Patrick Hanna

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Open Fire Truck Bids

<i>Town of Limington</i>	<i>\$4,999.00</i>
<i>Andrew Libby</i>	<i>\$4,001.00</i>

The Board will review the bids with the Fire Chief

Quarterly Report from Code Enforcement Officer Peter Gordon

It's been a pretty busy Spring. so far this quarter the Code Office has issued 12 new house permits, 7 garages, 9 additions, 1 Demo and 29 miscellaneous permits.

Currently there is a solar farm proposal on the Planning Boards table. This permit alone could cover the department costs for the year. If the law from the legislature is passed, enforcing each town to allow unattached accessory dwelling units with reduced setbacks, could open up a lot of issues for many towns. He adds that the office has been very busy.

Peter informs the public that his hours will be changing as of July 1st. He will be working four ten-hour days, Monday thru Thursday. He may be available on Friday mornings if needed.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2021
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Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:30PM – Grace Bibber to discuss the summer rec program and the hiring for the Recreation Programmer Position.

At 4:45 the Board went into executive session to discuss union negotiations per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) and back out at 4:47PM

The 5pm did not show.

At 5:30PM Kandice Talbot was in to discuss a special town meeting regarding zoning amendments. We are currently waiting for legal counsel.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Neal Goldberg Maine Municipal Association, Re: FY2020 Fiscal Survey*
- *Email from Jennifer Brickett, Re: Transportation Funding*
- *Email from Kate Dufor Maine Municipal Association Re: State and Federal Relations*
- *Email from Alicia Gaudet, Maine Municipal Association Re: 85th Annual Convention*
- *Email from Del White, SVP-Americas Re: Economic Development for Buxton*
- *Email from New York RCC Partnership Re: US Census Bureau Wednesday Spotlight*
- *Email from Miranda Kessel, Brookfield Renewable Re: Undesirable activities at Parks along the Saco River*
- *Email from Terri Wright, CTAM Re: LD920 Approved by Legislature,*
- *Mail from Enbridge, Re: Pipeline Safety and Emergency Information*
- *Thank you card from Joanne Groader, Re: Buxton Community Services Food Co-op*
- *Email from Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House, Re: Weekly Legislative Report.*
- *Email from Norma Gilman, MaineDOT Utility Coordinator, Re: Highway Cyclical Pavement Resurfacing (CPR) between the Gorham line and route 202*

Projects and Issues

Selectman Poitras received a call from the food co-op regarding water pressure at the pantry. He met with Facilities Manager Kert Jackson at the pantry and they have resolved the issue. He also spoke with the representative for the Solar Farm project off Haines Meadow Road. They were looking for information regarding testing records, he referred them to the Code Office.

Selectman Field spoke with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball last week regarding the paving bids and with Transfer Station Manager Greg Heffernan about issues at the Transfer Station. Adding, it's been a pretty quiet week.

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Selectman Blier informed the residents that at the town meeting they voted to approve to have the town reassessed this year. In about a month the assessors will be coming around to each home. This will include them getting out of their vehicles, knocking on doors and walking around your property to assess all buildings. The town will also be changing over to the Trio assessing program as well.

Selectman Pulsoni has had a pretty busy week talking with Chief Cline and Chief Schools regarding personnel issues. He also spoke with the front office staff regarding letters for two employees whose hours are changing effective July first.

Selectman Peters came in Friday morning for start of the Police Union Negotiations. We are starting this process early and will be meeting every couple of months.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 202106025 – An order to approve a Poverty Abatement for Case #PA 21-003
Approved 4- 0-1

E.O. 202106026 – An order to approve the Code Enforcement Officer Peter Gordon to work a four (4) day work week, consisting of four (4) ten (10) hour days, with the exception of the weeks that include a holiday. Then he will work four (4) eight (8) hour days. This will be effective starting July 1, 2021.
Approved 5- 0

E.O. 202106027 – An order to approve the Selectmen's Assistant Krystal Dyer to work a four (4) day work week, consisting of four (4) eight (8) hour days for a total of 32 hours a week. This will be effective starting July 1, 2021.
Approved 5- 0

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Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 202106023 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #105

Approved 5- 0

In the Amount of \$36,412.78

E.O. 202106024– An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #104

Approved 5- 0

In the Amount of \$36,413.78

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, June 30, at 7:00PM

The next Planning Board meeting will be Monday, June 28 at 7:00PM

Other Business

The Community Parade will be on Saturday, August 7th, 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

Buxton/Hollis Meals To Go – Drive-Thru July 12 from 11:00AM to 12:00PM at the Hollis Sports Complex, 405 Plains Road. FMI and to RSVP call Cara at 207-604-1323.

Public Comments and Questions

Patrick Hanna asked how do we know what area of town the Assessor will be doing the revaluation in, is there a map or a schedule? Are we penalized for not letting them in to our homes? I do not want to be penalized because I'm at work. The Board will look in to this further and report back.

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Executive Session

None

Adjournment

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:25PM
Approved 5 - 0*

Thomas J. Peters, Selectman

Francis E. Pulsoni, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

David A. Field, Selectman

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Date Signed: _____

Video Taped by Harrison Beam