

*Town of Buxton
Minutes August 11, 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: Thomas J. Peters, Francis E. Pulsoni, Chad E. Poitras, Mark J. Blier and David A. Field

Others in attendance: Dave Harmon, John Bartlett, Richard Fitzgerald, and Patrick Hanna

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

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Quarterly Report by Public Works Director Kevin Kimball

This summer we are digging, ditching, mowing, and working in the parks. Currently he is working with Assistant Chief Jeremy Redlon of the Fire Department with signage for the fire hydrants. He also gave him a list of maintenance items for the hydrants, looking into doing repairs in house or if it will have to be outsourced.

The Crew will be at the Transfer station tomorrow cleaning up the wood that was not able to be chipped. The paving program was awarded to Dayton Sand & Gravel and they should be starting next week.

They addressed a few water programs while ditching around town this summer. Most were proactive to go along with the paving and stay ahead of it.

He plans to go to Portland North regarding the new plow truck and will be working Treasurer Kim Beam on the financial end.

Selectman Blier asked which roads will be paved. This year he concentrated on cut through roads, which include Skip Road, Old Standish Road, Boynton Road, Old Limington Road, River Road from Rt 4A to Route 202 and a topcoat overlay on a portion of Old Orchard Road. The drainage is the most important part of road upkeep. There was more discussion on River Road repair and Line Road.

Kevin spoke with Greg Heffernan at the Transfer Station regarding prices for fencing. They determined it would be either a outside contract service or metal fabrication company.

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Open Bids for Two Town Vehicles

2008 Chevy Trail Blazer \$151.00 from Kevin Kimball

2008 Chevy Impala \$201.00 from Kevin Kimball

The Board will review and make a decision

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for August 4, 2021
Approved 5 - 0

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:30PM a Resident was in regarding issues around her property. Selectman Pulsoni will contact Chief Cline and help her with the issue.

Selectman Blier spoke with Breanna Pierce of Central Maine Power regarding a LED lighting program that has the potential to save the town \$5,400 a year. She will get back to the Board with more information before moving forward.

At 5:00PM Chief Cline and Kim Beam came in with information regarding an upgrade to the town phone system.

At 5:43PM Board went into executive session for personnel issues per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A). They came out at 6:04 PM

When they came out, they discussed day time off, town policies, update on the ambulance and update on a grant for the forestry truck with Chief Schools.

Review of Correspondence

- Email from Chief Schools, Re: Monday Message*
- Email from Jennifer Langland for MDOT Bureau of Planning, Re: Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill -*
- Email from Maine Rural Water Association, Re: Upcoming classes*
- Email from Kate Dufour of MMA, Re: Study Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities*

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- *Email from Maine Rural Water Association Re: August Newsletter*
- *Email from National Weather Service, Re: Prolonged Heat expected this week.*
- *Email from Underwater Solutions, Inc. Re: Water Infrastructure Specialists*
- *Email from Maine Department of Labor, Re: Deadline for "Back to Work" Grant Program Extended.*

Projects and Issues

Selectman Poitras thanked John Myers and Angela Michie for all the work they did planning the parade. All the Board members were in the parade. Its great having the community events back.

Selectman Field received many comments from residents after the parade about how well organized the parade was and how great all the towns' vehicles looked. What a great job.

Selectman Blier thanked John Myers and Angela Michie for all the work that went into planning and organizing the parade and the Department Heads for shining all the vehicles up and making the town look great.

This past week he worked with Facilities Manager Kert Jackson to transfer the propane tanks from Pit Stop to Fielding Oil next week.

Selectman Blier had a conversation with Transfer Station Manager Greg Heffernan regarding the spiked the increase in curbside pick-up during COVID. It increased his budget significantly with everyone staying home. We will be having a Special Town Meeting in order to reconcile that account.

Selectman Blier also spoke with Assessor Bob Gingras as well as Hollis Selectman Dave McCubrey, regarding a TIF (tax increment finance). Just getting information on how they work and what they do for a Municipality.

Selectman Pulsoni attended the Department Head meeting last Thursday where we discussed the fencing at the Transfer Station. We all came to the same conclusion, which was to us an outside company to install the fence. This would make the company liable if the fence failed. and was in the parade. It was a great day. He also spoke with Attorney Dan Rose and Chief Schools regarding a personnel issue.

He thanked everyone involved in organizing and executing the parade. This was the largest parade in 41 years, he thanked everyone involved.

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Selectman Peters thanked everyone involved with the parade, The Dorcus Society, and The Narragansett Number One Foundation for the fireworks. It was a great day overall.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 212208010 – An order to approve John Myers to attend Clerk's Networking Day Annual Meeting
Approved 5 - 0

E.O. 212208011 – An order to approve 16 hours of Vacation Leave for Kimberly Beam
Approved 5 - 0

E.O. 212208012 - An order to approve 20 hours of Vacation Leave for Krystal Dyer
Approved 5 - 0

E.O. 212208013 - An order to approve Ruth Scheibenpflug to attend Voter Registration
Approved 5 - 0

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

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Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 212208008 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #13

Approved 5 - 0

In the amount of \$721,842.65

E.O. 212208009– An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #12

Approved 5 - 0

In the amount of \$81,020.08

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, August 18, at 7:00PM

The next Planning Board Meeting will be Monday, August 23, at 7:00PM will hold public hearings. Selectman Peters read description of the following:

- 1. to review a proposed zoning amendment*
- 2. proposed change to the Land Use Table allowing solar projects.*
- 3. to review a proposed Zone Change from Rural to Business Commercial.*

Other Business

None

Public Comments and Questions

Richard Fitzgerald gave an updated Covid-19 report. Currently there are 460 cases in Buxton.

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:34PM

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