

*Town of Buxton
Minutes August 18, 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, James Maxfield, Richard Fitzgerald, Peter Pinkham, and Patrick Hanna.

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:14M

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Quarterly Report presentations by Town Clerk John Myers & Ruth Scheibenpflug

Town Clerk John Myers announced the real estate property tax bills have been sent out. The rescue subscription applications were sent out with the tax bill. The revaluation is under way, the assessors are in town. Absentee ballot applications are available. You have to fill out this application if you want to receive an absentee ballot. The ballots will be available on October 2nd. The ballot has three questions: a citizen's initiative, a bond issue and constitutional amendment. The Town plans to have one as well.

John gave a huge thank you to everyone who participated and came out to watch the parade. He thanked the Selectmen for participating and allowing the parade to take place. He thanked Chief Schools for being our Grand Marshall, We had over 60 entries. Thanked Paul Barecel, who went above and beyond the call of duty and many others.

We now can start planning Buxton's 250 celebration for next years parade.

Selectman Poitras added that before covid hit and shut everything down, we had residents interested in being on Buxton 250 committee. We will have more opportunities for people to be involved. We are looking people with ideas and who will also be willing to put the ideas into action.

Voter Registration Ruth Scheibenpflug updated the statistics for voters. She explained the voting regulations for 17-year-olds. There are 13 new registration, 101 were canceled registration, which include five that moved out of state, sixteen have died, and eighty-

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nine have moved out of state. There were twenty-six changes include party or address etc. October will be very busy!

Open Crack Sealing Bids

<i>Proseal, LLC</i>	<i>\$37.00 per gallon</i>
<i>Coastal Road Repair, LLC</i>	<i>\$15.77 per gallon with a min of 315 gallons per shift</i>
<i>Sealcoating, Inc d/b/a Indus</i>	<i>\$21.30 per gallon</i>
<i>The Board will discuss with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball</i>	

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2021
Approved 5 - 0

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:00PM Peter Gordon was in regarding a failed septic system on 101 Callahan Road

Rec Director Grace Bibber at 4:30PM discussing ideas for employment shortages. She is down 6 employees going into the fall/school season.

At 5:00PM residents came in regarding an ongoing ordinance discussion

At 5:30PM The Board along with Attorney Connor Schratz and Chief Schools went into executive session on a personnel issue at 5:37p.m. per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A). Out at 6:36p.m.

At 6:38PM Chief Cline was in regarding a grant for a k9 unit

Another concerned resident was in due to the mandatory vaccine for health care workers.

Review of Correspondence

- Email from Maine Rural Water Association, Re: Management Update*

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- *Email from Chief Schools, Re: COVID-19 Vaccination Status*
- *Email from John Myers, Re: Immunization Requirements for Healthcare Workers*
- *Email from New York RCC Partnership (Census), Re: 2020 Census Redistricting Data*
- *Email from Susanne Meidel of Maine DEP, Re: seeks public comment regarding proposals for changes to water quality standards*

Projects and Issues

Selectman Poitras spoke to resident Joanne Grader who runs the food coop who says there is plenty of food. Anyone can feel free to come in. We also spoke to Chief Schools regarding a personnel issue and Chief Cline regarding the k9 issue.

In regards to the Vaccines in the town of Buxton. He made three calls to the CDC and has not yet had any communication back.

Selectman Field spend some time at the Transfer Station and Public Works regarding projects around town.

Selectman Pulsoni met with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball regarding personnel issues and they should be taking delivery of the new plow truck soon. He also had a telephone conversation with Chief Schools on a personnel issue.

Selectman Pulsoni has been working closely with Krystal Dyer and Kim Beam on the FMLA program and setting up a mandatory FMLA workshop for Department Heads in September.

Selectman Blier worked several hours on a potential zoning ordinance violation. It is resolve. All the propane tanks have been changed over to Fielding's Oil, he will contact PitStop to pick up the old tanks.

In the legislature he has been working on LD1510, allowing tiny homes as accessory dwellings. Tiny homes are a maximum of 480 sq. ft. At this time our ordinance does not allow less than 500 sq. ft. the zoning ordinance will need to be amended to allow them.

He also spoke with Selectman Peters about Emery o ranch, they are moving forward with this plan.

Selectman Peters spoke with Chief Schools regarding the vaccines for health care and he spoke with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball about Dayton Sand and Gravel has started the paving and the Crew is staying ahead of them by doing the ditching.

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Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 212208016 – An order to approve the hire of Zachary Boyd as a full time Recreation Programmer with the Recreation Department effective August 16, 2021 at a rate of \$17.25/hour.

Approved 5 – 0

E.O. 212208017 – An order to award the bid for the 2008 Chevy Trail Blazer to Kevin Kimball in the amount of \$151.00

Approved 5 – 0

E.O. 212208018 - An order to award the bid for the 2008 Chevy Impala to Kevin Kimball in the amount of \$201.00

Approved 5 – 0

E.O. 212208019 - An order to approve Peter Gordon to attend MBOI Annual Meeting

Approved 5 - 0

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

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E.O. 212208014 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #15

Approved 5 – 0

In the amount of \$109,979.44

E.O. 212208015– An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #14

Approved 5 – 0

In the amount of \$70,581.87

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, August 25, at 7:00PM

The next Planning Board Meeting will be Monday, August 23, at 7:00PM there are three public hearings, one for proposed zone changes, the solar farm on Mark P. Emery and conditional use permit for digital signage.

Other Business

None

Public Comments and Questions

Patrick Hanna asked why the agenda isn't posted in a timely manner.

Richard Fitzgerald thanked the Board for keeping the taxes inline and asked for one more year.

Resident Peter Pinkham said that he thinks the Board has done a heck of a job during the Corona Virus. All the adjustment made to the town hall to keep the residents and employees safe. You did an excellent job. The vaccine clinic was Awesome! The \$800,000 coming in, he agrees with the Board to ask the Department Heads. He disagrees with forming a committee to find out who in town is vaccinated. He was also bothered by the statement made at last weeks Selectmen's meeting by a resident, regarding the States that were dominated by the Republican

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party vs. the States regulated by the Democratic party. Mr. Pinkham thinks politics should be left out the updates and thanked the everyone for the taxes staying low.

Richard Fitzgerald gave a rebuttal to the comments regarding the States and making it political. The important thing is the State of Maine was second in the number of vaccinations out of 52 states. We need to take care of our population.

Selectman Blier added that there is enough information out there for anyone who wants to be vaccinated, can be. If they are not vaccinated, then they chose not to be. There was further discussion on the use and process of the \$800,000.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:52PM

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