

*Town of Buxton  
Minutes August 25, 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, Chief Nathan Schools*

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

*The Selectmen recited the Pledge.*

*Quarterly Report by Fire Chief Nathan Schools*

*Chief Schools began by saying he is coming to the end of fairly busy summer, the calls are up 15%, with the majority being fire calls. They staffed three people around the clock and crossed train the personnel. The current impact on the Fire Department is the Healthcare Worker Vaccination Requirements. The mandate is for all Healthcare workers be vaccinated according to the CDC. Over 94% of our staff is vaccinated. Everyone who works for Buxton Fire and Rescue will be vaccinated against Covid-19.*

*Iron man triathlon will be coming through town this Sunday. Traffic will be impacted on Sunday morning through 1:00pm. This will be a great impact on people travelling through town this Sunday morning.*

*Coming up, the ambulance we sent to be remounted on a new chassis will arrive in September. We currently have had a loaner from Sugarloaf as our backup ambulance.*

*The Crew has been working on getting our disabled fire hydrants functioning. We currently have 45 to 48 hydrants throughout town, and 22 of them were out of service. There are now only two hydrants out of service and need work. Hats off to the crew, this is huge.*

*This year we used a new vendor for our annual pump service testing. This vendor maintains our fire trucks by testing the equipment. The whole fleet passed.*

*The 1968 military forestry service vehicle is back on the road. It is used to fight brush fires. The conditions this spring were extremely dry, it will be interesting to see how the fall goes.*

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*We should hear back from the AFC Grant (Assistance Fire Chief) If approved we will replace the current 2001 engine and the 1968 forestry trucks housed in Chicopee. The grant is for fire truck cost approximately \$570,000.00, the matching \$270,000 funds were approved at the June town meeting. Meaning this will not raise the taxes. We are hopeful to hear back by mid-September.*

*The Town of Buxton is one of 16 departments who take part in the Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) live in student program. We currently house five students, three at the Bar Mills station and two at the Grovesville station. Tried a new program this past summer with two of the students. It went great and had such a positive impact on our organization.*

*Northern Light Health Care will be having a Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic at the Bar Mills Fire Department on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to Noon. Its open to everyone whether you have insurance or not. This will be advertised soon.*

*Selectman Blier asked if there will be a booster shot for the Covid-19 vaccine and at what point do you need the booster? There is speculation that there will be, but we don't know when. Should someone have the flu and the buster vaccine. Chief Schools said they are two completely different vaccines.*

*Approval of Prior Meeting Minute*

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for August 18, 2021*  
*Approved 5 - 0*

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

*At 4:00PM - Kevin Kimball was in to update us on the road paving projects and the new plow truck will arrive tomorrow.*

*Peter Gordon was in at 4:30PM regarding a property.*

*At 5:00PM resident came in because he could hear music at their residence from one of the local bars in town. They will be coming before the Planning Board in October to amend their Conditional Use Permit.*

*At 6:00PM Chief Schools and the Board went into executive session on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) out at 6:18PM. Then gave a briefing.*

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*Review of Correspondence*

- *Email from Email from Chief Schools, Re: Weekly Update*
- *Email from Kate Dufour from MMA, Re: American rescue Plan Act Funds*
- *Email from Governor Janet Mills, Re: Federal Drought Disaster Relief Loans*
- *Email from Deanna Doyle from Maine Public Employees Retirement System, Re: Updates*
- *Email from Breanna Pierce of CMP, Re: LED Street Light conversion – Received a proposal to change street lights to LED. Will have a 5,000 savings per year. The Board signed a contract this evening.*
- *Email from Maine Arpa Re: Maine Local Fiscal Recovery Program (ARPA)*

*Projects and Issues*

*Selectman Poitras spoke to Chief Schools regarding the vaccination issues. He attended the school board meeting Monday night. The students will be required to wear masks this year.*

*Selectman Field talked with Kevin Kimball about the crack sealing bids and putting the new truck in service.*

*Selectman Pulsoni had a conversation with Transfer Station Manager Greg Heffernan asking the Board to give recognition to the public works crew for cleaning up the huge brush pile behind the transfer station. Christopher Fogg and Dale Deering did a great job. He spoke with Police Chief Cline on personnel issue and Code Officer Peter Gordon on another possible squatting issue. He had a lengthy Phone call with Fire Chief Schools on a personnel issue.*

*He will be following up on HR trainings through Maine Municipal Association.*

*Selectman Blier gave Selectman Pulsoni a lot of recognition for taking on the HR issues.*

*He attended the school board meeting Monday night and left early to go to the Planning Board public hearings. He also made a few calls regarding the propane tanks removed.*

*Selectman Peters attended the school board meeting Monday night. He talked with the Public Works Director Kevin Kimball on the road paving and the new plow truck. correspondence with chief cline and town attorney on the police union negotiations. The next meeting will be Tuesday August 31.*

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*Old Business*

*None*

*New Business*

*None*

*Executive Orders*

*E.O. 212208022 – An order to award the Crack Sealing bid to Coastal Road Repair, LLC in the amount of \$15.77 per gallon minimum 315 gallons per shift.*

*Approved 5 - 0*

*E.O. 212208023 – An order to approve 40 hours of Vacation Leave for Peter Gordon*

*Approved 5 - 0*

*E.O. 212208024 - An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 10, Lot 7A]*

*Approved 4 – 0 -1, Selectman Blier abstained*

*E.O. 212208025 - An order to approve a Supplemental Tax Warrant and Certificate for fiscal year 21/22 in the amount of \$2,908.22 for [Map 3, Lot 49]*

*Approved 4 – 0 -1, Selectman Blier abstained*

*E.O. 212208026 – An order to approve 40 hours of Vacation Leave for Chief Cline*

*Approved 5 - 0*

*Executive Orders by Initiative*

*None*

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*Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants*

*E.O. 212208020 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #17*

*Approved 5 - 0*

*In the amount of \$650,148.45*

*E.O. 212208021– An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #16*

*Approved 5 - 0*

*In the amount of \$68,610.58*

*Next Meeting of the Board*

*The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, September 1, at 7:00PM*

*Other Business*

*None*

*Public Comments and Questions*

*None*

*Executive Session*

*None*

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*Adjournment*

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:29PM*

*Approved 5 - 0*

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*Thomas J. Peters, Selectman*

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*Chad E. Poitras, Selectman*

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

*Video Taped by Harrison Beam*