

Town of Buxton
Minutes for May 31, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting

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Members Present: Clifford L. Emery, Jean C. Harmon, Dennis P. Santolucito, Chad E. Poitras, Mark P. Blier

Others Present: David Harmon, Peter Burns, Scott Warchol, Laurie Warchol, Rich Streeter, Ellen DeCotiis, Julie Gamelson, Lisa McAuliffe, Lou McAuliffe

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge.

The Board invited Representative Don Marean to the podium. Representative Marean presented a Sentiment from the House of Representative and the Maine Senate to Laurie Warchol in recognition of the PEN New England 2017 Susan P. Bloom Children's Book Discovery Award she won for her nonfiction picture book Dragonfly: Waiting For Wings. Laurie Warchol thanked Representative Marean and talked briefly about moving to Buxton. She went on to say that this award is just one of many great accomplishments of Buxton residents that is good for economic development and great for community pride.

She thanked the Selectmen and staff and thanked her husband for all the support he has given her.

The Selectmen joined Mrs. Warchol and Rep. Marean at the podium for a group photo.

Representative Marean gave a brief update on what is going on in Augusta. He spoke about a recent development with the Frye Island bill that he thought had been taken care of but discovered was actually sitting on the Governor's desk in a change pile. He and his delegation worked very hard and got the bill pulled out of that pile and put to rest once again. Representative Marean also talked about the status of work that has been done with regard to marijuana legislation and progress that has been made on that.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for May 24, 2017

Approved 4-0-1

4. Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Nicole Welch, our Recreation Director gave the Board an update on summer camp and some of the challenges including a shortage of bus drivers. We only have one this year which will have effect on how the trips are split up. Aside from that, everything else is going well.

Selectman Blier read a letter from the gentleman who has been inquiring about land on Towle Street.

Selectman Harmon reported that Town Reports are now available at Town Office. The Board dedicated this year's Town Report to two of our long-time Fire Chiefs, Gene Harmon and "Mac" MacLaughlin. It was a very nice dedication, well-attended and it came as a surprise to each of them.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *Email from MSAD 6 Business Office – Re: District Budget Meeting*
- *Email from James Jackson, Surveyor with AMEC Foster Wheeler*
- *Weekly Legislative Bulletin from Maine Municipal Association*
- *Email from Representative Don Marean – Re: State House News Update*
- *Email from Senator Justin Chenette – Re: Supporting Homeless Heroes*
- *Email from Marian Alexandre, So. ME Planning & Development – Re: York Legislative Update*
- *Email from Maine Municipal Association – Re: Proposed Slate for MMA Vice President and Executive Committee Members*
- *Letter from Dave Weyburn, Chief Executive Manager Village Green Ventures Brunswick Landing, LLC – Re: Notice of Intent to File Maine DEP application*

Selectman Harmon stated that Greg Heffernan, our Transfer Station Manager read this letter and said this is a treatment process that has been going on in Maine for years. It is an environmentally safe product that can be spread on land. Village Green will be filing an application with DEP to use it in Buxton. This is not something that the town is going to do but it might be used by a farm or some other property owner.

- *Notice from MSAD 6 – Re: New Process for 2017/18 Student Registrations*

SAD #6 is moving to a new online student registration process. The Registrar's office will be closed for the month of July for the transition over. They will let us know along the way how that is going to work.

- *Public Health Alert from Maine CDC – Re: Human Powassan Encephalitis Cases in Maine from infected ticks in the Down East area.*

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Blier has been away so he had nothing to report on this week.

Selectman Poitras reported that he received a copy of a letter from Paul Baresel, the gentleman who is heading up the preservation project on the 1915 Model T Fire Truck, to a gentleman in Sanford thanking him for repairing the brass radiator for the truck. Selectman Poitras also reported that he worked on a personnel issue, spoke with a couple Department Heads, spoke with Tom Kennie about ditching in this end of town and spoke with Greg Heffernan.

Selectman Santolucito reported that he had a conversation with Tim, the Town Mechanic. Tim used the diagnostic equipment on a problem last week. It saved him from having to drive the vehicle to a garage. He said the equipment has already started to pay for itself.

Selectman Santolucito also talked about the school budget. Buxton's expense is projected to be \$6,980,031 that is a 3.5% increase. He said tomorrow night is our chance to go out and speak because by the time it gets to the polls, there is no information there. He said it is very important that people get there; this is a huge expense for Buxton.

Selectman Harmon has been working with Tom Kennie, our Public Works Director on an issue a resident has with Christian Row. She rode around yesterday with Tom to look at that and also checked out a culvert on another road and parking/no parking on Salmon Falls Road. A resident stopped in today who lives on Bonny Eagle Pond who has a concern about the boat launch and wondered if some of the concrete squares the town had put there might have been damaged over the weekend.

Selectman Harmon stated that she talked with John Myers today in regards to the Charter Review Committee. Our Charter states that every 7 years, the Charter will be reviewed. The last time that was done was in 2010. Our Charter does not, however state how many people should be on the committee and there is some confusion about whether they should be appointed or elected. John Myers is checking with MMA legal and the Selectmen are hoping to have some information back on that so they can move forward with this after the election. If any members have to be elected, they won't be elected until November.

Selectman Emery reported that he has been working with our attorney on a personnel matter that he just got finalized. Other than that, he has been calling in every day and dropping in when he can to keep up with whatever is going on.

7. Old Business

Charter Review Committee

8. New Business

None

9. Executive Orders

None

10. Executive Orders by Initiative

None

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 161705019 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #99

Approved 5-0

E.O. 161705020 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #98

Approved 5-0

12. Next Meeting of the Board

MSAD 6 District Budget Meeting Thursday, June 1 at the Bonny Eagle Middle School Gym.

Registration begins at 6:15 PM and the meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

Comprehensive Plan Meeting Monday, June 5 at 6:30 PM

The Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at the Buxton Municipal Building Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00 PM, on two applicants

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00 PM

Meet The Candidates Night Thursday, June 8, beginning at 7:00 PM

13. Other Business

Buxton Recreation has collaborated with “All About Hounds” to offer a dog obedience course. The cost is \$160 for the 6-week course that will be held Saturday afternoons starting June 10 from Noon to 1:00 PM at Town Farm Park. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register go to www.buxtonrec.com, or call Buxton Recreation at 929-8381.

Absentee Ballots including the school budget question will be available Friday morning, June 2 at 8:30 AM

14. Public Comments and Questions

Peter Burns went to the podium to talk about the district meeting to vote on the school budget at Bonny Eagle Middle School tomorrow night and the importance of residents showing up at that meeting to share their feelings on the budget and to vote. He encouraged people to go and vote. About 72% of our tax bill goes to the school and stated that attendance at the district meeting gets lower every year and last year there were only 30 some people from Buxton who voted at the district meeting.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM

Approved 5-0