

Town of Buxton
Minutes for March 28, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

Members Present: Chad E. Poitras, Jean C. Harmon, Mark J. Blier, and Dennis P. Santolucito.

Members not present: Clifford L. Emery

Others Present: Henry Huntley, Rich Streeter, Peter Burns and Dave Harmon

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selectmen recited the pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

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Approved 4-0

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

Ben Wallace of Great Falls Construction gave a walkthrough of the addition. There are a few things left on the punch list along with ordering furniture, brick siding and landscaping once it warms up. Reconfigure in the existing dispatch area and the IT portions will need to be moved into a secure area. The final info on the surveillance equipment upgrade will be coming soon.

Discussion with Town Clerk, John Myers on issues

Stephen Heroux introduced a more affordable sprinkler system plan for businesses in rural areas.

Resident Peter Burns came in to discuss the school board updates

Review of Correspondence

- Email from Robert Hunt – Re: Weekly Legislative Report
- Email from MMA – Re: legislative Bulletin
- Email from Don – Re: Marean Legislative update
- Email from Maine Health Alert Network – Re Hepatitis B & C Virus and HIV Risk from Unlicensed Tattoo Operations

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- *Email from CMP – Re: Annual ISO Spring 2018 Voltage Reduction Test, Thursday May 1 at 10:30AM and 2:30PM*
- *Email from SAD 6 – Re: Budget Advisory Committee meeting*
- *Email from MMA – Re: 2018 Municipal Technology Conference*
- *Email from Real Term Energy – Re LED Street Lights Conversion*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Harmon attended the Budget Committee meeting on Tuesday where the Fire Chief presented his budget. She has also been working on the warrant, which will be delayed by the Planning Board articles, it will not be ready until the end of April.

Selectman Harmon also spoke with a resident concerning a donation of a parcel of land that the Comprehensive Planning Committee has been working on. She will follow up with the Town's Attorney.

Selectman Harmon reminded the other Board members that they need to finalize the Selectman's report and review the administration budget. They are currently waiting on the Technology portion.

Selectman Blier spoke with the Fire Chief and with a resident concerning donated land.

Selectman Blier stopped by The Buxton Commons Restaurant, at 1420 Long Plains Rd. Chef and owner Max Brody is projected to open in mid-May. The menu will be available on their website at thebuxtoncommon.com. The Buxton Common will be another great asset to the Buxton community.

Selectman Poitras has been speaking with people around town and he turned his budget items into Treasurer, Kim Beam. He's been working with the Buxton Neighborhood Watch. The next meeting is Thursday, March 29, 6:00PM at the Groveville Fire Station. They are a great group of people keeping an eye on our community.

Selectman Santolucito has been working on the technology side of the budget. He attended the SAD6 Budget Advisory Committee meeting that will be discussed under Public Comments below.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

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E.O. 171803021 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 2 Lot 90-1]
Approved 4-0

E.O. 171803022 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 2 Lot 58-10]
Approved 4-0

E.O. 171803023 – An order to approve 16 hours of vacation leave for Troy Cline
Approved 4-0

E.O. 171803024 – An order to approve Kimberly Beam to attend Maine Municipal Tax Collector and Treasurer Association Workshop
Approved 4-0

E.O. 171803025 – An order to approve Dennis Santolucito to attend Board of Assessment Review
Approved 3-0, selectman Santolucito abstained

E.O. 171803026 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 3 Lot 94]
Approved 4-0

E.O. 171803027 – An order to approve 8 hours of vacation leave for John Myers
Approved 4-0

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 171803019 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #84

Approved 4-0
The amount was \$58,950.65

E.O. 171803020 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #83

Approved 4-0
The amount was \$50,522.67

Next Meeting of the Board

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Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, March 29 at 6:00PM

Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting Monday, April 2 at 6:30PM

School Board Meeting Monday, April 2 at 6:00PM

Budget Committee Meeting Tuesday, April 3, at 6:00PM

Public hearing liquor license renewal for Julie Hagerman dba Chaps, LLC on Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, April 4 immediately following the public hearing

Other Business

Nomination Papers Available due April 13, 2018

Registration is open for Buxton Recreation Summer Camp 2018

Accepting applications for Recreation Summer Camp Councilors

The Recreation Department has introduced many new 'Adult and Senior Programs', including a Spring Luncheon, please check them all out on our website. Recreation Director, Nicole Welch and Grace Bibber are doing a great job in offering new programs for our senior residents.

Public Comments and Questions

Resident Peter Burns attended the Budget Advisory Committee Meeting. He is here tonight because he wants residents to pay attention and understand what is coming. Being a tax payer himself, he is looking out for the elderly population. He wants them to understand what SAD6 is proposing in this year's budget and the trickle down effects it will have on every Buxton resident's taxes. The student enrollment is down by fifty less students than the prior year, but the staff has increased with six more teachers this year.

The State form ED279 is used to calculate how much each school district will receive from the state and the remaining will be the deferred costs to the tax payers. Essential programs and services (EPS) determines the number of staff members the State will support per district. The State currently supports 295 staff members at SAD6, the district currently has 347 staff members, meaning the taxpayers are paying the remaining 36 positions. If the new budget passes we will be paying for 42 positions. The mill rate for

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Buxton is going up 54 cents, before any supplementals have been added to the proposed budget. The Town of Buxton has sacrificed the needs of the Town in their own budget for many years, due to the high school budget.

Mr. Burns warns the residents to take notice and get out and vote on the school budget on May 31st at the middle school. Contact your local legislators Don Marean and Amy Volk and voice your concerns.

Selectman Santolucito thanked the residents who do attend the school board meetings.

Resident Rich Streeter thanked Peter Burns for the percentage breakdown and added there are many mandated requirements with the Special Ed program, which he supports, but is very frustrated that the DOE can mandate programs to the district without any funding.

He thanked Don Marean who keeps fighting off the Frye Island issue for the District. Mr. Streeter also encourages residents to contact their legislators. There was further discussion on closing schools and budget items.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:55 PM
Approved 4-0

Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Jean C. Harmon, Selectman

Clifford L. Emery, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Date Signed: _____

Videotaped by Harrison Beam within the next two weeks