

Town of Buxton
Minutes for February 15, 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: Scott Warchol, Henry Huntley

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes February 8, 2017
Approved 5-0*

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

At 4 o'clock our Recreation Director, Nicole Welch presented her 2017/18 budget to the Board.

At 4:30 Peter Gordon, our Code Enforcement Officer presented his budget to the Board.

After that, 3 Trustees of Berry Library talked with the Selectmen about some issues at the library and were looking for some guidance from them.

A Girl Scout from Buxton met with the Selectmen. She is looking for a project to gain her Silver Award and the Selectmen are going to help her with some ideas.

After that, Catherine Lamson from the Dorcas Society came in to discuss a summer program they are going to hold on August 5th at Tory Hill Church and in the back yard of the Brewster Mansion. They have a lot of things in the works and as the Selectmen receive more information, they will let everyone know.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Representative Don Marean – Re: New Marijuana Laws*
- *Weekly Legislative Bulletin from Maine Municipal Association*
- *Legislative Update from Representative Don Marean*
- *Email from 12 Town Group – Re: Next Meeting Monday, March 13*
- *Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director York County Emergency Management Agency – Re: FEMA Declaration*
- *Email from Maine Municipal Association – Re: Falls & hazards to workers removing snow from rooftops and information on preventing roof collapse from weight of ice & snow*

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Blier reported that he spent his time this week looking over the budgets that are coming up for our Department Heads, looking into a problem we had here with fuel last week during one of the storms, and trying to come to some kind of resolution with that.

Selectman Poitras stated that he has been getting around to some of the departments; today he was down at Public Works seeing how things were going there. He said we have a good group of guys working down there and they are doing well.

Selectman Poitras reported that he attended the Cub Scout Blue & Gold ceremony last Sunday. He said it was very well organized and attended. Selectman Poitras has also been going over some of the budgets that are coming up.

Selectman Harmon has been putting her budget pieces together and is waiting for information on the insurance part of it. She reported that she has had several conversations with some residents and there have been no major complaints about the most recent storm we had. She thinks the crew did an excellent job for the snow that we had. She mentioned that the Board closed Town Hall on Monday. She said you never know when they predict a blizzard how it is going to be but the safety of the employees is always a concern for the Selectmen so they made the decision to close Town Hall.

Selectman Santolucito reported that Headlight finished the installation of the Audio Visual equipment this week. He said as the meetings go on, particularly with the Planning Board meetings when a developer or engineer or whoever is presenting wants to put plans, or maps up it can be directly connected to the SRCTV cameras and they can do split screens so people can see the discussions going on and whatever is being displayed at the same time. Selectman Santolucito explained that those meetings are on Time Warner cable or there is a link on the Town's website to Saco River Television where you can view meetings. He noted that Peter Burns, a former Selectman, actually obtained the money for that through some work with the Cable Committee. He said it was a team effort, Krystal Dyer, Code Enforcement Secretary, helped Kyle our Videographer and Selectman Harmon helped with testing and covered when Selectman Santolucito could not be here last week.

Selectman Santolucito reported that the school board reapportionment committee for SAD #6 met last Friday and their next meeting is March 3. He said the consensus at that meeting was to reduce the size of the SAD #6 Board of Directors to eleven or nine. This is being driven by a mandate from the State Education Committee to make sure there is equal representation across all districts. He does not expect the makeup of the Board members and percentage will change drastically in most communities. He said there may be some changes but they will take a hard look at it when they get more details on March 3.

Selectman Santolucito said other than that, he has been looking over the budgets he is working on with the help of David Anderson who put together some numbers he needed. Selectman Santolucito also checked in with Public Works and said they are doing a great job.

Selectman Emery has not been in the office much because he has been out plowing. He has kept in touch with Tom Kennie, Troy Cline and Nate Schools during the storms to see how everything was going. Some of the departments had extra people on during the storms and the Fire Chief put on a dinner for his crew and Public Works. The Chief also cooked breakfast for everybody which Selectman Emery said was appreciated by all. Selectman Emery said they have worked a lot of hours and will be in Friday to get things cleaned up and hopefully will leave early to go home for the long weekend to decompress and see what the inside of their homes look like. Selectman Emery said everything went well. He said our big wheeler is out of service with an engine problem and we are hoping to get it back by the middle of next week. He reminded everyone to drive carefully and said the crews will be out working to get the corners pushed back and intersections opened up.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

None

9. Executive Orders

*E.O. 161702018 – An order to approve 8 hours of vacation time for Peter Gordon
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161702019 – An order to approve 210 hours of time off without pay for Ruth
Scheibenpflug
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161702020 – An order to approve Kimberly Beam's attendance at the Maine
Municipal Tax Collectors' & Treasurers' Association's Annual Conference
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161702021 – An order to approve Kimberly Beam's attendance at the Maine
Municipal Tax Collectors' & Treasurers' Association's Tax Liens Workshop
Approved 5-0*

10. Executive Orders by Initiative

None

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

*E.O. 161702016 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable
Warrant #68
Approved 5-0
The amount of that was \$624,927.60 (includes the school payment)*

*E.O. 161702017 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant
#67
Approved 5-0
The amount of that was \$52,477*

12. Next Meeting of the Board

The Board of Selectmen is hosting a Public Meeting Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 PM at Buxton Town Hall to discuss commercial business development in the village zone. This meeting is open to the public and anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend.

SAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, February 16, at 6:00 PM at the District Central Office; this meeting is open to the public

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 PM

Budget Committee Meeting Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 PM at Buxton Town Hall

Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting Monday, February 20 at 6:30 PM

13. Other Business

The Buxton Town Office will be closed Monday, February 20 and the Transfer Station will be closed Tuesday, February 21 for Presidents' Day.

There will be no change in the curbside trash pick-up schedule.

With all the snow we have had, if anyone is interested in volunteering to shovel roofs for people who cannot do it, or taking pails of sand to the elderly or disabled, please call the Town Office at 929-5191 and ask for the Selectmen's secretary. We will take names and phone numbers and give you a call when someone needs help.

14. Public Comments and Questions

Scott Warchol went to the podium and asked the Board if Wi-Fi is available for a guest.

Selectman Santolucito responded that we have a guest password that can be attained at the front office.

Mr. Warchol said "cudos to Public Works, they are doing a fantastic job".

The Board thanked him. There were no more questions or comments.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:31 PM