

*Town of Buxton
Minutes January 16, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting*

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

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

Others in attendance: Representative Donald Marean, Miriam Ruben David Harmon

The Selectman's meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM.

The Selectmen recited the pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for January 2, 2019
Approved 4-0-1*

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2019
Approved 5-0*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:30PM Recreation Director Nicole Welch was in to discuss the upcoming budget.

Chief Schools was in at 5:00PM, to discuss a personnel issue. The Board went into executive session at 5:20PM per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

At 5:30PM Dick Begin, Chris LaRoche and Bonita Usher, of Westbrook Development Corp came in to initiate conversation regarding what Affordable Housing programs are available. They are interested in holding a meeting where they would listen to community members regarding whether there is a need for affordable housing in Buxton. The Board will announce the meeting once it is scheduled.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House, RE: --the Weekly Legislative Report*
- *Email from Central Maine Power RE: --upcoming vegetation management*
- *Email from Miriam Rubin RE: -- an article on Recycling*

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Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Blier spoke with a resident regarding an abutter issue. There will be a resolution this week. He stopped in to the Transfer Station and spoke with Greg Heffernan about the curbside pick-up and talked a little about the dumpster.

Selectman Poitras received an email from resident Miriam Rubin regarding recycling options that other communities have initiated. He has also been worked with other residents on a couple other issues.

Selectman Santolucito stopped into the Transfer Station and spoke with Greg Heffernan regarding the recycling article and got into a conversation regarding the cost to process the boxboard vs. keeping it out of the trash pickup. He added that we are paying to have it hauled away. There will be further discussion on this.

He also spoke with a representative from Bizcom to do a presentation regarding what possibilities there are if we change the level of protection coverage on our computers.

Selectman Harmon has started working on her portion of the budget items.

While driving into town hall today, she witnessed a resident coming out of the sand/salt shed. They completely disregarded all signs and the cable across the entrance way. She announced; for safety of our residents and liability reasons, residents are not allowed in the building. There is sand available outside the building for residents. Last year, it was suggested to build a shed over the sand to protect it from the elements, but we have not continued this conversation.

She also spoke with Greg Heffernan regarding the forty yard containers we have been trying to order, this will be resolved soon. The DVD to CD conversion is complete allowing more storage space in our vault.

Selectman Emery has completed the curbside contract bid and will be posting it in the Sunday Telegram and mailing out to a list of companies, who have four weeks to submit a bid.

On Monday he accompanied the Public Works Director Keven Kimball and two crew members to Vermont to the Tenco Dealership to design and determine the location to mount the controls in the new plow trucks. One truck will be here by the end of January. On Saturday, Selectman Emery met with Greg Heffernan regarding the solid waste contract and the forty yard containers.

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Old Business

Budgets

New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 181901009– An order to approve 8 hours of vacation leave for Peter Gordon
Approved 5-0

E.O. 181901010 -- An order to approve the hire of Ryan Torno as a full time Mechanic in the Public Works Department effective January 14, 2019 at a rate of \$25.00/hour.
Approved 5-0

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 181901007 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #62
Approved 5-0
The amount was \$135,534.96

E.O. 181901008 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #61
Approved 5-0
The amount was \$64,292.64

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Board of Selectmen Meeting is Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00 PM

Budget Advisory Committee Meeting is Thursday, January 17th at 6:00 PM.

Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting is Monday, January 21 at 6:30PM

SAD#6 School Board Meeting is Tuesday, January 22 at 6:00PM at Central Office

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Other Business

Town Office will be closed Monday, January 21st for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

The Transfer Station will be closed Tuesday, January 22 to observe the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Notice of vacancy on the Budget Committee – see John Myers if interested

2019 Dog Licenses are due by January 31, 2019

2019 Rescue Subscriptions are available

Selectman Emery announced, if anyone is affected by the government shutdown, please come meet with us. We want to assist you in any way that we can through this shutdown period. This also includes if your children, if they are in a before or aftercare program with the Recreation Department. Be sure to bring your Military or Federal ID with you.

Public Comments and Questions

Resident Miriam Rubin appreciated the acknowledgement of her email submission. She also asked if the solid waste contract was available on the website. Selectman Emery said once it is complete, it will be.

Ms. Rubin asked if the Board is looking for a contract that will promote curbside recycling. Selectman Emery said the Board has looked into this in the past and the cost for curbside recycling was out of Buxton's league. There was further discussion. The bids are due back on February 8th, the Board will review and make a decision.

Ms. Rubin would also like to make trash hauling a per-household discussion of the curbside trash. She urges the Board to consider a number that residents can see on their tax bill. There was further discussion regarding per household curbside assessment.

Representative Don Marean thanked the Buxton residents for their support at the November elections and gave an update of what's coming up that could be a huge impact on the Town of Buxton. There have been 2,100 titles of bills submitted to the legislature, from excise tax, water tax, property tax fairness credits, increasing the homestead exemption to \$50,000, tree growth, open space, marijuana and a few more. He will stay in touch, if there is something of importance to Buxton.

Representative Mark Blier is on the Healthcare and Financial Services Committee. The focus is on seniors who are being scammed. The local resources will be listed on the town web site and pamphlets will be available in the town hall.

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Executive Session

None

Adjournment-

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:54 PM
Approved 5-0

Clifford L. Emery, Selectman

Jean C. Harmon, Selectman

Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Date Signed: _____
Videotaped by Harrison Beam