Town of Buxton Agenda August 16th, 2023 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

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Recorded by Hunter Cox

Members Present: Mark J. Blier, Chad E. Poitras, David A. Field, Thomas J. Peters, Francis E. Pulsoni

Others in attendance:

Called to Order at 7:00

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

August 9th, 2023

Approved 5-0

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

4:00PM - Grace Bibber-Bus repair update

4:30PM - Chief Kevin Collins- MLEAP certification

5:00PM - Executive Session 1 MSRA 405-6E-Legal Issues

5:15PM -

6:00PM - Executive Session 1 MSRA 405-6A-Personnel Issue

6:30PM -

Review of Correspondence

- Email From BFD: Monday Message,
- Emails From MMA: 87th Annual Convention, elected officials' workshop
- Email From Drummond and Woodsum: I-9 Update
- Email From Maine Revenue Services: Notice of Offset
- Email From MMTCTA: Tax Lien Procedures Workshop

Projects and Issues-

<u>Selectman Poitras-</u> Worked on closure of Pleasant Point Swimming area because of E.Coli levels, Spoke with Fire Chief about training, Thank you to all the parade helpers

<u>Selectman Field-</u> Worked on closure of Pleasant Point Swimming area because of E.Coli levels, Talked with PW Director about tractor repairs

<u>Selectman Blier-</u> Talked with public works about tree and brush trimming requests from residents, spoke with Police Chief and CEO about the appeals board hearing for Communications Tower

<u>Selectman Peters-</u> Would like to thank all town employees and volunteers who helped with the parade and celebrations.

<u>Selectman Pulsoni-</u> Came in the office to catch up and review emails, reviewed resumes for treasurers position. Resident concerns about trash pick-up

Old Business-

-Glenvale Solar came in and asked for a stepped payment process for permit fees, which the board denied.

-E.Coli levels in the Saco were most likely due to run off. Possibly caused by the excessive amount of rain we have had that washed many contaminates into the river. The river has now returned to safe levels

New Business-

Executive Orders-

E.O. 2324008013– An order to approve 24 hours of vacation time for Grace Bibber

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2324008014– An order to approve 8 hours of vacation time for John Myers

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2324008015– An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 3, Lot 77A-4]

Approved 4-0-1

Executive Orders by Initiative-

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 2324008016– An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #14 In the Amount of: \$360,167.39

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2324008017– An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #13
In the Amount of: \$102,729.97

Approved 5-0

Next Meeting of the Board

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, August 23rd at 7pm

The Next Planning Board Meeting will be held on Monday, Aug 28th at 7pm

Public Comment and Questions

<u>Dave Harmon-</u> Are they picking up cans if they are facing the wrong direction?

<u>Selectman Blier-</u> We know they are being very forgiving right now, but I am not sure if they are picking them up or flipping them if they are wrong. We have heard that they have been flipping them for people, but we are not sure if they will continue to do that.

<u>Dave Harmon-</u> I noticed that they had the public meeting for the changes in the solid waste ordinance was at the planning board meeting, is that normal?

<u>Selectman Blier-</u> Yes because that ordinance deals with our zoning code.

<u>Dave Harmon-</u> Is the Town in litigation with Curtis Farms, and has the Town accepted that road? And if not, why is trash being collected on that road? Are we spending Town money on that road?

<u>Selectman Blier-</u> We are in litigation with Chase Custom Homes over that road, and the Town has not accepted the road. Cassella requested that they be able to drive down the road to pick up the trash because it is easier for them than picking up a group pile at the end of the road. We are not spending town money, because those residents already pay to get their trash picked up. If the road is damaged by the trash truck, then Casella should pay to have it fixed.

<u>Ellen DeCotis-I</u> want to give an update on Aging In Buxton. The food box handout is going great, and I would like to thank the public works for allowing us to use one of their bays for handouts. The program is for 65+, and there is no income requirement. Call 579-0854 if you are interested, and we can order more boxes. We have new volunteers, and we are offering more rides for medical appointments, medicine pick-up, and grocery pick-up. We are also organizing an effort to have volunteers who can build storm windows for seniors. Please contact me if you are interested in this service. There is some costs, but there is some grant money.

We have been getting calls about people who are having a hard time paying for medicines and pharmacy costs, there are some programs that we are working on. We are also badly in need of volunteers who can help with home repairs, so if anyone in the community can help, please contact us.

Selectman Blier- Do you have Facebook for your organization, and can you say your contact info again.

<u>Ellen DeCotis-</u> We don't yet have Facebook, but we have some people working on that. Our number is 579-0854.

Executive Session-

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:35

Approved	5-0	
	Thomas J. Peters, Selectman	Francis E. Pulsoni, Selectman
	Mark J. Blier, Selectman	David A. Field, Selectman
	Chad E. Poitras, Selectman	
	Date Signed: Video Taped by David Blais	

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