

***Town of Buxton***  
***Minutes for June 15, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting***

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*Members Present: Clifford L. Emery, Jean C. Harmon, Peter E. W. Burns, Dennis P. Santolucito. Chad E. Poitras*

*Others Present: Dave Harmon, Julie Gamelson, Ellen DiCotiis*

**Selectmen's Meeting Agenda**

**1. Call to Order**

*Selectman Emery called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*The Board recited the Pledge.*

**3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes June 8, 2016  
Approved 5-0*

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

*The Board went into Executive Session at 4:45 PM per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) for a personnel issue. The Board came out of Executive Session at 5:03 PM.*

*Dana Ryder who helps the town with mowing of the ancient cemeteries, came in to talk with the Selectmen about some issues and how they would like to see that done throughout the summer.*

*The Public Works Director was in along with a resident to discuss getting a road accepted by the town. The Public Works Director and Code Enforcement Officer are going to meet with the resident tomorrow afternoon to discuss what needs to be done.*

*The Board talked about spraying a section of Spruce Swamp Road with calcium to keep the dust down this summer. Our Public Works Director is going to find out what it would cost to do that.*

*After that, the Board spent a lot of time going over budget items for the upcoming Town Meeting. They were looking at where the increases are over last year and talking about what they need to take out of undesignated surplus.*

## **5. Review of Correspondence**

- *Email from John Myers, Town Clerk – Re: Election Results for the Town of Buxton for June 14, 2016*

*Selectman Emery read through the results for the Town of Buxton.*

- *Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director, York County EMA – Re: 2016 Atlantic Hurricane Season*
- *Email from Nicole Welch, Buxton Recreation Director – Re: List of Discount Tickets*

*Selectman Emery read the prices and savings for each of the tickets.*

- *Bulletin from Governor's Office – Re: Flags Directed at Half-Staff*
- *Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director, York County EMA – Re: Hurricane Inundation (Storm Surge) Maps & Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting*
- *Email from Dave Francoeur – Re: Training on WebEOC (a Crisis Information Management System to manage large-scale event and disasters)*

## **6. Review of Projects and Issues**

*Selectman Poitras reported that he was in Monday to check mail and came in yesterday to vote. He commented on how efficient the ballot staff was.*

*Selectman Burns commented on the new voting machines and the low voter turnout Tuesday morning.*

*Selectman Santolucito commented on the nice work David Anderson did in cleaning up the veterans' memorial garden out front and also commented on what a nice job the front office does with the voting process.*

*Selectman Harmon reported that she has been in most days preparing for Town Meeting and being here to answer questions. She has been working with John Myers to determine what the Tax Levy Limit is. Last Thursday she was here for negotiations with the Police*

*and Dispatch Union and she will be here tomorrow as they continue the labor negotiations.*

*Selectman Harmon received a call from Theresa Ledue who runs our Summer Library Program. Theresa got a call last week from the school saying that she will not be allowed to use the Buxton Center Elementary School Library this summer because the school will be doing some technology upgrades. Consequently there will be no Summer Library Program this year. Selectman Harmon said both Berry Library and West Buxton Public Library host summer library programs which is an alternative.*

*Selectman Harmon stated that Nate Schools, our Fire Chief, came in earlier and showed her an award from the Greater Portland Council of Governments. Nate Schools is President of the Student Live-in Program and at a meeting earlier today the SMCC Student Firefighter Live-in Coalition was given the award in recognition of “best practices in working regionally to improve municipal service, cost effective management, and strengthened citizen participation”.*

*Selectman Harmon congratulated Mark Blier on winning the vote for Selectman but said she is very saddened that Peter Burns who she has served on the Board of Selectmen with for his two terms was not re-elected. Selectman Harmon said he deserves congratulations for all of the work he has done while on the Board. He has been a significant contributor not only as our representative and liason to the School Board but also for the number of hours he has worked and knowledge that he brings to the table. She said she will miss their bantering back and forth and thanked him for his service to the Board and residents of the town. Her comments were followed by a round of applause from the Board and residents who were in the audience.*

*Selectman Emery said he has been in and out. Yesterday he was in during the day and again into the evening. He said it is always good to see more people turn out but he is grateful for the people who did turn out to vote yesterday.*

*Selectman Emery also talked about the comradery with the Board and how much he has enjoyed being around this group. He said he is looking forward to someone new coming into the office. He said Mark Blier is young and will bring a new, fresh outlook on a lot of things.*

## **7. Old Business**

- *Solar Power Project*

*Selectman Emery said he does not know where this project is going to go; a lot of communities that were getting into it are now getting out because of a lot of new rules and regulations that have been put into place that are not conducive to the Solar Power Project in Maine.*

- *Composting proposal food waste from school*

*The Board has nothing new to report on the composting proposal.*

**8. New Business**

*Bar Mills Bridge will be closed to traffic on July 11 for approximately 120 days and Depot Street will also be closed at the intersection of 4A & Depot Street*

*Selectman Harmon mentioned the memorial at the intersection and asked where it going to be moved to. Selectman Burns said it is going to be put under the lean to at the Transfer Station until it can be put back. There was a brief discussion and the Selectmen agreed that they will ask Tom Kennie, Public Works Director, to attend the next bridge meeting to convey that information.*

**9. Executive Orders**

*E.O. 151606022 – An order to approve 56 hours of vacation time for Tom Kennie  
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 151606023 – An order to approve 24 hours of vacation time for Nathan Schools  
Approved 5-0*

**10. Executive Orders by Initiative**

*None*

**11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**

*E.O. 151606020 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #110  
Approved 5-0  
The amount was \$638,083.42*

*E.O. 151606021 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #107, #108, and #109*

*Approved 5-0*

*The amount was \$48,673.51*

**12. Next Meeting of the Board**

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

**13. Other Business**

*Buxton's Annual Town Meeting will be on Saturday, June 18, starting at 9 AM*

*An electronic copy of our Annual Town Report is now available on the Town's website. The warrant articles to be voted on at Town Meeting Saturday, June 18 are in the back of the Town Report. Also, hard copies of the Town Reports are available at Town Hall.*

*Selectman Burns said that he has enjoyed serving the town and he has always tried to do what he thought was best for the town. He said he has enjoyed working with this Board; they do not always agree but they all have an opportunity to express an opinion and they treat each other with respect. He said they joke a lot but they are all friends and they do work together for the betterment of the Town. He said he will miss the friendship and comradery with the Board but he congratulates Mark Blier and wishes him well as a Selectman.*

**14. Public Comments and Questions**

*None*

**15. Executive Session**

*None*

**16. Adjournment**

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM*

*Approved 5-0*