

Town of Buxton
Minutes for March 23, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting

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

Others Present: Patrick Hanna; Ellen DiCotiis

Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

Selectman Harmon 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 March 16, 2016
Approved 3-0-2*

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

Last fall a resident who lives on Flaggy Meadow Road come in to talk with the Board about planting flowers near the sign at the Park. At that time, the Board talked with her about becoming a trustee of the Park. That resident came in to talk with the Board this evening and the Board is going to appoint her as a Trustee of Carroll Park next week. Selectman Harmon said the Board truly appreciates her interest in becoming involved and will let the other Trustees know that they have a new member. Selectman Poitras said he thinks she may be a landscaper which the Selectmen agreed would be nice.

At 6:30 Steve Heroux came in to meet with the Board. He is on the Business District Focus Group. They presented the plan they developed at a workshop the Planning Board held Monday and Steve wanted the Board to know that it was well-received. Mr. Heroux talked with the Board about moving forward with this and had questions about the process and whether it would be an article on the warrant at Town Meeting, or an article on the Secret Ballot. The consensus was to put it on the warrant. Steve Heroux will be checking with the Town's attorney to make sure the language in the document is what it should be, that there are not any conflicts, and to come up with wording for the warrant. Selectman Harmon said it is a rather thick document that is too lengthy to put into the warrant but we would need to make reference to it in the warrant and have it as an insert so they would know what they are voting on.

5. Review of Correspondence

- Email from the SAD #6 Superintendent's Office – Re: School Budget Presentation Confirmed for March 30*
- Email from SAD #6 Business Office – Re: Budget Advisory Committee Meeting 3/24/16*
- Email from Sarah Briggs, Central Maine Power – Re: Spring Voltage Reduction Test 5/3/16*
- Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director York County EMA – Re: Local Emergency Planning Commission Meeting 3/24/16 at York County EMA*
- E Bulletin from Governor LePage – Re: Flags lowered to half-staff*
- Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director York County EMA – Re: EMA 101 Class*
- Email from Maine CDC – Re: Maine Health Alert – Mumps*
- Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director York County EMA – Re: Eighth Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference*
- Email from Maine Municipal Association – Re: Internship Grant Program Scholarship Project*

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Poitras attended the Budget Committee Meeting here last night at 6:30 involving the Administrative Budget and the Fire-Rescue Budget. Selectman Poitras said the Chief did a wonderful job presenting that budget and he (Selectman Poitras) was really impressed with the turnout of supporters the Fire-Rescue Chief had. Normally the people at those meetings are limited to the Budget Committee, the presenters and the Selectmen. Selectman Poitras said there were probably around 20 folks here for the fire budget presentation and it was good to see that support.

Selectman Santolucito reported that he attended the SAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting last Thursday night. He said everything still appears to be in line with an approximate budget increase for Buxton of between \$188,000 and \$200,000. He reminded everyone that the final numbers are not done yet; they are working on that. He mentioned that there will be another meeting tomorrow night that he will not be attending but said he will be back there next week. Selectman Santolucito also attended the Budget Committee Meeting last night and he supported what Selectman Poitras said about the Fire Chief doing a great job. The Fire Police Chief was here along with other Officers and Deputies. Selectman Santolucito said it was very enlightening and the whole process went very well.

In addition to attending the same meeting that Selectman Poitras and Selectman Santolucito attended last night, Selectman Harmon reported that she has been working on the warrant and has a first draft that is not completely finished yet. The Board is still waiting for numbers for the purchase of a new plow truck. The Public Works Director is working on that and should have definite figures by the end of this week. That will be included in the warrant. Also, there are Ordinance changes being proposed which the Planning Board has a Public Hearing on next Monday. Until those pieces are ready the warrant will not be totally finished.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

None

9. Executive Orders

*E.O. 151603022 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 10, Lot 25C]
Approved 3-0-2*

*E.O. 151603023 – An order to approve the Audited Financial Statements from RHR Smith & Company for the Town of Buxton, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015
Approved 3-0-2*

10. Executive Orders by Initiative

None

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 151603020 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #82

Approved 3-0-2

That amount is \$80,910.90

E.O. 151603021 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #81

Approved 3-0-2

That amount is \$46,151.72

12. Next Meeting of the Board

SAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, March 24, at 6:00 PM at the Central Office

The Budget Committee will be meeting for a Workshop Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 PM.

Their last meeting with the Board of Selectmen will be Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30 PM.

Selectman Harmon explained that will be the day the Board votes with the Committee on the monetary articles in the warrant.

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, March 30 at 7:00 PM

13. Other Business

Reminder - April 1st is the deadline to apply for a Homestead, Veteran, or Blind Exemption on your 2016 property tax bill. Applications received after April 1st will not apply until the following tax year (2017). Applications are available from the Maine State Revenue website, the Town's Website, or you can pick them up at the Tax Collector's office. The Homestead exemption can save a Buxton resident homeowner up to \$194.25 on their 2016 tax bill.

Selectman Poitras said that is an easy process and he hopes to see more Veterans taking advantage of that and he went on to explain the process which is very easy. Selectman Harmon said the age requirement is 62. If the veteran is deceased, the widow can apply and that has to be done just once, the same with the Homestead Exemption. Once they are on the books, they stay there. She also reminded people that the Homestead Exemption is increasing this year and that the exemption only applies to a person's primary residence.

There is an opening in our Public Works Department for a Full-Time Laborer/Equipment Operator. Starting pay is \$15.89 per hour plus benefits. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, March 30 at 4:00 PM. Contact Tom Kennie, Public Works Director at 929-4400 for more information.

Frank Sherburne, SAD #6 Superintendent, and Bill Brockman, the Business Manager will attend the Selectmen's Meeting on Wednesday, March 30 to give a 15-20 minute school budget presentation and to answer questions from the Board or the public. If anyone has questions or concerns about the school budget, we encourage them to attend this meeting.

Nomination Papers are now available from the Town Clerk's Office for the following positions:

- Two Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for 3 years
- One Director Maine School Administrative District No 6 for 3 years
- One Director for Maine School Administrative District No. 6 for 2 years
- Two Planning Board Members for 3 years
- Three Budget Committee Members for 3 years
- One Budget Committee Member for 2 years

All candidate nomination papers must be filed in the Town Clerk's Office by 4:30 PM on May 2, 2016.

14. Public Comments and Questions

Ellen DiCotiis went to the podium, introduced herself and asked the Board if Buxton currently has an independent transportation network for the elderly that is somewhat connected into AARP.

The Selectmen replied that there is nothing that they are aware of and suggested calling York County Community Action to see if they may have some type of independent transportation program.

Patrick Hanna went to the podium and asked the Selectmen if the public was welcome to attend when the Fire Chief presented his budget.

Selectman Harmon explained that the public is welcome to attend any meetings. They may not be allowed to speak but they are welcome to attend. A brief discussion followed about the Budget Committee Meetings and Selectman Harmon explained that those meetings are an opportunity for the Budget Committee or the Board to ask any questions they may have about the funding that is being requested for the upcoming fiscal year. The public is welcome to attend or they can watch it from home but it really is not an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

Patrick Hanna asked the Board if there is any update on the Saco school.

The Selectmen said they have not heard anything and the Board was promised by the Mayor of Saco that when the plan goes to the Planning Board that they will be notified because when it goes to the Planning Board and there is a Public Hearing that is an opportunity for anyone to speak or ask questions. Part of people's concern is does the ECO School have the financial resources to purchase the property. Selectman Harmon spoke with a resident yesterday who indicated that because the Saco Valley Land Trust is involved there may be some legal action because of the proposed plan. Selectman Harmon said the Board will keep people informed when they are notified. As far as the Selectmen know there has been nothing presented yet to the Planning Board that they are aware of.

Patrick Hanna thanked the Board and there were no other questions or comments.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM
Approved 4-0-1

Clifford L. Emery, Selectman

Jean C. Harmon, Selectman

Peter E. W. Burns, Selectman

Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Date Signed: _____
Recorded by Kyle Durkin