

***Town of Buxton
Agenda January 11th, 2022
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes***

This meeting will be streamed on the Saco River Community Media at <https://www.src-tv.org/>

Recorded by Hunter Cox

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

Others in attendance:

Called to Order at 7:12

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

January 4th, 2023

Approved 5-0

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

4:00PM – General Business-Budgets

4:30PM –

5:00PM – Chief Nate Schools-Budget and New Fire Truck

5:30PM – Conner Schratz-Attorney-MRSA 405(6E)

6:00PM – General Business-Budgets

6:30PM –

Correspondence

- Email From BFR: Monday Message
- Emails From Robert B. Hunt: Weekly Legislative report
- Emails From MMA: Entry Level Driver CDL Training, Request for federal and State Issues Topics, 2023 Member dues and Service Program
- Email From MTCCA: Title 30A Town Meeting and Election Webinar
- Email From MWDA: General Assistance Webinar

Projects and Issues-

Selectman Poitras- Worked on a couple local health officer issues with Patti McKenna, discussions on personnel matters

Selectman Pulsoni- Review of town correspondence, met with Chief schools about personnel issue, checked up on police department a few times, reviewed budgets.

Selectman Field- Worked on resident revaluation appeal, attended Tuesday night budget meeting

Selectman Blier- Meeting with Hunter Cox about Bar Mills Dam correspondence with Brookfield, talked with police chief about dispatch, attended budget meeting on Tuesday.

Selectmen Peters- Discussions with Chief Schools about dry hydrant bid

Old Business-

New Business

Executive Orders

E.O. 2223001017- An order to approve an application for Widow of a Veteran Exemption for [Map 0009 Lot 0011A-5]

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 2223001018- An order to appoint Joan E. Plummer to the position of Voter Registration Appeals Board Chair, effective until December 31st 2026.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001019- An order to appoint Mark J. Blier to the position of Comprehensive Plan Committee Member, effective until December 31st 2025.

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 2223001020- An order to appoint Mark J. Blier to the position of Keep the Heat on Committee Member effective until December 31, 2025.

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 2223001021- An order to appoint Chad E. Poitras to the Position of Saco Cemetery Committee Member effective until December 31st, 2026.

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 2223001022- An order to appoint David A. Field to the Position of Pleasant Point Park Trustee effective until December 31st, 2025.

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 2223001023- An order to appoint Kert A. Jackson to position of Estes Park Trustee of the Town of Buxton, effective until December 31, 2025

Approved 5-0

Executive Orders by Initiative

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 2223001024- An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #57

In the Amount of: \$863,915.90

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001025- An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #58

In the Amount of: \$93,681.45

Approved 5-0

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, January 18th, at 7pm

The Next Planning Board Meeting will be held on Monday, January 23rd at 7pm

The Next Budget Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday January 17th at 6pm

Town Hall Closed

Other Business

Motion to accept the resignation of Chief Troy Cline

Approved 5-0

Public Comment and Questions

Lisa Crockett- With the resignation of Chief Cline, how does the board plan to fill the position?

Selectmen Pulsoni- We will put the position out to the public and accept applications

Lisa Crockett- Has the new K-9 team been in training all year, and how much have the Buxton taxpayers had to pay for the dog and his handler? The k-9 is being teamed up with the Southern Maine Emergency Response Team, who pays for that, and how much does it cost the taxpayers.

Selectmen Pulsoni - A lot of the cost of the dog and handler is paid by the grant we received. I don't know if all of it has been, but we will find out. As to sending the dog to train and respond with other emergency response teams, we have a mutual aid agreement with other towns, agencies, and response teams. They help us, and we help them, whoever sends the team absorbs the cost.

Lisa Crockett- Is the Public Works Director a working director?

Selectmen Pulsoni- He was hired as a working director; he goes out with the men. However, he does have office responsibilities in the office and garage. He meets with vendors and contractors and runs errands. We have all seen him out there working with the guys.

Lisa Crockett- Is there a rule about family members working in the same department.

Selectmen Peters- We never implemented a nepotism rule because it is too hard to get around it in our community. We have firefighters and volunteer firefighters are related, and we have other employees in different departments who are related. Its just what we have to do to get good people and fill our positions.

Lisa Crockett- The new mechanic doesn't have experience working on big trucks, only equipment. I have heard he has made mistakes.

Selectmen Blier- We vetted him when we hired him. We talked with people, and the recommendations were that he was a good mechanic. The Public Works Director thinks he is doing a good job. He is new, so let's let him settle in.

Dave Harmon- When people bring questions or comments to this meeting, it should be discussed in the next meeting under old business.

Selectmen Pulsoni- I will call her personally, and we can discuss the issues in the next meeting.

Dave Harmon- Does the town make any money on selling town owned properties.

Selectmen- We try to recoup the money that we have spent on the property, so we put it out to bid at that amount.

Selectmen Blier- We don't collect taxes on the property while we own it, so over a few years that adds up.

Dave Harmon- I asked about the Property at Emery Ranch, and that the money was still in the account, but it would not be enough to tear down the 2 buildings. Can the money cover the cost to tear down one. Are we passed the period where heirs can come forward and claim the property.

Selectmen Blier- That bid is now 4 or 5 years old. So it's probably substantially higher to do the work now. We would have to start the process over. The heirs came forward a couple of years ago, and we haven't gone all the way through that process. It takes time, and we want to give them the greatest opportunity to reclaim their families land by paying the taxes.

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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