

***Town of Buxton
Agenda January 18th, 2022
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes***

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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 7:00

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

January 11th, 2023

Approved 5-0

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

4:00PM – Sgt. Collins-Executive Session MRSA 405-6A Personnel Issue
4:30PM – Patti McKenna-Code Enforcement
5:00PM – Executive Session MRSA 405-6A
5:30PM – Mark Woodruff (Bar Mills Dam Removal)
6:00PM –
6:30PM – General Business

Correspondence

- Email From BFR: Monday Message
- Emails From Robert B. Hunt: Weekly Legislative report
- Emails From MMA: LD3 Update, Legislative process workshop
- Email From MSAD 6: Board of Directors Meeting Agenda 1/17/2023
- Email From Tina Plummer: BAC Meeting Cancelled 1/19/2023

Projects and Issues-

Selectman Poitras- Personnel Issues

Selectman Pulsoni- Discussions with attorneys over ongoing legal issues in the town, review of correspondence.

Selectman Field- Worked on resident complaint with Casella, Reviewed Budget for Pleasant Point Park, Went to Budget Meeting on Tuesday. Talked with resident about paving on Egypt road

Selectman Blier- attended budget meeting on Tuesday, spoke with Hollis selectman about Police, Spoke with Erin Courtney, Consultant, about possible incoming bypass extension on 114 in 2026-27.

Selectmen Peters- Spoke with PW Director about road salting and amount used so far

Old Business-

Answers to questions asked last week.

K-9 Team- We were awarded a grant in 2019 to cover the costs for the Town to acquire a police dog. We still have funds left from that grant, \$24,635.59. We have not spent anything on the dog so far, the grant has covered everything.

The Dog has been trained in drug enforcement. Because of the mutual aid agreement that we have with surrounding agencies and police units, we provide mutual aid when called upon. We send the dog to train a few times a year with these agencies. He has been called on 5 times in the last year, but he was cancelled in route twice.

New Business

Executive Orders

E.O. 2223001026- An order to appoint Tashia L. Pinkham to the position of Town Farm Park Trustee effective until December 31st 2025.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001027- An order to approve John L. Myers to attend the IIMC Region One Annual Meeting on March 29th-April 1st, 2023.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001028- An order to approve Grace Bibber to attend The Maine Parks and Rec Annual Conference on March 18-22, 2023.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001029- An order to approve Hunter Cox to attend Legislative Process A-Z zoom workshop on January 31st, 2023.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001030-AN order to approve Hunter Cox and Krystal Dyer to attend the General Assistance Webinar on February 14th, 2023.

Approved 5-0

Executive Orders by Initiative

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 2223001031- An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #59
In the Amount of: \$95,157.92

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001032- An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #60
In the Amount of: \$86,685.66

Approved 5-0

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, January 25th, 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 24th at 6pm

Board Meeting with Nate Schools Monday, Jan 23rd at 6pm(Canceled)

Other Business

Public Comment and Questions

Julie Gammelson- Questions on demolition order at 60 Old Thompson Rd. The Town has not acted on the demolition order of Jan 1st, does that mean that the resident is being allowed time to make plans to get out. Will the Town notify her of the demolition, and who will notify her. The demolition order only covers the double-wide, correct.

Selectman Pulsoni- We are not allowing her to stay there, the demolition will go forward. We will not remove her before that time. We will notify her of the date and time before we act. We will put the demolition out to bid.

Ellen Dakotis- Update on Aging in Buxton Organization. We are working on providing more rides to residents in need for medical and, through volunteers. We have several requests for this service. We worked with the Gorham lions Association to provide heating assistance for residents. Wayside Kitchen is offering food boxes, but we need a place to store the food. We are working on starting a community garden. Anyone who needs info, can reach us at aginginbuxton@gmail.com

Lisa Crockett- Concern about an officer parked at night with blond female passenger. When our K-9 officer goes to training, does someone fill his slot, and is that in the budget. Do we have body cameras, are we using them, and when did they start.

Selectmen Pulsoni- We have overlap in the schedules, so there is always more than one officer. We also have reserve officers that fill slots as well. Those officers are in the budget.

We do have body cameras. I don't know if they are in use yet. We had a part that we were working on, and we need to make sure that the policies are in place. I don't know if those have been completed and implemented yet.

Robert Heal- I have an issue, and others around where I live on Cemetery rd. in Chicopee, about the removal of equipment and the closing down of Chicopee. People around there rely on that station being there. I get my water from there. The response times will be slower. People should have been notified. Who will cover that area? Will that effect insurance rates. Do we have enough staff at the fire station.

Selectmen Pulsoni and Blier- Chief Schools did a detailed study and presented it to the board, during a selectboard meeting that was televised. He showed that response times from the team stationed at Groville were faster than if a team had to be deployed to Chicopee to pick up the fire engine there. We are storing equipment there that is not being used. They would not use the truck there, because response times are faster from the team stationed at Groville. We are paying to heat and maintenance that building, and we are not using it.

According to the information we are receiving, there should not be an effect on insurance rates. Not sure how many staff we have on right now. The Fire Chief can answer those questions. We rely on him to keep the fire station staffed, and he does a great job. We rely on him to inform us, and he takes this stuff really seriously and does his homework. We trust his judgement.

Mike Crockett- How hard is the Chief working to get volunteers? Are we getting a new truck? We need people to cover Chicopee station.

Selectmen- We hired a deputy fire chief to help get volunteers, but it is getting harder and harder to get volunteers now. There has been an uptick since we hired him, but getting

volunteers now is very difficult. We are getting a forestry fire truck for off road emergency situations. We are getting it through a grant, and it is replacing our very old forestry truck.

Just to let everyone know, we are currently conducting a study to see if response times or other variables are effected by closing Chicopee. If we decide to close Chicopee, we have to put it before the town in a public meeting, present all the evidence, and let the people decide what they want to do. People can show up when we have the Town meeting in June and speak their opinions, and the Town can decide.

Dave Harmon- I was here at the meeting when Chief Schools presented his presentation, and I don't remember him saying the station was closed. How were people informed. Did anyone know the equipment was moved out.

Selectmen- The station is not closed, but the equipment is being moved out. No one was using the equipment, so we moved it out.

Lisa Crockett- Residents need to start showing up to the meetings. They need to step up. However, the Town needs to be better about informing people about things discussed at meeting. A lot of people don't have access to cable and are computer illiterate.

Selectmen- We try our best to get people informed. We post things on the websites, and throughout the town when we are required. But it is hard to make sure everyone is informed. The next people can do is read the agendas that are posted on Wednesday and watch the meetings every week.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 8:29

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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