

***Town of Buxton
Agenda April 05th, 2023
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,

Others in attendance:

Called to Order at 7:00

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

March 29th, 2023

Approved 4-0-1

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

4:00PM – Dana Hatch-North Buxton Cemetery Transfer
4:30PM – Grace Bibber- Upcoming Conference
5:00PM – Aaron Weston- CAI Technologies (GIS Mapping)
5:30PM – Patti McKenna-Executive Session MRSA 405 (6E)-Legal Issue
6:00PM – Chief Schools- Staffing Discussion
6:30PM –

Review of Correspondence

- Email From BFR: Monday Message
- Emails From Maine Welfare Directors Assoc: 2023 Spring Training Seminar
- Email From MTCCA: New Clerks 2-Day Webinar
- Email From MMA: Legislative Bulletin, Customer Service Excellence Workshop
- Email From MMTCTA: 2023 Annual Conference
- Email From MAAO: Board of Assessment Review Webinar
- Email From Robert B. Hunt: Weekly Legislative Report
- Email From Novel Energy Solutions: Solar Lease Information

- Email From Rebecca Graham: Public Hearing for LD 665

Projects and Issues-

Selectman Poitras- Tuesday night budget meeting, Appeals board meeting on last Thursday, Discussion with Police Chief about fire on Cemetery rd.

Selectman Field- Budget Meeting on Tuesday, Appeals board meeting on last Thursday, budget discussions, and check-ups at transfer station and Public Works.

Selectman Blier- Attended Budget Meeting on Tuesday, conversation with Greg Heffernan about Cassella trash pick-up and new can delivery and management.

Selectman Peters- Not Present

Selectman Pulsoni- Discussions with Police Chief and Fire Chief about separate personnel issues Budget Meeting on Tuesday, going over budgets throughout the week. Kurt Jackson has passed his certifications to be a deputy code enforcement officer.

Old Business-

Selectman Blier- Brookfield Update- They have notified us that they received our requests for studies and they are evaluating all the requests that they have received from stakeholders. They gave us a rough timeline of events from here. You can find it, and other information regarding the decommission at barmills.brookfieldusprojects.com/

Selectman Field- The old house structures at Emery O Ranch on Chicopee Rd. have been demolished and are being cleaned up and hauled away.

New Business-

Executive Orders

E.O. 2223003031 – An Order to approve 8 hrs. of vacation time for Greg Heffernan

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 2223003032- An order to approve 8 hrs. of vacation time for Hunter Cox

Approved 4-0-1

Executive Orders by Initiative

E.O. 2223003035- An order to hire Colt Bernhardt to the position of Full-Time Police Officer at the rate of \$33.71/hr.

Approved 4-0-1

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 2223003033 – An order approving expenditures as documented in
Payroll Warrant #81
In the Amount of: \$82,959.98

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 2223003034 - An order approving expenditures as documented in
Accounts Payable Warrant #82
In the Amount of: \$15,383.32

Approved 4-0-1

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, April 12th at 7pm

The Next Planning Board Meeting will be held on Monday, April 10th at 7pm

The Next Budget Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11th at 6pm

Public Comment and Questions

Peter Burns- *Update on school budget. The budget advisory meetings have concluded, and the proposed budget has been approved and submitted for approval of the school board. The final number for the Town of Buxton, excluding food services and adult education, is a 3.35% increase to equal \$293,467. Food services and adult education are estimated to be \$140,888. Combined, the Buxton portion is an estimated \$434,355. However, this is merely a recommendation, and the school board can change that number if they want to.*

Cliff Emery- *Expressed concerns over the \$800,000 in ARPA funds that the Town received. The money was to offset the effects of covid on the Town and its residents. The money should have gone to residents and businesses that were affected. None of the money went to them, and some businesses were very affected, some went out of business. At least one business requested funds through the treasurer, and they were never considered. The people never had a say in how those funds should be spent.*

Selectman Blier- The ARPA money was for the community. An option was to give the funds to businesses that were in need, but the mechanisms to do that, and the process of selection were never agreed upon or finalized. There were many other suggestions. The expenditures we made were approved in Town Meeting. We used the money to help the whole community by spending it on emergency services, and to keep our employees. We plan on spending the rest on a badly needed emergency communication system to replace our failing system.

Dave Harmon- Watched the budget meeting, and heard about the new towers going in. Are those going out to bid for multiple bidders.

Selectman Pulsoni- Yes, it is going out to bid.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:40

Approved 4-0-1

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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