

***Town of Buxton
Agenda May 10th, 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, Mark J. Blier, David A. Field,
Thomas J. Peters*

Others in attendance:

Called to Order at 7:03

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

May 3rd, 2023

Approved 4-0-1

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

4:00PM – General Business

4:30PM – Chief Collins-Emergency Communications Bid

5:00PM – Patti McKenna-Code Enforcement Update

5:30PM – Hunter Cox- HR update and Executive session MRSA 405-6A Personnel

6:00PM – John Myers and Leeann Pratt-Town Owned Properties Update

6:30PM – General Business

Review of Correspondence

- Email From BFR: Monday Message
- Email From Robert B. Hunt: Weekly Legislative Report
- Letter From Maine Center For Disease Control: Rabies Notice

Projects and Issues-

Selectman Poitras- Updates on fires throughout the town, checked up on recent demolitions, spoke with resident about cemetery fence that was damaged during winter storms.

Selectman Field- Spoke with residents and public works about some road issues, updates on ditching, check-up on recent demolitions, appeals board meeting on Thursday.

Selectman Blier- Appeals board meeting on Thursday, renegotiations on trash contract, spoke with PW Director and CEO about truck,

Selectman Peters- Police Union Negotiations

Selectman Pulsoni- Department head meeting on Tuesday, Appeals Board meeting on Thursday, BBQ at public works for Michael Crockett Last day.

Old Business-

The dedication of the Town Report will be held June 7th at 6pm at Town Hall.

New Business-

- The Town has listed 2 tax-acquired properties for sale. One is 0.8 acres off of Towle Street, and the other is 4.32 acres off of Fountain Street. Information about the properties is on the Town website under the news feed.
- Rabies Notice Letter-Information Posted on the Town Website

Executive Orders-

E.O. 2223004018- An order to approve 8 hours of Vacation Leave for Grace Bibber

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223004019-An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2022/23 in the amount of \$481.28 for [Map 9, Lot 11A-5]

Approved 4-0-1

Executive Orders by Initiative-None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 2223004020 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #91
In the Amount of: \$87,529.92

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223004021 - An order approving expenditures as documented in
Accounts Payable Warrant #92
In the Amount of: \$869,255.48

Approved 5-0

Next Meeting of the Board

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, May 17th at 7pm

The Next Planning Board Meeting will be held on Monday, May 22th at 7pm

Public Comment and Questions

Lisa Crockett- Who takes care of the uniforms contract for public works? My husband doesn't use the service, but he is still made to pay for the service? He has jeans that he cannot return that he has to pay for.

Selectmen Pulsoni-Why is this being brought up on his last day, we have never heard a complaint from him. We would need to talk with the public works director about the issue to find out more.

Lisa Crockett- How do the Police award hash marks? How does a person go from 3 marks to 7 in a few weeks?

Selectman Pulsoni- The hashmarks are 3 years of service for 1 mark. The officers carry their experience from previous departments to our department, so they would have more hash marks, even though they have only been with us a short while.

Lisa Crockett- Some of the Town vehicles, especially in the public works department, need to be cleaned and kept nice. There are vehicles that are going outside town boundaries, and parking for too long in places, have we considered getting a gps service?

Selectman Blier- We don't track the vehicles, we don't micromanage, in our estimation the roads are being plowed and maintained, the streets are being patrolled, we don't feel the need to track our employees at this time.

Lisa Crockett- I agree with the gentleman who complained that the school district has a large rainy-day fund that they do not tap into, even though they ask for more money every year. The Town needs to show up to that meeting and vote on that.

I agree with Cliff Emery about the emergency communications system, and the covid money. Yes we need a new communications system, but the covid funds needed to go to business. Why aren't we using the Town's rainy-day fund/

Selectman Blier- There is a rainy-day fund, and its exactly that. It's used for a rainy day. If we spend it on anything and everything, then we won't have it. As far as covid money goes, there were a lot of businesses in Town that got PPP loans from the federal government that they don't have to pay back. So a lot of businesses did receive help.

Dave Harmon- Did the article to buy the code car go on the warrant? What is the IRS Taxable thing on vehicles, it's a benefit to take those vehicles home, so who pays that benefit?

Selectman Blier- Some of those cars are emergency vehicles and are exempt, but I don't know that answer for the other cars. This is the first time I have heard of it, so I don't know what the IRS answer would be.

Dave Harmon- We need to make sure people are coming to the pulpit to speak. During the Appeals Board meeting, there was a guy that kept talking without going to the pulpit, and nobody could hear him.

Selectman Blier- Overall I think we have done a good job at getting people to come to the pulpit, but we will make sure that the boards are informed that they need to make people go to the pulpit if they want to speak?

Executive Session-None

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:30

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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