

*Town of Buxton  
Agenda May 24th, 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: Chad E. Poitras, Mark J. Blier, Thomas J. Peters, David A. Fields*

**Others in attendance:**

**Called to Order at 7:10**

**The Selectmen recited the Pledge.**

Reading of bids for the Towle St. Property:

Gary O,Connel-\$57,700.00

Duane Foss-\$65,000

Kelli Keliehor-\$20,000

Reading of Bids for the Fountain St. Property

Corey Hamilton- \$28,500

Edward Turgeon-\$25,000

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minute**

May 17th, 2023

*Approved 4-0-1*

**Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM**

4:00PM –

4:45PM – MRSA 405 6A-Personnel Issue

5:10PM –

5:30PM –

6:00PM –Patti Mckenna- MRSA 6A-Personnel Issue

6:30PM –Aga Dixon-MRSA 405 6E-Legal Issues

**Review of Correspondence**

- Email From BFR: Monday Message

- Email From Robert B. Hunt: Weekly Legislative Report
- Email From Dearborn Construction: 2023 Aggregate Prices
- Emails From MMA: ARPA reporting webinar, MTCCA Licensing Workshop, Legislative Bulletin
- Letter From Maine CDC: Mold Workshop for Health Officers
- Letter From MMA P&C: Loss Control
- Email From MSAD 6:BoD Meeting Agenda
- Email From MTCCA: Notary Public Webinar

## **Projects and Issues- Skipped**

*Selectman Poitras- Cemetery Issue on Limington Road, Tower Lease, Conversations with Fire Chief*

*Selectman Field- Pleasant Point Park projects and hours*

*Selectman Blier- Police and Fire Chief about Blue Ribbon Commission Funds*

*Selectman Peters- Police Union Negotiations, Public Works road updates*

*Selectman Pulsoni-. Not Present*

## **Old Business-**

Flags have been raised for Memorial Day and replaced at Town Monuments.

E.O. 2223005002-An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2022/23 in the amount of \$1078.08 for [Map 1A, Lot 127B]

*Approved 3-1-1*

## **New Business-**

There will be a Plant Sale at the Buxton Centre Baptist Church at 938 Long Plains RD on June 3, 2023 from 9am-1pm

Registrar of Voters Letter

## **Executive Orders-**

E.O. 2223005008- An Order to accept a grant in the amount of \$1000.00 from the Narragansett Number One Foundation for the Childrens Summer Reading Program.

*Approved 4-0-1*

E.O. 2223005009- An Order to accept a grant in the amount of \$2045.00 from the Narragansett Number One Foundation for West Buxton Public Library Memoir Workshops

*Approved 4-0-1*

E.O. 2223005010- An order to approve the countersignature of the Warrant and Notice of Election Calling Maine School Administrative District No. 6 Budget Validation Referendum

*Approved 4-0-1*

E.O. 2223005011- An order to approve the countersignature of the Warrant and Notice of Election Calling Maine School Administrative District No. 6 District Director Election

*Approved 4-0-1*

E.O. 2223005012- An order to appoint Darla Graham, Patricia Morrison, Dora M. Graham Nelson, Karen J. Scrutchfield, Bette A. Robicheaw and Dorothy Bell, to the position of Democratic Ballot Clerks to be effective through June 13, 2023

*Approved 4-0-1*

E.O. 2223005013- An order to appoint Sandra Mergen, Peter E.W. Burns, Helen Andronaco, David A. Ferris, Susan W. Ferris, and Mary A. Spugnardi to the position of Republican Ballot Clerks to be effective through June 11, 2023

*Approved 4-0-1*

**Executive Orders by Initiative**-None

**Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**

E.O. 2223005014 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #95  
In the Amount of: \$93,646.27

*Approved 4-0-1*

E.O. 2223005015 - An order approving expenditures as documented in  
Accounts Payable Warrant #96  
In the Amount of: \$192,392.35

*Approved 4-0-1*

### **Next Meeting of the Board**

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, May 31st at 7pm

The Next Planning Board Meeting will be held on Monday, June 13th at 7pm

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

### **Public Comment and Questions**

Scott Worchol- What is the plan for some of the larger properties that the Town owns, like the Emery O' Ranch property. I would love for those properties to be used for parks or open space, instead of sold.

Mark Blier- We have looked into many options, but I think the larger properties should be preserved for Town space or parks, but we are still considering the uses. If we don't go in that direction, we need to get those properties back on the tax roles. Years ago in the comprehensive plan we tried to create more open space and make deals to trade or secure other properties, but none of it moved forward.

Selectman Field-We have sold 3 other properties in the last year, besides these two that we sold today. On some of the properties we have, we are still looking at legal issues before we put them up for sale.

Scott Worchol- Is the review process for the bids tonight public, I assume the highest bid will be chosen.

Selectman Blier and Field- We have never rejected the highest bid, we just need to make all the paperwork is in order.

Allen Walch- You review the bids and give it to the highest bidder, will you have a public meeting and award the bid

Selectmen- Yes, we will have an executive order to award the bid, probably next week.

Dave Harmon- Can the Town sell a landlocked piece of property.

Selectmen- Yes, we disclose that in the bid, and the bidders are aware, not sure the exact law, but there should not be anything that prevents us from selling it.

Gary O'Connel- Who won the Towle street bid?

Selectmen- The Foss's bid the highest at \$65,000.00

**Executive Session-**

**Adjournment**

**Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:43**

*Approved 4-0-1*

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*Thomas J. Peters, Selectman*

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*Francis E. Pulsoni, Selectman*

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*Mark J. Blier, Selectman*

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*David A. Field,  
Selectman*

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*Chad E. Poitras, Selectman*

*Date Signed:\_\_\_\_\_*  
*Video Taped by David Blais*

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