

**Selectmen's Meeting
Agenda for July 26th, 2023**

***Town of Buxton
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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: Mark J. Blier, Chad E. Poitras, David A. Field, Thomas J. Peters

Others in attendance:

Called to Order at 7:04

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

July 12th, 2023

Approved 3-0-2

July 19th, 2023

Approved 4-0-1

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

4:00PM – Chief Kevin Collins- Tower Updates

4:30PM – Patti McKenna- Code Car Update

5:00PM – Krystal Gallant- Treasurer updates

5:34PM – Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6(A)-Personnel Issue

6:00PM – Kevin Thomas- 112 and 4A intersections and DOT information

6:30PM – Nate Schools- Fire Department Updates

Review of Correspondence

- Email From BFD: Monday Message, and Fundraiser Info
- Emails From MMA: Plumbing Inspector Training
- Email From MTCCA: State Elections Workshop
- Email From SMPDC: July Newsletter

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- Email From MAAO: 2023 Fall Conference
- Email From MTCCA: New Clerks 2-Day Webinar

Projects and Issues-

Selectman Poitras- Spoke with Fire Chief about wages, Spoke with Public Works Director about ditching throughout the Town and Brush removal.

Selectman Field- Checked in on Fire Department, Public work- Paving, and transfer station trash cans update.

Selectman Blier- Worked on land contract for Tower property, discussed zoning requirements for Tower with CEO, worked on accounting issues with Treasurer and Accountant.

Selectman Peters- Spoke with residents about new trashcan rollout

Selectman Pulsoni- Worked on radio Tower issues

Old Business-

Trash cans can go out 6pm the night before, but they must be pulled back in by 11am. If you put them out the morning of collection, they must be out by 6am.

New Business-

Executive Orders-

E.O. 2324007021- An order to approve 16 hours of vacation leave for Hunter Cox.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2324007022 - An order to approve a Victualer License for Nouria Energy Retail, Inc. d/b/a Nouria 222 Narragansett Trail

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2324007023 - An order to approve a Victualer License for Nouria Energy Retail, Inc. d/b/a Nouria 766 Narragansett Trail

Approved 5-0

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E.O. 2324007024- An order to approve the hire of Kolby Miller as a full-time Court Officer effective August 7th, 2023 at a rate of \$24.50/ hour.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2324007025-An order to approve 8 hours of vacation leave for Kevin Kimball.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2324007026- An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 1, Lot 0135 Lease 13]

Approved 4-0-1

~~E.O. 2324007027- An order to appoint Carol B. Sanborn to the position of Bonny Eagle Park Trustee member to be effective until December 31, 2026.~~

E.O. 2324007028- An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2022/23 in the amount of \$9.22 for [Map 07, Lot 37-2]

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2324007029- An order to approve a Poverty Abatement for Case #PA 23-002

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2324007030- An order to appoint Ethan bump as a Bonney Eagle Park Trustee member to be effective until December 2027

Approved 5-0

Executive Orders by Initiative-

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Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 2324007031- An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #7
In the Amount of: \$92,314.48

Approved 5-0

Next Meeting of the Board

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, August 2nd at 7pm

The Next Planning Board Meeting will be held on Monday, August 14th at 7pm

Public Comment and Questions

Dave Harmon- I had 3 or 4 people ask me about the Treasurer's position, where is the money for that wage coming from. It's higher than usual.

Selectman Blier- We put a higher amount because we want to try to get a CPA in here, and that would cost more. Our current Treasurer is dropping down to part-time, so that would free up some funds.

I would also like to address the Town as a state legislator- The legislative session has convened, but there may be another veto session. I would just like to address 2 laws that may effect our residents here in Buxton. First, The Property Tax stabilization law has been removed, but it will remain for this years filers. In the future, m2024 and on, single people making \$80k or less will get a \$2k deduction, and people filing jointly making under \$150K will get a \$2K deduction. If you are behind on your taxes up to 2 years, the state will pay the taxes, but will place a lien on the property.

Some other things that came out of the legislature this year, the Dot used to have to come ask the legislature for money to tar roads, but we allocated \$200 million that will be funded by a tax on the sale of cars and parts, instead of just from fuel taxes.

People that are on public pensions will no longer have to pay taxes up to \$43K instead on 35K. We also worked on a minimum wage increase, but it did not clear the appropriations committee, but will be taken up later. The legislature also passed paid FMLA leave, with 1% coming from the employers with 15 or more employees and 1% coming from the employees. That is up to 12 weeks FMLA for each employee.

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The ADU bill requires communities to pass the new zoning rules by January 2024, or selectboard communities to pass by July 2024.

We did a lot of work, and there is still a lot of work to do, but I appreciate you allowing me to serve as your representative in Augusta.

Executive Session-

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:25

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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