

**Selectmen's Meeting
Agenda for December 27th, 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: Chad E. Poitras, David A. Field, Thomas J. Peters, Frank E. Pulsoni,
Mark J. Blier*

Others in attendance:

Called to Order at 7:02

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

~~Reading of Non-Budgetary Articles for Warrant for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting~~

Waiting for further information on state laws before we propose the required changes to our zoning laws.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

December 20th, 2023

Approved 4-0-0

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

4:00PM – Kevin Kimball- Holiday pay discussion

4:30PM –

5:00PM – Bill Hall-Treasurer's update, wage discussions, workman's compensation
budget increase, bank process oversite

5:30PM – " " " " " "

6:00PM – General Business

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Review of Correspondence

- Email From Nancy Martin: Maine Animal Control Association Application
- Letter From Rebecca Graham: DECD schedules 2024 LD 2003 Questions
- Email From Maine DHHS: Maine DWP Update

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- Email From Rebecca Lambert: Accessibility and Security in Polling Places Workshop
- Email From Catherine Conlow: Maine FMLA Update

Projects and Issues-

Selectman Poitras- Spoke with Fire Chief about staffing increases, Employee Christmas party on the 22nd, would also like to recognize the great efforts of Mia Dodge and the Buxton Toy Box. 80 children in 41 families were blessed by their efforts and the kind donations of benefactors. Thank You!

Selectman Field- Spoke with PW Director about clean-up around town, Spoke with Fire Chief about staffing issues, attended Employee Christmas party on the 22nd.

Selectman Blier- Attended Employee Christmas party on the 22nd, Thank You to Julie Grant and Chaps for the Catering Services they provided. The Plummers who own the Hardware and Grocery stores are giving residents a chance to round up on their purchases to benefit the keep the heat on program. Spoke with Police Chief about the Emergency Communications Upgrade and alternatives to a tower. We have an alternative with using the fiber optics systems at the schools. So we are moving in that direction.

Selectman Peters- Worked with PW director about getting the state to fix a section of the road on 202 where the water was flowing over the road and caused an accident. Got their assurance that they would fix the road in the upcoming months.

Selectman Pulsoni- Employee Christmas party on the 22nd

Old Business-

The Town will also be closed Monday, January 1st, for New Years Day.

The Transfer Station will be closed on Tuesday, January 2nd

New Business-

There will Be a special Town Meeting on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024 at 7pm to vote on reconciliations for the 2022-2023 fiscal budget.

Executive Orders-

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E.O. 2324001211- An order to approve 8 hours of vacation time for Hunter Cox

Approved 4-0-0

E.O. 2324001212- An order to approve 8 hours of vacation time for Kevin Collins

Approved 4-0-0

Executive Orders by Initiative-

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 2324001213- An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #52
In the Amount of \$128,016.72

Approved 4-0-0

E.O. 2324001214- An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #51
In the Amount of \$89,090.10

Approved 4-0-0

Next Meeting of the Board

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, January 3rd at 7pm

There will be a Department Head Meeting January 3rd at 4pm

The Next Planning Board Meeting will be held on Monday, January 8th at 7pm

Public Comment and Questions

Dave Harmon- You said December 13th on the Minutes, it should have been December 20th.

Selectboard- Sorry about that, you are right. We will vote to accept that now.

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Dave Harmon- When the subject of the communications system was first brought up, it was said that we needed to update the dispatch center, because the old equipment would not work with a new system and tower. Now you say we don't need a Tower.

Selectman Blier- I don't remember exactly what was said at the beginning of the project. We have come a long way since then. The purpose of updating the system was to increase clarity and coverage throughout town. This would increase safety for our officers and the public. That was the reason we updated the 30-year-old equipment in the dispatch center, because it had started to fail. The tower was to increase our coverage and to eliminate dead zones throughout town.

Dave Harmon- I understand that, but they said that the old equipment wouldn't work with the new system, like the tower.

Selectman Pulsoni- Through the studies that RCM did, they evaluated what needed to be replaced to fix our problems. That's why we proceeded the way we did. When problems came up with the tower site, they came to our police chief and told him there may be an alternative that they discovered when they inspected some of the schools throughout the area and their fiber optic communications. Now we know that we can add some equipment to those installations and achieve similar results. The dispatch center will work with the fiber optics.

Executive Session-

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:26

Approved 4-0-0

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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