

***Town of Buxton
Agenda January 25th, 2022
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes***

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Recorded by Hunter Cox

*Members Present: Francis E. Pulsoni, Chad E. Poitras, David A. Field, Mark J. Blier,
Thomas J. Peters*

Others in attendance:

Called to Order at 7:12

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

4:00PM – Sgt. Kevin Collins-Police Dept Update
4:30PM – Grace Bibber-Recreation Director-Budget Discussions
5:00PM – General Business
5:30PM – Krystal Gallant-W2s and treasury dept update
6:00PM – General Business
6:30PM –

Correspondence

- Email From BFR: Monday Message
- Emails From Robert B. Hunt: Weekly Legislative report
- Emails From MMA: Understanding the Freedom of Access Act Webinar, Title 30A
Town Meeting and Local Election Webinar
- Email From Tina Plummer: BAC Meeting Packet for Jan 26th, 2023
- Letter From Buxton Toy Box

Projects and Issues-

Selectman Poitras- Check-ups with public works amid snowstorms, was really impressed with the amount of hours they worked, and their efforts to get the roads cleared and be responsible with the towns salt supply.

Selectman Pulsoni- Updates on public works, and snow plowing, was in the office reviewing applications for police chief.

Selectman Field- Updates on public works, they got a new liftgate from a grant to put on one of the Trucks, One of the Trucks went down with an issue, and the new mechanic was able to fix it without sending it out for an expensive fix. Went to budget meeting.

Selectman Blier- Spoke with PW about new mechanic, he is doing really well, update with HR about the ongoing search for a police chief, New Rec center bus has arrived. Spoke with Fire Chief about issues brought on staffing.

Selectmen Peters- Spoke with PW Director about road salting and amount used so far. We are having trouble getting salt. Had to borrow some from Gorham, and utilized other sources. Steering trouble on backhoe. Guys are working really hard to keep the roads clean and cleared.

Old Business-

Answers to questions asked last week.

1. Body Cameras- They have arrived and they are using them as of Thursday morning. These body cams are connected to their tasers and guns, so if they pull these weapons the cameras come on.
2. Ride Along- We have a policy that lets an officers spouse or partner to ride along with them 6 times a year. That is why sometimes you will see civilians in the cruisers with the officers.

New Business

Executive Orders

E.O. 2223001033- An order to approve 78.25 hours of vacation leave for John Myers

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001034- An order to approve changes to section X, subsection C of the Town of Buxton Personnel Policy as follows.

X.C: Full-Time Employees who are required to work on a Town holiday shall receive their regular pay plus applicable holiday pay. Emergency personnel who are on duty on a Town holiday shall receive an

additional time and one-half hours for any time actually worked on the holiday.

Per Diems for Fire/Rescue will be paid time and one-half for hours worked on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Approved 5-0

Executive Orders by Initiative

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 2223001035- An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #62

In the Amount of: \$101,818.52

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001036- An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #61

In the Amount of: \$87,134.99

Approved 5-0

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, February 1st, at 7pm

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

The Next Budget Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday January 31st at 6pm

Selectboard Meeting With Chief Nate Schools to discuss Budget on January 31st, at 5pm

Other Business

Public Comment and Questions

Cody ST. Louis- Resident of Buxton, Engineer in Biddeford. I have a few questions.

1. Can the agenda get published earlier, so that people can know what will be discussed, and if they want to attend.

Selectman Blier and Peters- The biggest reasons that we can't get things earlier is that we don't have the payroll and accounts payable until just before our meetings on Wednesday. We also don't know what will be talked about by meeting attendees until the meeting, so we can't really predict what will be discussed. We don't get a heads up, unless it was discussed in the previous meeting.

Hunter Cox (Selectman's Assistant)- We also don't really have a complete picture of who is coming in to meet with the selectmen until Wednesday afternoon. Nor do we have all the correspondence in. I try to get the agenda out as soon as possible, usually before 4pm on Wednesday before the selectmen meet with people.

2. Church Hill and Webster rd intersection has a lot of new development and increased traffic. Sometimes the signs are missing or knocked down or hidden by vegetation. Can we make that a 4 way stop, because of the danger and amount of traffic there?

Selectmen Blier- It is a Town road, but we would need to have a DOT study done on it, and get other info before we can do anything like that. We can't just do it ourselves.

3. Concerns with the possible closing of Chicopee Station. I viewed the presentation by Chief Schools, it was good, but I have a few questions. Key stats, average response time for BFD is 8-9 minutes, but he mentioned average response from Bar mills was 18 min. 20 percent of the calls are overlapping calls between stations. Groveville and Bar Mills split the overlapping calls, about 100 of them. That means it takes about 18 minutes for Bar mills to respond to the Chicopee area, but the presentation doesn't address that specifically. What is the time response stats for fire calls, specifically the response times of staff at the other locations, versus from the Chicopee station.

Selectmen Peters- There are staff at Groveville and Bar Mills, they both respond as they are available. West Gorham and standish also respond to calls for us, as we do for them. West Gorham is close to Chicopee. We are talking about 10 percent of calls, and there are a lot of variables and hypothetical situations that must be accounted for.

Selectman Blier- Also, most of the calls we get are EMS calls, and we don't run those calls out of Chicopee Station, they are run out of Bar Mills and Groveville. We only have like 8 fires a year. There are no staff at Chicopee, that staff comes from the other stations. Its faster for the on call staff from the other stations to respond, than or someone to travel to Chicopee to pick up the truck and respond. The level of service will not change.

Selectman Poitras- Those mutual aid agreements we have with other communities make sure we are covered if we cannot respond in a timely manner. But Nathan Schools has really gone over this and he has all the information. We will have a clearer answer once all the studies are done.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:46

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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