

***Town of Buxton
Agenda January 4th, 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 7:00

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

December 28th, 2022

Approved 4-0-1

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

4:00PM – General Business

4:50PM – Executive Session 1 MRSA 405-6A

5:10PM –

5:30PM – Conner Schratz-Attorney Executive Session 1 MRSA 405-6E legal Issue

6:25PM – General Business

6:30PM –

Correspondence

- Email From BFR: Monday Message
- Emails From MMA: Elected Officials Webinar, Legislative Process A-Z
- Email From Nathan Schools: 2023 Annual Mandatory Training Schedule
- Email From Tina Plummer: Updates on Budget Advisory Committee. Meeting January 5th.
- Email From Maine Audubon: January 2023 News

Projects and Issues-

Selectman Poitras- Discussions about various personnel matters

Selectman Pulsoni- Meeting with Cassella about trash pick-up and new bins, check up at public works

Selectman Field- Reviewed Town Correspondence, review of budgets, legal issues with attorney's

Selectman Blier- Discussion with Chief Schools about budgets, Discussions with Kevin Kimball (PW Director) about equipment and budgets

Selectmen Peters- Discussions with Chief Schools and Contractor about dry hydrant project, Discussions about various personnel matters

Old Business- Vote on whether to extend the demolition deadline for the dangerous structure at 60 Old Thompson Rd.

Board Voted 5-0 not to extend the deadline.

The board has considered this matter carefully and will not extend the deadline because the building is dangerous to it's inhabitants, as well as dangerous to the Town's emergency personnel and police who have been to the property many times in the line of their duties.

However, the building was not demolished on Jan 1st. The Town will keep the property owner updated on any plans to demolish the building in accordance with the demolition order.

New Business

Executive Orders

E.O. 2223001001-An order to approve 18.6 hrs earned paid leave for Ruth Scheibenflug, with additional unpaid leave from 2/27 to 4/3/2023.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001002-An order to approve 4 hours of vacation leave for Hunter Cox

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001003- An order to appoint Patti J. McKenna to the position of General Assembly Member for the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission, effective until December 31st 2025.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001004- An order to appoint Thomas J. Peters to the position of General Assembly Member for the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission, effective until December 31st 2025.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001005- An order to appoint Mark J. Blier to the position of Saco River Cable Commission Member effective until December 31, 2025.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001006- An order to appoint Brent R. Hill to the Position of Saco River Community Media Board Member effective until December 31st, 2023.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001007- An order to appoint Kyle D. Durkin to the Position of Saco River Community Media Alternate Board Member effective until December 31st, 2023.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001008- An order to appoint Luke G. Plummer to position of Budget Committee Member for the Town of Buxton, effective until the adjournment of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting in June.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001009- An order to appoint Chase H. Cox to the position of Welfare Director for the Town of Buxton, effective until canceled.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001010- An order to appoint Krystal L. Dyer to the position of Deputy Welfare Director for the Town of Buxton, effective until canceled.

E.O. 2223001011- An order to appoint John L. Myers, Jr. to the position of Welfare Fair Hearing Authority for the Town of Buxton, effective until canceled.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001012- An order to appoint Jon E. Bartlett to the Position of Board of Appeals Member for the Town of Buxton, effective until December 31st, 2023.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001013- An order to approve a Road Name Request of ***Songbird Fields Way*** for the way that will service Lots 143-2 and 143-3 off Joy valley Rd.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001014- An order to approve a Road Name Request of ***Sarah Lane*** for the way that will service Lots 48-1, 48B-2, 48B-3 off Back Nippen Rd.

Approved 5-0

Executive Orders by Initiative

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 2223001015- An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #55

In the Amount of: \$88,313.70

Approved 5-0

E.O. 2223001016- An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #56

In the Amount of: \$125,005.49

Approved 5-0

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, January 11th, at 7PM

The Next Planning Board Meeting will be held on January 9th at 7pm

The Next Planning Budget Meeting will be held on January 10th at 6pm

Other Business

Public Comments and Questions

Dave Harmon- Will the new trash bins be one size or 2, and how will they be handed out.

Selectmen- Casella will hand the bins out based on our town records. We don't know whether there will be 1 or 2 sizes, but it will probably just one size. We have to look at prices and other factors.

Dave Harmon- What happened to the house that was to be demolished on

Selectmen- We did raise about 50K to demolish that house, but when we were in the process some legal issues with heirs came out. We would like to see it cleaned up, but we have to deal with any potential legal issues. The money is still in the account, we just must reexamine where we are on it.

Selectmen- In regards to the trash bins, there are a lot of implications that we really need to discuss with the public in a meeting. There are potential issues with the lifespan of the bins, replacement scenarios and costs, and how we would repair damaged bins. These are still issues we need to explore.

Dave Harmon- Are they going to be able to finish the routes in 3 days with the new bins.

Selectmen- They are going to move to 4 days, they will use one truck. However, a smaller truck will be used on routes where the big truck will have trouble. We are still waiting on a lot of numbers from Casella about the new program. We need to have a public hearing once we have all the information.

Dave Harmon- They really need to be careful about powerlines and other obstructions with these trucks. I have seen a lot of damage in my job where trucks have snagged lines.

Selectmen- That is one of the issues we will have to make people aware of.

Patrick Hanna- Will there be serial numbers on the barrels.

Selectmen- If we let Casella manage the barrels, they will put serial numbers on the barrels, but that is more expensive. If we do it on our own, then we will have to handle

maintenance and mark the barrels ourselves, but that would be more difficult for us to manage.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:31

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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