

*Town of Buxton
Minutes September 22, 2021*

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Recorded by Krystal Dyer

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

Others in attendance: Dave Harmon and John Bartlett

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:05PM

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Public Hearing for General Assistance Ordinance and Appendixes A-D

Motion to close the Selectmen's meeting:

Approved 5 – 0

Motion to open the public hearing at 7:07PM

Approved 5 – 0

Selectman Peters read the Annual Adoption of MMA General Assistance Model Ordinance and General Assistance Appendices (A-D). Each municipality is required by law to adopt the local General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices every year after notice to the public and a public hearing. The Ordinance and Appendices include:

- Appendix A which lists overall maximum levels of assistance for all municipalities in the State and;*
- Appendices B, C, & D which list maximum amounts allowed for food, housing and utilities.*

Most of the maximum levels have either increased or remained the same. The amount of increase varies depending on the makeup of the household, income, and other factors.

Having no questions, there was a motion to close the public hearing

Approved 5 – 0

Motion to reopen the Selectman's meeting 7:09PM

Approved 5 – 0

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Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2021
Approved 5 – 0

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:00PM some members of the board met with the Buxton 250th Committee.

Chief Schools came in 5:00PM the Board went into executive session at 5:08 on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A). They came out at 5:17PM.

At 5:30PM they met with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball about a tree cutting at Bonny Eagle Park.

From 5:30PM to 6:30PM the Board had a discussion with our attorney and an attorney and a representative from Glenvale Solar regarding the solar farm TIF on Mark P. Emery Road. Selectman Peters added that the Board is not in favor of a TIF at this time. Due to the lack of jobs it was offering and the decrease in assessed value it would create.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from RMS Loss Control, Re: Cybersecurity*
- *Email from New England ADA, Re: September Newsletter*
- *Letter from Habitat for Humanity Re: Future Partnership Opportunities to Build Houses*
- *Email from Chief Schools, Re: Monday Message*

Projects and Issues

Selectman Poitras spoke about Buxton's 250th celebration for Buxton's sister centennial. We are working on logo's and programs coordinating with the Dorcus society's activities. This will all take place on August 5,6 and possibly the 7th, 2022. If anyone is interested in helping please call the Town Office.

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Selectman Field said it has been a slow week, but he did speak with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball and Transfer Station Manager Greg Heffernan. He also attended the Buxton 250th meeting with Selectman Poitras earlier today.

Selectman Pulsoni was not in the office after last week's selectmen's meeting. He did receive all from Chief Schools and Chief Cline regarding personnel issues and he was able to meet with them both today.

Selectman Blier spoke with Chief Cline on the same personnel issue. Chief Schools was in with ideas to bringing the town forward, looking at 15-years down the road. Such as a centralized fire station, Dispatch, etc...possibly through grant money. Chief Schools feels the community would be served best if from one central location.

Selectman Peters also spoke with Chief Cline regarding the same personnel issue.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 212209015 – An order to approve Applications for a non-transferrable Automobile Graveyard or Junkyard for the following entities: Lee Anderson d/b/a Long Plains Road, LLC; Alexander Filatov d/b/a Atlantic Motors, LLC; David Bolduc, Individual Junkyard; Bill Havu d/b/a Johnnie's Country Service; Mark Pombriant d/b/a Mark Pombriant, LLC; Jesse & Billy Reynolds d/b/a B. H. Reynolds & Sons Used Cars, LLC; Robert Reynolds d/b/a Bear's Auto Salvage; Michael R. Smith d/b/a Ray's Garage Inc.; Dwayne St. Ours d/b/a Saints Auto Sales; Vaughn Waterman d/b/a Buxton Auto Salvage

Approved 5 – 0

E.O. 212209016 – An order to approve 8 hours of Vacation Leave for Kimberly Beam

Approved 5 – 0

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Executive Orders by Initiative

E.O. 202209017 –An order to adopt the Maine Municipal Association Model Ordinance and GA Appendices (A-D) for the period of October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022.

Approved 5 – 0

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 212209013 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #25

Approved 5 – 0

In the amount of \$78,762.50

E.O. 212209014 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #24

Approved 5 – 0

In the amount of \$67,295.85

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, September 29, at 7:00PM

Planning Board site walk on Saturday, September 25 at 12:30PM off Waterman Road. Selectman Peters read the posted site walk notification for the Dearborn Family Subdivision.

The next Planning Board Meeting will be Monday, September 27, at 7:00PM

Other Business

Flu shot clinic Thursday, September 23, 2021 from 1:00PM to 2:00PM at the Town Hall at 185 Portland Rd in Buxton. The vaccine is FREE with proof of insurance Anyone attending the clinic will be required to wear a mask and social distance at all times.

Selectman Peters read the updated Explanation of New Curbside Rule Requiring No Loose Trash

Everything put out for curbside pickup must be in a trash bag, even if it is in a trash can. No loose material (including cardboard) will be picked up. Trash bags under loose materials in a trash can will not be picked up. This Solid Waste Ordinance change was voted on at Town Meeting and is slowly being enforced.

This new curbside trash rule is meant to prevent litter from being blown around by the wind. When trash cans have loose trash, litter often escapes as it is being dumped into the back of the trash truck. Loose trash will also be blown out of the truck as it makes it rounds through Buxton.

Bagged trash will also prevent damage to residents trash cans since the bags can be pulled out of the trash can and tossed into the trash truck instead of picking up a heavy trash can and hitting the side of the can on the edge of the truck to empty it.

Bagged trash is also less likely to attract animals due to the reduced odor compared to loose trash.

Not allowing stacks of loose cardboard to be placed on the ground next to the trash will encourage people to recycle if they don't want to go to the trouble of ripping up boxes to fit in a trash bag. It will also help prevent cardboard from being blown into the street, plowed into the woods, or getting rained on. Wet cardboard doesn't burn well at the incinerator.

A supermarket plastic bag is not an acceptable bag. The crew doesn't want to lift the barrels into the truck for both safety and litter control reasons. A trash can filled with little plastic bags would take too long to empty without lifting the can, especially if the practice became commonplace. Supermarket plastic bags are also very thin and tend to rip open and are difficult to tie closed in a manner that prevents trash from escaping.

The minimum size for an acceptable alternative/nontraditional garbage bag is a 30-pound bulk feed, pet food, bird seed, grain bag, or paper leaf bag, as long as they are tied shut in a manner that prevents trash from escaping.

If you have any further questions, please call Greg Heffernan at 929-3913, or email at buxtonts@buxton.me.u

Absentee ballot applications are available at the Town Hall

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Public Comments and Questions

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:23PM

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 Harrison Beam