

Town of Buxton
Minutes for June 22, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting

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Members Present: Clifford L. Emery, Jean C. Harmon, Dennis P. Santolucito, Chad E. Poitras, Mark J. Blier

Others Present: Dave Harmon, Patrick Hanna, Henry Huntley, Julie Gamelson, Ellen DiCotiis

Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

Elect Chair and Vice Chair

*Clifford L. Emery was nominated for the position of Chairman of the Board.
Approved 4-1-0 (Selectman Emery abstained)*

*Jean C. Harmon was nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Board.
Approved 4-1-0 (Selectman Harmon abstained)*

1. Call to Order

Selectman Emery called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Selectman Emery welcomed Mark Blier to the Board.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes June 15, 2016
Approved 4-1-0*

4. Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

At 4:30 PM the Board went into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (D) for an update on our police and dispatch labor negotiations. The Board came out of Executive Session at 5:10 PM.

Tom Kennie, our Public Works Director met with the Board to go over some issues and things he wanted to talk about.

Peter Gordon, our Code Enforcement Officer met with the Board to talk about an issue involving a resident that needs to be addressed, and the Selectmen gave him some guidance on how they want him to proceed.

Selectman Poitras said he knows that Tom Kennie is going to be looking more into the water trough down on Route 112 and hopes to be able to have some time to start doing some work on it.

The Selectmen talked about the Crime Watch signs that have been put up on the corners of the town and in the Chicopee area where the Neighborhood Crime Watch Group is. They also talked about the “No Parking” signs at the corner in Buxton Center that have faded out. Tom Kennie is going to order new signs to replace them so we can read them.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director, York County EMA – Re: Lightning Safety Awareness Week June 19-25*

Selectman Emery stated that since “Lightning Safety Awareness Week” started in 2001, the number of lightning fatalities has dropped from about 50 per year to less than 30.

- *Email from Dave Francoeur – Re: Hometown Security Fact Sheet*
- *Email from Maine Town & City Clerks’ Association – Re: Call for MTCCA Award Nominations*
- *Letter from Maine Department of Transportation – Re: Updating Traffic Signal Database*

Selectman Emery mentioned that DOT did some work at the intersection of 22 & 202 and there seems to be more equal time now for those lights.

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Blier said he spent some time this week with Jean Harmon and he is thankful for that. He said she talked about payroll, business meetings with a lot of people who work in the town, the order of business throughout the day and what is expected. He said there is a lot to it so it is kind of “sensory overload” but he is enjoying it, is excited for the opportunity and looking forward to another good week.

Selectman Poitras talked briefly about attending Town Meeting last Saturday.

Selectman Harmon said all of the Selectmen were here for Town Meeting on Saturday and there were 50-55 people here which was a fair attendance; all of the warrant articles were passed and the meeting was adjourned by 11:30 AM. She was here last Thursday for police union negotiations and said that will happen again next Wednesday. She is hoping that they will be closer then to a signed contract.

Selectman Harmon stated that the town is coming up on its new fiscal year and she will be working with our Accounts Payable Clerk when she enters all of the new figures into the TRIO software and with the Treasurer in entering all of the raises that were approved. She mentioned time spent with Mark Blier this week and is looking forward to being able to show him the ropes more as they go along.

Selectman Santolucito said he thought Town Meeting went well and the Boy Scouts did a good job. He reported coming in Monday and learning about an internet outage at Town Hall. Initial indications were that it was a problem with our equipment but Steve Tripp from our vendor BizCom was here working on it and figured out that it was actually a problem with OTT’s switch, not something here on site. OTT had the problem fixed around 10 o’clock the next morning.

Selectman Emery was in several times last week making sure everyone had what they needed for Town Meeting, catching up on work and answering questions. He said once all the updates are in, now that Town Meeting is behind us it tends to quiet down for a month or so then it will start to get busy again. Selectman Emery met with each of the Department Heads in the last week. He said there are no major concerns, everyone is doing well and the town is in good shape.

7. **Old Business**

- *Solar Power Project*

Selectman Emery stated that Peter Burns was the point person on this project and he is not here anymore so he (Selectman Emery) is not sure where this will go but will talk with Mr. Burns about it.

- *Composting food waste proposal*

Selectman Emery said the Board thinks this is a worthwhile thing but he does not know how ambitious this is going to be but Greg Heffernan is still looking into it. He said the Board will take it as far as they can and it will either take share and go or end up being a dead issue.

8. **New Business**

Selectman Harmon mentioned the free breakfast and lunch program that has been going on for a couple of years now at the elementary school. The program starts Monday, June 27 at Buxton Center Elementary School. Breakfast and lunch is free for any child age 18 and under. Adults may purchase breakfast for \$3.00 or lunch for \$4.50.

9. **Executive Orders**

E.O. 151606026 – An order to accept the letter of resignation from Mark Blier as a member of the Planning Board

Approved 5-0

E.O. 151606027 – An order to approve 8 hours of vacation time for Peter Gordon

Approved 5-0

10. **Executive Orders by Initiative**

None

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 151606024 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #112

Approved 5-0

The amount was \$40,682.18

E.O. 151606025 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #107, #111

Approved 5-0

The amount was \$53,230.07

12. Next Meeting of the Board

Planning Board Meeting Monday, June 27 at 7:00 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, June 29 at 7:00 PM

13. Other Business

There are several vacant positions here in the community that need to be filled:

- One Director of MSAD #6 (1 year)*
- One Planning Board Member (1 year)*
- One Budget Committee Member (1 year)*

If anyone is interested in serving in any of these positions, please contact the Board of Selectmen at 929-5191 before July 6 to express your interest.

Selectman Poitras pointed out that these are all 1 year positions instead of the full 3 year terms so if you have any interest, this is a perfect opportunity for someone to get their foot in the door and try it out for a year.

The Buxton Free Breakfast and Lunch Program starts Monday, June 27 at the Buxton Center Elementary School. Free breakfast and lunch is offered to anyone who is 18 years of age or under. This service is offered through Friday, August 5th. Adults may purchase breakfast for \$3.00, or lunch for \$4.50. Hours for breakfast are 8:15 AM – 9:00 AM and lunch will be served from 11:15 AM – 12:00 Noon. For a menu, community members can stop by the town hall. There is also a copy located on the Buxton Recreation Department website at www.buxtonrec.com.

Selectman Poitras asked if this is a school program.

Selectman Harmon explained that this is a federal grant that the school received. She believes it was a 3 year grant and said this may be the last of the 3 years. The program is being offered at several of the elementary schools throughout the district.

Selectman Blier stated that on Tuesday, Election Day, he was quite disheartened to see how many empty ballots and write-ins we had. He encouraged the public to try and fill the empty positions. He said Selectman Harmon asked him to be on the Planning Board and that is why he is here today. He said you will learn things and meet some nice people.

14. Public Comments and Questions

Ellen DiCotiis went to the podium. She said she and Greg Heffernan are persevering with the food composting. Greg is all set up and has all of the regulations that are needed for him to get this going. Ellen said Waterboro students are involved in doing this so she and Greg are going to try to arrange a field trip to go over there and see what they do. She said Greg Heffernan is trying to get the School Board to work with them to encourage the school to carry out the procedure so they can get the waste put into the transfer station.

Julie Gamelson went to the podium and introduced herself. She asked about the bridge on Simpson Road and asked the Board if they know why on the Saco side it says the bridge is closed but on the Buxton side it says the bridge is open.

Selectman Emery said the last thing they heard from the city was that they had the money and the project was going to be done sometime this summer.

Ms. Gamelson asked the Board if they have heard any more about the "Eco School" and a brief discussion followed.

Selectman Emery said he saw the Chairman of the City Council at a recent budget committee and asked if our Board is going to be notified when this goes to the Planning Board. Selectman Emery said he has not heard or seen any more about it.

Selectman Harmon said the last she heard was that it may get tied up in a legal proceeding with the land trust.

Ms. Gamelson thanked the Board.

There were no other questions or comments.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM
Approved 5-0*