

Town of Buxton
Minutes for July 6, 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 was absent.*

Others Present: Henry Huntley, Julie Gamelson, Ellen DiCotiis

Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

Selectman Emery called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes June 29, 2016
Approved 4-1*

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

The Board talked about the Planning Board and impact fees, also the fees that we charge for building permits, and whether or not the Board should be looking at increasing them.

The Board met with a resident, David Field who has expressed an interest in serving on the Planning Board. The Board talked with him about his thoughts, thanked him for coming in. The Board has another resident who has also expressed an interest in the Planning Board that they hope to meet with next week so they told Mr. Field they will get back to him on the appointment. Mr. Field is a Trustee of Pleasant Point Park so the Selectmen were able to answer some questions he had about that.

At 6 'clock the Board met with Ellen DiCotiis to talk about her interest in being our representative on the School Board. She has been the only one who has expressed an interest in serving on the School Board so the Board will do that appointment next Wednesday.

Then the Selectmen started talking about budget items and a couple of budgets that went over. The Board is looking into the reasons for that to make sure it is not going to be an ongoing issue.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *Letter from Bill Brockman, MSAD #6 Business Manager – Re: Assessment documents for 2016/17 school budget*
- *Email from Mark LaGross, MDOT – Project Development Unit Coordinator – Re: Road reconstruction (Three different locations along route #202)*

Selectman Emery explained that MDOT has 3 projects they are going to do along the Route 202 corridor; one in Lyman, one in Buxton and one in Gorham. The one in Buxton is a cross culvert on the Reynolds side of where Pennell Road comes out onto 202. He believes the state is going to cut that culvert out and replace it.

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Poitras reported he was at Town Hall about an hour yesterday returning some phone calls, and taking care of some voicemail messages. He talked with the Fire Chief for a while and worked with a resident on Spruce Swamp Road who is concerned with speeding cars and signage.

Selectman Santolucito was in last Thursday and spent some time early Friday morning with the Public Works crew learning more about what their projects are. He said Tom Kennie was on vacation that day but the rest of the crew was there. Selectman Santolucito said they certainly have their plate full of work to do this summer. He spent time Saturday morning at the Transfer Station and said that is an operation that just like Public Works is running well.

Selectman Harmon reported that she met with the Recreation Director at the old Eldon Store which is the EMA building. That facility is going to be used for a couple of weeks in August to extend our summer rec program. The Recreation Director needs to take some measurements of door widths and determine where she can possibly put in a refrigerator and stove. Selectman Harmon said we were the recipient of a grant through

the National Parks & Recreation Association and part of that money can be used for refrigeration and stoves to participate in healthy eating and healthy cooking programs for kids when they are out of school.

Selectman Harmon mentioned that we are now in a new fiscal year so she is going through a few of the budget items that our Accounts Payable Clerk has entered into the system to make sure everything that was approved at Town Meeting has been entered correctly. Selectman Harmon started that process today and will get that finalized by the end of the week so that when we have two warrants like we did this week, the Board can see what is coming out of the new fiscal year.

Selectman Emery reported that he talked with the Fire Chief about the truck that the town appropriated money for. The Chief has given the Selectmen some proposals which they are going to review and talk with him (the Chief) about what they are going to do.

7. Old Business

- *Solar Power Project*

Selectman Emery said the Board does not see this project going forward and asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

- *Composting food waste proposal*

Selectman Emery said this is still being discussed and the Board will report on it when new information comes in.

8. New Business

None

9. Executive Orders

E.O. 161707003 – An order to award the 2016 & 2017 roadside mowing contract to Andrew Townsend for the total bid price of \$21,000

Approved 4-1

10. Executive Orders by Initiative

None

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 161707001 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #116 & #002

Approved 4-1

Those totals were \$77,355.30 and \$31,944.19.

E.O. 161707002 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #001

Approved 4-1

The amount was \$60,858.01

12. Next Meeting of the Board

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00 PM

Public Hearing Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM on a Liquor License renewal for Gail P. Landry, d/b/a The Barn at Flanagan Farm, located at 668 Narragansett Trail in Buxton

Public Hearing Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 7:05 PM on a Liquor License application for William Ham III, d/b/a Skip's Lounge located at 288 Narragansett Trail in Buxton

13. Other Business

There will be a Blood Drive at Buxton Town Hall on Monday, July 18 from 1:00 PM ~ 6:00 PM. Please call the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS or log on to redcrossblood.org for an appointment.

14. Public Comments and Questions

Selectman Harmon reminded people that there is a free breakfast and lunch program at Buxton Center Elementary School for children up to age 18. Adults can eat as well for a small fee.

Selectman Santolucito mentioned that he was bicycling Saturday morning around town and people were very respectful but he said one thing he did notice was a vehicle edging out in front of a motorcycle at an intersection. He cautioned people to be aware because this time of year there are a lot of motorcycles on the road.

Selectman Harmon talked about the Fourth of July and the fact that the town has a Fireworks Ordinance and suggested that the Board needs to take a look at that.

Selectman Emery explained that the Board had a very short time frame to decide whether or not to adopt a fireworks ordinance so they decided to follow what the state does thinking that if people had issues with it they would come to the Board and the Board would then consider making changes to it. Selectman Emery said no one has done that. He explained that it is a difficult thing for law enforcement to enforce because they cannot possibly be in so many places at the same time. He said he is not going to advocate for a change but if people come to the Board with recommendations, the Board will be open to making some minor changes to the ordinance, if that is what the people of the town want.

Selectman Poitras added that he believes some other towns allow fireworks on holidays.

Selectman Emery said a lot of towns allow them on New Years and the Fourth of July.

Selectman Harmon said she would be for that as long as people stuck to that. She mentioned people with pets who are stressed out at the noise at night. She said she is not opposed to allowing fireworks at some times but hopes the people who do it will be respectful of others.

There were no other comments or questions.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

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

Approved 4-1