

***Town of Buxton***  
***Minutes for June 29, 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: Henry Huntley, Julie Gamelson, Ellen DeCotiis, Scott Warchol*

**Selectmen's Meeting Agenda**

**1. Call to Order**

*Selectman Emery called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*The Board recited the Pledge.*

**3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes June 22, 2016  
Approved 5-0*

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

*The Board went into Executive Session at 5:05 PM, per 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6) (D), to discuss the union contract negotiations. The Board came out of Executive Session at 5:30 PM.*

*Shawn Robitaille from Saco River Dentistry came in to talk with the Board about a new dental office. They are going to be approaching the Planning Board about taking down the old structure and building a new office across the street from Hannaford on Route 202. They do not have a designer yet but are hoping to start sometime in the fall.*

*Jeremiah Ross from the Planning Board met with the Board to discuss whether or not there was anyone interested in the vacancy on that board. The Selectmen advised that some have expressed an interest and they (the Selectmen) hope to appoint someone to that position soon.*

*Jeremiah Ross also talked with the Selectmen about a gentleman who wants to put storage lockers in part of the apple orchard on Route 202. That man is going to be meeting with the Business District Focus Committee to review the new ordinance with them. The ordinance is 65 pages long and Jeremiah Ross said it makes more sense for the applicant to sit down with the people who know all about it to see how his plan fits with that. He will then go to the Planning Board and the Planning Board will have the final say on anything that is done there. Selectman Emery said the committee and the Planning Board can work together with the first few applicants until the Planning Board gets acclimated to the new ordinance.*

*After that the Selectmen discussed the budget process, how some of the budgets work and what the Board does with money at the end of the budget season.*

*Selectman Harmon mentioned that Selectman Blier asked the Board about the heating system in the Groverville Fire Station that needs to be replaced and shared his thoughts on that. She said he is getting together with Chet Ouellette to get some prices. Selectman Emery said that Mr. Blier has graciously accepted that project and will be moving it along this week.*

## **5. Review of Correspondence**

- *Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director, York County EMA – Re: Training Dates*
- *Email from Dave Francoeur, York County EMA – Re: Ham Radio Class & Testing*

## **6. Review of Projects and Issues**

*Selectman Santolucito was in Monday afternoon. He spoke with the Police Chief and the IT vendor that provides service to police and dispatch. They provided a quote for a managed service contract for the computer systems and everything that goes on over there from an IT perspective. He asked the vendor and is also looking at the invoices from this past year to see what would be the most cost effective way to go, either time and materials, or a managed service contract. Selectman Santolucito expects to have*

*information back in the next couple of weeks and said we may not have the money to do anything right away but it will give us a sense of what direction we are heading in.*

*Selectman Harmon reported that she attended a workshop yesterday that was put on by the town's attorney in regards to the new law on exempt employees and determining their status. She said it was informative and she does not believe we have anyone who will be affected by that. She has given the information to our Treasurer to have on hand as well.*

*Selectman Harmon also reported that she participated in union negotiations this afternoon for a couple hours.*

*Selectman Poitras reported that he spoke to a resident who is helping with the water trough project on Route 112. He is waiting for Public Works to do the rip-rap stone foundation around it before he actually does the trough.*

*Selectman Poitras mentioned receiving some complaints this week from a couple of residents in West Buxton about a house lot being developed. They had some concerns about some of the activities so Selectman Poitras worked with Code Enforcement on getting some of their concerns settled.*

*Selectman Poitras stated that he spoke to a person who was interested in being on the Planning Board and had a great conversation with him about some of those issues. Selectman Poitras also mentioned running into the Public Works crew today while they were working on Woodman Road. A resident came by who said he was very thankful for their efforts. Selectman Poitras said it was good to hear some positive feedback.*

*Selectman Blier reported that he spent some time this week looking into who is maintaining some of our furnaces. He talked to the Fire Chief, Public Works Director and Chet Ouellette on that. In doing so he found that our contract for oil prices is coming up in November so he contacted Pit Stop Fuels to see if we can negotiate a contract for this coming year. He said he is hoping to negotiate something not only for the town employees but for all people in Buxton.*

*Selectman Blier stated that he talked with Greg Heffernan about the food composting for the schools to get caught up on what is going on with that. Selectman Blier said it is somewhat complicated at the initial stages but he would want that to be cash flow positive for our community. He said he would not want to see taxpayer money used to make that happen. He reiterated that if we are going to do the food composting he would like that to be cash flow positive to bring money in rather than taking it away.*

*Selectman Blier said he also spoke with the Fire-Rescue Chief about the Groveville Station needing a new heating system. He (Selectman Blier) is looking into that to see what can be done there to resolve the issue before winter comes along.*

*Selectman Emery was in a couple of days this week. He said he talked with the Police Chief about some information which the Chief was able to get to him in one day instead of Selectman Emery having to spend a week trying to get it.*

*Selectman Emery said he talked with the Fire Chief about the purchase of a new vehicle for the Fire-Rescue Department and they had a long conversation about some options they are looking at. The Chief will be bringing the Board a couple of proposals next week so they can look them over and decide what they want to do.*

*Selectman Emery said it has been quiet and things are going very well. He said that means that the employees of the community are doing a great job and the Board is grateful for all of them and for the job they do.*

**7. Old Business**

*Solar Power Project*

*Composting food waste proposal*

*Selectman Emery mentioned Selectman Blier's update on his conversation with Greg Heffernan about the food composting.*

**8. New Business**

*None*

**9. Executive Orders**

*None*

**10. Executive Orders by Initiative**

*None*

**11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**

*E.O. 151606028 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #114*

*Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 151606029 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #113 & 115*

*Approved 5-0*

*The amount was \$57,093.31*

*The amount of the Accounts Payable Warrant was \$82,709.55.*

**12. Next Meeting of the Board**

*Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, July 6 at 7:00 PM*

**13. Other Business**

*Buxton Town Office will be closed on Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.*

*The Transfer Station will be closed Tuesday, July 5. No curbside trash pick-up on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. If your curbside pick-up day falls on Monday, next week your trash will be picked up on Friday, July 8.*

*The Buxton Transfer Station will begin charging for fluorescent tubes on July 1, 2016. Four foot tubes will cost \$.50 each; eight foot tubes \$1.00 each, circular or u-shaped bulbs \$1.00 each and CFLs will continue to be free of charge. This is what it is costing us to move the product and Selectman Emery said the Board is not in this to make money; it is being done as a convenience for the taxpayers of the town.*

*Selectman Harmon added that any other size fluorescent tubes can be dropped off at the local hardware store; they just don't accept the 4 ft. and 8 ft. tubes.*

*Selectman Santolucito talked about purchasing paint over the last 2 weeks and having to pay a \$.75 return fee per gallon. The Manager at Aubuchon Hardware told him that they have recycling there so she is going to accept paint cans.*

*Selectman Emery said if you leave the covers off most paint it will dry out and when most paint dries it is no longer a hazardous waste.*

*The Board has posted the following vacant positions:*

- *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 Blier announced that he will be on vacation next week.*

#### **14. Public Comments and Questions**

*Ellen DeCotiis went to the podium to give the Board an update. She reported that another citizen of Buxton spoke with Greg Heffernan about the food recycling and has been emailing her. She asked the person if she has done this before and was told that she has a farm, took a class on composting, and would like to come on board with this project. Ms. DeCotiis said she told her they need to bring this forward to the School Board to get their support so that the school staff will do it.*

*There were no more questions or comments.*

#### **15. Executive Session**

*None*

#### **16. Adjournment**

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM  
Approved 5-0*