

***Town of Buxton
Minutes for September 28, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting***

Prepared by: Beverly Gammon

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

Others Present: Peter Burns, David Harmon, Representative Donald Marean, Ellen DeCotiis,
Patrick Hanna, Henry Huntley

Public Hearing – 7:00 PM -- Amendments MMA Model Ordinance GA Yearly Appendices (A-D)

Selectman Emery read the Hearing Notice and opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM. He explained that every municipality is required by the State to adopt the General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices (A-D) each year and briefly described the appendices.

Selectman Emery asked if there were any questions. There were none.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:03 PM.

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 led the recital.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes September 21, 2016
Approved 3-0-2*

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

Chief Cline met with the Board to sign the Union Contract that has been ratified for Police & Dispatch. The Board signed it as well and copies will be sent out to those who need one.

At 5 o'clock a resident came in with the Code Enforcement Officer to discuss an issue with some signage the resident wants to put up in front of his home. The Board took no action and Selectman Emery said if the resident and the Code Officer do not come to an agreement they may wind up in front of the Appeals Board.

At 6:15 PM, Steven Heroux, the chairman of the group that worked on our business commercial design standards, came in to talk with the Board about some issues involving an application that is before the Planning Board right now. They had a Public Hearing and some information at the meeting was a bit misleading. Mr. Heroux is going to have another meeting with the Planning Board to discuss that.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *Public Health Advisory from Maine CDC – Re: Updated Zika Travel Guidance*
- *Email from John Sylvester, Chairman, York County Budget Committee – Re: Letter regarding York County Budget Committee position on site location of proposed combined courthouse*

Selectman Emery explained that a new courthouse is going to be built in York County and a selection committee has been looking at places to build it. He read a letter that the York County Budget Committee sent to the Courthouse Selection Committee sharing their thoughts on the proposed combined courthouse and the “significant costs associated with the location of this facility if it is going to be outside of the Alfred location. The letter goes on to say that the Budget Committee believes that building at the Alfred location will save the County taxpayers well over \$500,000 annually. They want to build the courthouse beside the jail so people can walk right from the jail to the courthouse which would be a significant savings.

- *Notice – Re: Free Rabies Clinic at Aubuchon Hardware, in Springvale on October 15 10 AM to 1 PM*

Selectman Harmon read the notice and provided details on the free clinic.

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Santolucito is on the committee for the SAD #6 cost sharing issues related to Frye Island. He reported that he attended their meeting Monday night along with Peter Burns. Representative Don Marean, Bill Diamond and others also attended. Selectman Santolucito said this is going to be a three meeting process; the first meeting was a chance to put the issues on the table; the next meeting will be on October 18 and the third meeting will be held on October 24. On October 18 there will be a proposal from the facilitator to either keep things the way they are or change the cost sharing of the local portion for the schools and any type of split may be put on the table. He said he expressed concern that any cost sharing moving the burden of taxes from Frye Island people who have second homes will fall on the taxpayers of Buxton, Hollis, Limington & Standish. According to census figures from 2000, 16.5% of people age 65 and over in Buxton were living below the poverty line. Selectman Santolucito said we cannot afford to shift the tax burden from people who have second homes to people who live in Buxton, Limington, Hollis and Standish who are trying to pay taxes on their primary homes. Selectman Santolucito said he told the committee that the Buxton Board of Selectmen struggles every year as they go through the budget cycle to find ways to fund our Fire-Rescue, Police, Public Works, Transfer Station, and things that we do here at Town Hall. Selectman Santolucito said Frye Island has a lot of expensive homes, a golf course, marina, ferry service and beaches, and he does not think the tax burden can be shifted.

Selectman Santolucito said he is going to work with Selectman Harmon this week comparing their Municipal Valuation Returns and will be spending a little time with our Assessor. Selectman Santolucito went on to say that before the Budget Committee gets up and going, he would like to have an upgrade done in the large meeting room with an overhead projector, wireless, and a screen all connected back to the Saco River Community Television equipment. He and Selectman Harmon met with a vendor last week and followed up with them today pushing for a proposal to see if it is something that can be accomplished.

Selectman Harmon reported that she has been in the office this week. Monday the Board interviewed candidates for the Mechanic position and she stated that the candidates were all very qualified. She said she has been reviewing forms that our Treasurer updated. She made a few changes to them and said they have been distributed. Selectman Harmon mentioned that the rumble strips have been completed on Route 202. She also mentioned that she has been working to get the union contract signed so the Board can ratify it tonight.

Selectman Emery said he has been in several times since last Wednesday going through the mail, talking with everybody and doing things in the office. He also mentioned that the Board interviewed three very capable individuals Monday night for the Mechanic position and stated that they selected the person they felt would be the best fit for what they are looking for. Tom Kennie, our Public Works Director, was going to contact that person and get the process started to hire him.

7. **Old Business**

None

8. **New Business**

None

9. **Executive Orders**

*E.O. 161709017 – An order to approve 40 hours of vacation time for Nathan Schools
Approved 3-0-2*

*E.O. 161709018 – An order to approve a poverty abatement for case #PA 16-008 and
Case #PA 16-009
Approved 3-0-2*

*E.O. 161709019 – 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; Forest D. Boucher d/b/a Forest D. Boucher; Bill Havu d/b/a Johnnie's Country
Service; Joseph Iaconeta Jr., d/b/a Ike's Auto Sales and Service; Jesse & Billy Reynolds
d/b/a B. H. Reynolds & Sons Used Cars LLC; Robert Reynolds d/b/a Bear's Auto
Salvage; Rusty Rowe d/b/a Rowe's Auto Parts; 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 3-0-2*

*E.O. 161709020 – An order to adopt the MMA Model Ordinance GA Appendices (A-D)
for the period of October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017
Approved 3-0-2*

10. **Executive Orders by Initiative**

*E.O. 161709021 – An order to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the
Town of Buxton and the Buxton Police Association/Maine Association of Police for the
Dispatchers and Police Officers for the term of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019
Approved 3-0-2*

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 161709015 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #026

Approved 3-0-2

The amount was \$32,792.95

E.O. 161709016 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #025

Approved 3-0-2

The amount was \$40,801.03

12. Next Meeting of the Board

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 PM

13. Other Business

There will be a Flu Shot Clinic at Buxton Town Hall Thursday, September 29, from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. Please remember to bring your insurance card. The cost is \$30.00 for anyone wishing to pay cash. The clinic is open to the public and will be held in the small meeting room at Town Hall.

The Board is soliciting bids for one 1995 Ford L8000 Dump Truck equipped with a 10 foot body, center sanding chain, 11 foot Quick Switch front blade, and 10 foot wing. This vehicle is located at the Buxton Public Works Garage, 215 Portland Road and will be sold as is where is. More information is available on the Town's website or you can contact Tom Kennie, Public Works Director at 929-4400 for more information. Bids must be submitted to the Board of Selectmen no later than Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at 4:00 PM.

There will be a Rabies Vaccination Clinic Saturday, December 3 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM at the Buxton Public Works Garage. Cost is \$8.00 per vaccination – Cash Only. The clinic will be sponsored by the Hollis Animal Clinic, the Towns of Buxton & Hollis & the Vacationland Dog Club. Dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in carriers.

14. Public Comments and Questions

Peter Burns went to the podium and shared his perspective on the SAD #6 meeting Monday night. He noted that roughly 45% - 50% of school children in SAD #6 are eligible for free/reduced lunch and talked about the backpack program to give food to children for the weekend whose families cannot afford it. He said he brought up the fact that if we went to a 50/50 cost sharing that Frye Island would only pay 50% of their current assessment on the land, and the other 50% would be based on the number of students that they would not have to pay. Buxton would pick up with the current budget approximately \$600,000 more than the 6.2 million we are paying now. That would come close to \$1.00 on our mill rate. He also mentioned that Frye Island has three marinas, a golf course and their ferry service, and some million dollar cottages. Mr. Burns said a lot of people are struggling with their primary homes and he finds it hard to accept anybody that has a second home that cannot pay their fair share for education which all residents pay. He talked about the cost sharing formula we have that has been there for years and years and gave examples of other groups who might say they don't have children in the schools and don't want to pay their fair share, to demonstrate that there is no end to the number of special groups that could be created. Mr. Burns said we are talking about education; someone paid for us when we were in school and is still paying. Currently the cost is greater than \$8,000 per student per year which is far too much for just the parents with students to pay. He said everyone needs to pay their fair share so our children can get a good education. Mr. Burns talked about the process the committee is going through and said the Town Manager from Frye Island told them that maybe they will have to un-incorporate and become a village or unorganized territory. He said he suspects that will not happen and he hopes that whatever the solution is that this will come to an end.

Representative Donald Marean went to the podium. He is the Representative to the Legislature (House District 16 & 22) for part of Buxton which he described in detail. He stated that he was here last week along with a representative from Senator Susan Collins' office in case there were some local issues that Senator Collins' office would not deal with. He said no one showed up but they had a nice chat. Representative Marean informed us that the Department of Transportation passed new rules this year that involve putting up political signs and they are very strict. He explained the new rules and said Maine D.O. T. is going to be the enforcer.

Representative Marean talked about the RSU meeting Selectman Santolucito and Peter Burns talked about. He said that is going to be a real tough thing for us to come to a resolution on because whatever it is, Frye Island is not going to be happy with it. He reminded us that two years ago when Frye Island hired the most powerful lobbying firm at the State House and paid them \$50,000 to pass a bill to get what they want, that came very close to passing. He said had it not been for our delegation of three House members, two Senate members, and Penny Booker who was there, that bill would probably have passed. He said the resolution that is going to be reached is likely not going to satisfy Frye Island. He said he asked to be on the committee to represent Hollis

and he is glad he is because he knows what happened with the last bill and he is confident that if they don't get what they want they will come back with another bill and having had the experience he had with the last bill and sitting on this committee, it will make it much easier for him to sell to the Legislative body and the Senate what the towns do not want instead of what Frye Island wants. He said this exercise is good for us; it is required by law and not something we chose to do, and the Governor said if we did not do something like this, he would. Representative Marean said he thinks we are better off tackling it ourselves than letting him tackle it.

The Board thanked Representative Marean.

There were no more comments or questions.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM
Approved 3-0-2*