

***Town of Buxton
Minutes for October 5, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting***

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

Others Present: Ellen DeCotiis

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 led the recital.

Open Bids for 1995 Ford L8000 Dump Truck

- 1. Brian Leavitt, owner of Leavitt Earthworks bid \$2000.*
- 2. Copp Equipment bid \$5529.*
- 3. Mark Faulkner bid \$1800.*

The Board will look at these and will have an Executive Order next week.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes September 28, 2016
Approved 3-0-2*

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

Chief Cline, our Police Chief, met with the Board. They went into Executive Session at 5:42. They came out of Executive Session at 6:55 PM. They dealt with some personnel issues, discussed some things going on in town, and the Board did a six-month review with the Chief.

Peter Leavitt came in. He and his wife run a dance studio in West Buxton and there have been some parking issues over there. Mr. Leavitt discussed that with the Board and the Police Chief. Chief Cline is going over to talk with them and probably with the Masons about where people can park, where they cannot, and some options that may be available. The Board wants that to work for everybody but said it needs to be a safe environment at the same time.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *Letter from Geoff Herman, Maine Municipal Association – Re: Invitation to attend the 12 Town Group legislative candidates' forum on Monday, October 10, from 6:30 – 9:00 PM at the Waterboro Town Office, 24 Townhouse Rd., E. Waterboro*

Selectman Emery explained that the 12 Town Group has invited all of the legislative candidates to this forum and it is open to anyone who would like to attend.

- *Email from MSAD #6 Business Office – Re: Cost Sharing Information Request*
- *Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director, York County EMA – Re: Update on hurricane Matthew*
- *Announcement from Buxton-Hollis Historical Society – Re: Memorial Fountain Re-Dedication Family Event Saturday, October 15 at 11 AM at the Corner of Main & Fountain Streets in Bar Mills*

Selectman Emery read details about the Memorial Fountain Re-Dedication and explained that the Historical Society has three events they are going to be presenting and the Board will read information on the other two as we get closer to the date for each event.

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Santolucito reported that the Board received the proposal today from Headlight AV on the equipment upgrade. The Selectmen will take a look at that over the next week and try to bring this together. Selectman Santolucito said it looks very promising.

Selectman Santolucito said he spent Friday with our assessing agent, Bob Gingras and met with about six different residents. He said after spending the day with him (Bob Gingras) and going out into the field with him to look at properties, he can see that Mr. Gingras is one of the most seasoned assessors out there.

Selectman Santolucito said he will have the numbers for SAD 6 next week.

Selectman Harmon reported that she was in Friday when Selectman Santolucito met with Bob Gingras. They went over a few properties for a couple people who asked for a review of their property.

Selectman Harmon said she looked at Selectman Santolucito's numbers for the Municipal Valuation Return and he did a great job for the first time. She said she filled in some blanks for him and they are going to sit down and go over where those numbers came from and some of the things he missed.

Selectman Harmon stated that the Selectmen talked about carry forwards earlier and hopefully they can take a look at that next week along with reconciliations. She said according to John Myers there is going to be a change in how vehicle registrations are printed that will require us to get new printers for everyone out front. John is going to look at what he can possibly carry forward for that but Selectman Harmon said there may not be enough to purchase all four printers right now but they have to be in place by next year.

Selectman Poitras reported that he has been keeping an eye on the water sluice project that was started several months ago. He said with the generosity of Phil Cummings he (Phil Cummings) was able to develop a real nice sluice made out of concrete and some of the rip rap rock to hold the sluice in place. Selectman Poitras said now that we have gone from wood to concrete it should last a lot longer and it looks nice too. Selectman Poitras said there is no water there right now but theoretically it should all work when it does rain.

Selectman Poitras said he stopped by the bridge again. He does not know when it will be finished so he does not have any more information on the dedication ceremony. He asked everyone to stay tuned and said it will all be done soon.

Selectman Poitras gave notice that one of Buxton's long time constables, Norman McConihe, passed away. He said it was nice to see the presence of the police chief and several of his officers there to accompany him for the service.

Selectman Blier reported that he finalized the contract with Patriot Mechanical Services to service all the furnaces for the town and said he gave the town a really good deal that was below market which he is very pleased about. Selectman Blier said also finalized the contract with Pit Stop Fuels for the town's oil, propane and gas. He said he checked with Lampron's, Downeast Energy and Dodge Oil. Pit Stop is the company we used in the past and they gave us the best deal so we will continue to use them.

Selectman Blier met this week with a citizen on the assessment of a piece of land. He spoke with Selectman Harmon and will get back to that person to let him know what the outcome was.

Selectman Blier also got together with everybody who will be on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The Board is moving forward with those appointments tonight. Selectman Blier has been working to get that group up and going so that the town can have an updated Comprehensive Plan.

Selectman Emery has been in several times since last week. He met with Public Works to go over the mechanic's position. References have been checked on the applicant who was selected and everything looks good. That person has given his notice and will be coming on board in the next two weeks.

Selectman Emery stated that he stopped over to see Greg Heffernan at the Transfer Station and they had a long conversation about some issues going on over there. Selectman Emery said people need to understand that the people working at the Transfer Station are there to help but they were hired to deal with things that were left there. There is a sign over there that says people are responsible for unloading your vehicle. The crew will help when then can but some people have started sitting in their vehicles expecting someone else to do the unloading for them. Selectman Emery said that is not how it works over there and perhaps the town has been too accommodating. It is not that the crew is not going to help but people need to understand it is their own responsibility to unload their vehicles. Selectman Emery said that is something for people to think about when they go over there. He said the language has been getting a little crude over the last few months. The language that has come out of some people who think all they have to do is show up and let someone else do everything for them is unacceptable. The Board wants everyone to understand what the rule is and said as long as people go with that, the help will be there; it just has to be a two way street.

7. **Old Business**

None

8. **New Business**

None

9. **Executive Orders**

E.O. 161710003 – An order to appoint Mark J. Blier as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to be effective until December 31, 2017

Approved 4-1-0 Selectman Mark Blier abstained.

E.O. 161710004 – An order to appoint Penny J. Booker as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to be effective until December 31, 2017

Approved 5-0

E.O. 161710005 – An order to appoint Mark W. Libby as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to be effective until December 31, 2017.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 161710006 – An order to appoint Jeremiah K. Ross III as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to be effective until December 31, 2017

Approved 5-0

E.O. 161710007 – An order to appoint Clifford W. Thomas as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to be effective until December 31, 2017

E.O. 161710008 – An order to approve an Application for Veteran Exemption for [Map 16, Lot 34]

Approved 5-0

E.O. 161710009 – An order to approve abatement of real estate taxes for fiscal year 2016/17 in the amount of \$643.37 for [Map 5, Lot 17A]

Approved 5-0

E.O. 161710010 – An order to approve abatement of real estate taxes for fiscal year 2016/17 in the amount of \$322.34 for [Map 3, Lot 77A-2]

Approved 5-0

10. Executive Orders by Initiative

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 161710001 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #028

Approved 5-0

The amount was \$174,114.81

E.O. 161710002 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #027

Approved 5-0

The amount was \$60,288.71

12. Next Meeting of the Board

12 Town Group legislative candidates' forum Monday, October 10, at the Waterboro Town Office, 24 Town House Road in Waterboro 6:30 PM ~9:00 PM

Planning Board Meeting Monday, October 10 at 7:00 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, October 12, at 7:00 PM

Selectman Blier mentioned that on Monday, October 10, after the Planning Board meeting there will be a meeting of the Comprehensive Plan members to discuss what day they will be gathering.

13. Other Business

We are accepting applications for a seasonal Laborer/Equipment Operator in our Public Works Department. This is a 30 hour per week, part-time position starting in November and ending in April. The primary job is plowing snow. The pay rate is \$16.00 per hour and the deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, October 26 at 4 PM. For more information, contact Tom Kennie, Public Works Director, at 929-4400. This position has been posted on the Town website and on the Jobs in Maine website.

The Town is soliciting bids for plowing of its (3) Fire Stations and (+/-46) Dry Hydrants. This is a one-year contract covering the 2016/17 winter. For a bid package and more information, contact Chief Nathan Schools at 207-929-3099. Bids must be presented to

the Board of Selectmen at 185 Portland Road, Buxton, ME 04093 in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Fire Station & Dry Hydrant Plowing." Bids must be received no later than 4:00 PM, Wednesday, October 26, 2016. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Buxton Town Office will be closed Monday, October 10 for Columbus Day

Buxton Transfer Station will be closed Tuesday, October 11 for the Columbus Day holiday.

There will be no change in the curbside trash pick-up schedule.

14. Public Comments and Questions

None

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

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