

Town of Buxton
Minutes for October 12, 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: Julie Gamelson, Henry Huntley, David Harmon, Peter Burns, 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 recited the Pledge.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes October 5, 2016
Approved 5-0*

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

At 5:50 Chief met with the Board to discuss several issues and update the Board on a lot of things that are going on in town. Selectmen Emery stated that some of the Selectmen will comment later on the major issue the Chief discussed with them.

Marston Lovell, our representative in the York County Commissioner's Office, came in to talk about some issues with the Board. The biggest issue they discussed was the new court house location. There have been locations cited in Biddeford and in Alfred where the County Jail is. Selectman Emery said the least expensive way to go is with the Alfred location

because they have over 100 acres of land that is free that they can do anything they need to with, and the prisoners in the jail are within walking distance so there would be no need to transport them. He said when the York County Budget Committee looked at that location, they estimated close to \$500,000 in savings per year over what is spent right now. Mr. Lovell is going to send the Board the charge of this committee and the Selectmen are going to draft a letter strongly suggesting that the new court house be built at the jail site in Alfred.

The Board had other discussion on several things. One topic they discussed was having our insurance carrier, Maine Municipal Association come down and do an ergonomic review of the workstations for all of our employees. That has not been done for a number of years.

Selectman Poitras mentioned information the Board received correspondence indicating that the Bar Mills Bridge is tentatively scheduled to re-open to traffic November 8 so with that in mind, he is going to start working on the dedication of the bridge. He is going to continue to talk with the Town of Hollis and other civic organizations about putting together a program. Selectman Poitras invited anyone who has ideas to call Town Hall and leave a message in his voicemail.

The Selectmen went on to address the main issue Chief Cline discussed with them earlier. Selectman Harmon talked about an enormous amount of vandalism, and graffiti we have had recently throughout the town that is consuming our Public Works Department, the Police Department, and costing the tax payers money. She said the language is not something a child should see so Public Works tries to cover it up and paint over it as quickly as possible. She said this has been going on steadily over a month now. It had been confined to a certain area but now it is spreading. The vandals have hit Town Farm Park and Pleasant Point Park again and they are destroying town property; the Police Chief is frustrated and has been having to use resources that should be spent on things the taxpayers have approved spending money on.

Selectman Emery said the language used in the vandalism is very similar to some that has been up in town over the years and he is sure the people think it is funny that the Police Department has to deal with it. He said he does not know if they even think about the fact that Public Works has to clean it up and the amount of money that costs. He estimated that it has cost the town about \$1,000 already just for the clean-up that Public Works has done. Selectman Emery said the people who are doing the vandalism think it is a big joke but it is not; one day we will catch them and he said when we do, restitution will be in their court. He said it does not take a vast amount of intelligence to do something like this; it just puts a terrific burden on the community, and it is too bad that these people are choosing to do this in places where young children congregate.

Selectman Harmon said she does not know if these people live in town or not but if they do, they are disrespecting their own town and town property and it is a total disregard for the community they live in and the number of people who care about the community.

The Board spends a lot of time and resources whether it is monetary or people making our town look nice and this shows complete disregard and disrespect for all of that.

Selectman Emery added that most of the vandalism is aimed at the Police Department. He said there is a core group of people some who live in town and some out of town who have written some of the same things that are showing up now in other areas and one day it will all come full-circle. He said in the meantime, it is too bad it is costing the taxpayers who have nothing to do with it money to clean this up.

The Selectmen asked that people be diligent and if anyone sees someone or something in their area, or a vehicle stopped somewhere after dark, or anything that does not seem right to try to get a license plate number and a description and call the Police Department on the non-emergency line at 929-6612. You can call them any hours of the day or night. The police are available 24 hours a day seven days a week.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *Buxton-Hollis Historical Society – Memorial Fountain Re-Dedication Family Event Saturday, 10/15/16 at 11:00 AM, corner Rt. 4A & Fountain Streets in Bar Mills*
- *Buxton-Hollis Historical Society Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner at their headquarters at 100 Main Street in Bar Mills, Saturday, November 5 at 5:00 PM*
- *Buxton-Hollis Historical Society – The Evolution of Funeral Customs in New England Tuesday, 10/18/16 at 6:30 PM, BHHS History Center, 100 Main St., Bar Mills*
- *Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director York County EMA – Re: Media Release: State Drought Task Force Says No Relief in Sight*
- *Email from Bonita Pothier, Senator King’s Office – Re: Well running dry? Call Wendy Palmer in Scarborough at 883-0159, extension 4, then press 4*
- *Press Release from John Myers, Buxton Town Clerk – Re; Saturday Hours for Absentee Ballots and voter registration only; last day for voters to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, November 3 at 4:30 for Buxton voters*
- *Email from Dave Francoeur – Deputy Director York County EMA – Re: Drought Relief*
- *Email from Peter Brown, Maine DOT – Re: Bar Mills Bridge & Canal Bridge Progress Meeting Minutes for September 27*

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Blier reported that he was in this week and spent most of his time preparing for the Comprehensive Plan Meeting. He also spent time working on some of the executive orders the Board is reading tonight. Selectman Blier mentioned a letter he

received from a person named Mary Kennedy. She gave him a number to contact her which he called but the number was incorrect. He said if anyone knows her, he would like to get in touch with her.

Selectman Poitras reported that he likes to go around to each department to see how things are going overall. He talked with Adele Jones today on the phone. She is our Animal Control Officer and he said it is interesting to see how much work is generated in that area and said she does a great job. Selectman Poitras mentioned again that he will be starting to work on the bridge dedication and he encouraged anyone who has ideas to contact him.

Selectman Harmon mentioned that last week an employee came to her with a request to purchase risers to elevate their workstations so they can stand to do their work. She said we have several new employees that have started here over the last 6 months so she made the suggestion that the Board get in touch with Maine Municipal and have them come in and do ergonomic evaluations for all employees, not just the new ones so the Board can make sure that whatever their needs may be fits their workstations.

Selectman Harmon reported that she received the Sales Analysis from the State. LeeAnn, the Tax Collector is gathering the information for that. Once she has that completed Selectman Harmon said she will give a copy to Selectman Santolucito to do the ratio for the sales analysis.

Selectman Harmon asked the Board not to forget about the Boston Post Cane presentation. She said the Selectmen may have to wait until after the election because the Town Clerk is involved with that but he is very busy right now.

Selectman Harmon said she and Selectman Santolucito will be going over the Municipal Valuation Report that is due back to the State by November 1.

Selectman Harmon mentioned that hopefully next week the Board can go over carry-forwards and over-runs so they can get that cleared up.

Selectman Emery said before the Board has the Special Town Meeting the Selectmen need to get the information from the owner of Davis Road that he needs to supply so the Board can address the road acceptance.

Selectman Santolucito reported that last Friday afternoon he got all the numbers to MSAD #6 that they needed for the Cost Sharing Committee. He went on to mention that a resident was in last week regarding an assessment issue and Selectman Harmon contacted Bob Gingras, our assessor to ask Mr. Gingras to call the resident.

Selectman Santolucito said he is looking at the proposals for the wireless upgrades and the projector and CCT upgrades and should be able to come to a decision in the next 2-3 weeks so they can move forward.

Selectman Emery has been working with Tom Kennie and talking with him and the Police Chief on the graffiti issue and some other issues. He said he tries to talk with Selectman Harmon every day so he can keep him up to date on what is going on.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

None

9. Executive Orders

*E.O. 161710013 – An order to approve the hire of Timothy Martin for the position of full-time Mechanic at a pay rate of \$21.94 per hour, starting October 17, 2016
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161710014 – An order to approve the Supply Contract with PitStop Fuels, effective 11/01/2016 through 11/01/2017
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161710015 – An order to approve the contract with Patriot Mechanical LLC for preventative maintenance and service of town boilers/furnaces, effective 10/03/2016
Approved 5-0*

Selectman Emery thanked Selectman Blier for the work he did on those contracts.

10. Executive Orders by Initiative

*E.O. 161710016 – An order to approve the sale of the 1995 Ford, Model L8000 Dump Truck as advertised to Copp Equipment for the bid price of \$5,529.00.
Approved 5-0*

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 161710011 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #030

Approved 5-0

The amount was \$27,705.61

E.O. 161710012 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #029

Approved 5-0

The amount was \$45,540.37

12. Next Meeting of the Board

Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting Monday, October 17 at 6:30 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 PM

There will be a Cost Sharing Committee Meeting Tuesday at Central Office at 6:00 PM. That meeting is open to the public.

The Planning Board has two site walks on Saturday, October 15. At 8:00 AM there is a site walk for Normand Berube Builders who is proposing a 5-Lot cluster subdivision off Long Plains Road, Tax Map 1, Lot 168. At 9:00 AM there will be a site walk for Anthony Boisvert at 241 Depot Street who is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow manufacturing and wood storage located in the Rural Zone, Tax Map 5, Lot 25-1.

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 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 Fire-Rescue 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

by 4:00 PM, Wednesday, October 26. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

The Buxton-Hollis Historical Society is presenting a Fountain Re-Dedication Ceremony on Saturday, October 15, at 11:00 AM, at the corner of Main (Rt. 4A) & Fountain Streets in Bar Mills.

The Historical Society is also presenting The Evolution of Funeral Customs in New England by Funeral Director, Chad Poitras, on Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 PM at the BHHS History Center which is the old school at 100 Main St., in Bar Mills

14. Public Comments and Questions

None

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM
Approved 5-0*