

***Town of Buxton  
Minutes for December 14, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting***

*Prepared by: Beverly Gammon*

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

***Others Present:*** Jason Grant, Patrick Hanna, Julie Gamelson, Ellen DeCotiis, John Vedral, Henry Huntley, David Harmon, Scott Warchol, Laurie Warchol

***Selectmen's Meeting Agenda***

***1. Call to Order***

*There was a Special Town Meeting at 7:00 PM.  
Selectman Emery called the Selectmen's Meeting to order at 7:53 PM.*

***2. Pledge of Allegiance***

*The Pledge was recited at the Special Town Meeting held earlier in the evening.*

***3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes***

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes December 7, 2016  
Approved 5-0*

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

*Chief Cline, Scott Camire and Frank Pulsoni met with the Selectmen to go over some pay and benefit issues for part time police officers and dispatchers. Selectman Emery said it is really difficult to fill some of these positions. The Board used to get 70-80 responses to some job ads but now they are getting 2-3 and some of those will not pass the polygraph or psychological examination. They were trying to look at some ways to stimulate more participation in the part time positions for Dispatch and the Police Department.*

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*At 5:21 PM the Board went into Executive Session for personnel issues, per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A). The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:15 PM.*

*Nicole Welch, our Recreation Director, went over some personnel matters with her and the new minimum wage increase. When that becomes effective, it will affect employees in our summer camp and after care programs. The Board is going to have to look at those areas and what can be done to keep those numbers as low as they can. The Board has to strike a balance and not over charge but recover enough to pay for these services. Selectman Emery explained that the Board is not in this to make money but to provide programs for all ages.*

***5. Review of Correspondence***

- Email from SAD #6 Business Manager's Office – Re: Agenda for 1SAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting 12/15/16 at 6:00 PM at Central Office*
- EBulletin from Governor LePage – Re: Flags to Half-Staff until Thursday, December 15, at sunset, to honor John Glenn*

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

*Several of the Selectmen attended the Public Hearing with the Planning Board Monday night.*

*Selectman Blier reported that he spent some time with the Code Enforcement Officer and some people with the Toy Box as well. Selectman Blier stated that he thinks this is a great program for this community and he is happy to support that. Selectman Blier also mentioned stopping in to thank the Public Works crew for the work they did plowing roads over the last few days. Selectman Blier said he is working on a small project right now on the mowing of our lawns trying to find out if it might be more cost effective to get a lawn mower and an employee in order to do that with cooperation with the part time snow plowing guy.*

*Selectman Poitras reported he has been working on the Boston Post Cane project and he thinks because of the holidays that are coming right up, the Board will do the presentation right after the first of the year. Selectman Poitras also talked about a project he has been working on and an announcement. He has been working on the Wreaths Across America Day presentation that is done every year over in the Woodman Section of the South Buxton Cemetery. He encouraged everybody to come to that this Saturday, December 17 at 11:30 AM. Selectman Poitras said it is a great tribute to veterans and public service members, and the service will be held regardless of the weather.*

*Selectman Santolucito said there was a get together last night for Town employees that he thought was a very nice occasion. He also said he confirmed today with a gentleman from Maine Power Options that the electricity plan is being converted this month and the bills should come out with a 30% savings which should be about \$10,000.00 in our electrical rates for the next 11 months.*

*Selectman Harmon described the issues that were being dealt with in the Public Hearing Monday night including applying the new commercial business building standards in the village and light village zones. She said it was pointed out to her tonight that there might be a little conflict in how that is printed so the Selectmen will have to take a look at how they want the design standards applied to commercial development and not residential. The other change has to do with changing the language for the cluster sub-divisions portion of the zoning ordinance. She also reported that she has been working this week with the Treasurer and Recreation Director about the Recreation Director to be able to accept payments for registrations online. The Treasurer found out from InforME, the program we use at Town Hall to accept payments for vehicle registrations and taxes, that they are able to have a separate category online so they will be able to accept credit cards online for registration in Recreation programs. Selectman Harmon said it is a slow time of year but it is a busy time with the holidays. She went on to mention that the Toy Box has moved in and next week the Selectmen's Meeting will be held in their office. It will not be televised live but it will be televised on Saco River Community TV.*

*Selectman Emery has been in and out all week working on some things with Bev Gammon and going over the credit card payment process with the Recreation Director, and talking about how it is going to work. Selectman Emery said he and Tom Kennie talked about the part time positions they are filling; they have a Buxton resident who is going to work part time just to do plowing; and a young man they have hired for the 30 hour/week position.*

*Selectman Emery thanked all the Town employees. He talked briefly about a Christmas gathering they had last night at Flanagan's Farm. He said Gail Landry was very generous in allowing them to use the space and he said everyone had a great time.*

*Selectman Blier specifically thanked Jean Harmon and Krystal Dyer for taking the time to set everything up for the event.*

## **7. Old Business**

*Boston Post Cane*

*Selectman Poitras has taken over this project and will be moving it forward.*

**8. New Business**

*The Board had a brief discussion about the need to set a date for a Special Town Meeting to vote on the ordinance changes discussed in the Public Hearing on Monday night.*

*Selectman Emery shared information about a workshop on medical and recreational marijuana that two of the Town's attorneys are doing for the Selectmen, CEO, Planning Board, Appeals Board, Department Heads and some others next Monday night. He stated that the Board is considering a moratorium to give the Town time to figure it out, learn how the law works, how it is going to be enforced, and to get licensing information from the State. Selectman Emery said the Board is very mindful of the fact that the law passed in Buxton and the Selectmen are not trying to step on anyone's toes but there are a lot of issues such as location of these facilities and how they are going to be run that have to be looked at. He said the Board may try to work something out that can be voted on at Town Meeting.*

**9. Executive Orders**

*E.O. 161712009 – An order to appoint Jeremy W. Miller to the position of Saco River Corridor Commission Alternate Member  
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161712010 – An order to approve John Myers' attendance at Maine Town & City Clerks' Association Board Meetings  
Approved 5-0*

**10. Executive Orders by Initiative**

*None*

**11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**

*E.O. 161712007 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #048*

*Approved 5-0*

*That amount was \$607,647.83*

*E.O. 161712008 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #047*

*Approved 5-0*

*That amount was \$45,873.09*

**12. Next Meeting of the Board**

*SAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, December 15, 6:00 PM at Central Office*

*Selectman Santolucito may not make that meeting but Mr. Scott Warchol is planning to attend.*

*Board of Selectmen Meeting with the Planning Board & Town Attorneys Monday, December 19 at 6:30 PM for a workshop on Medical & Recreational Marijuana*

*Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 PM. The Toy Box is in the large meeting room so the Selectmen will hold their meeting in their office this week. The meeting will not be televised live but it will be recorded.*

**13. Other Business**

*Bar Mills Community Church will be open for viewing the Festival of Trees on Tuesday December 20 & 27 and Thursday, December 15 & 22 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM*

*Wreaths Across America Day Saturday, December 17 at 11:30 AM, in the Woodman Section at the South Buxton Cemetery*

*There will be a Free Christmas Dinner Sunday, December 25, at the Buxton Centre Baptist Church, 938 Long Plains Road (Rt. 22) from Noon until 2:00 PM. For more information, call 929-3011 or 929-3060.*

**14. Public Comments and Questions**

*There were no comments or questions.*

**15. Executive Session**

*None*

**16. Adjournment**

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM*

*Approved 5-0*

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*Clifford L. Emery, Selectman*

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*Mark J. Blier, Selectman*

*Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Recorded by Kyle Durkin*