

Town of Buxton
Minutes for March 8, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting

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

Others Present: Marston Lovell, Dave Harmon, Ellen DeCotiis, Julie Gamelson

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Marston Lovell, one of the York County Commissioners, gave a presentation on the proposed drug and detox rehab center in Alfred. Commissioner Lovell told us that people can now watch the Commissioners' Meetings by logging on to their website.

Commissioner Lovell went on to say the County is looking at a change in how it responds to the current opioid epidemic. He talked about the need for the drug and detox center and mentioned the public hearing that Selectman Santolucito and representatives from other towns in York County. He shared statistics, talked about the sharp increase in deaths from overdose over the last 6 years, and the increasing cost of inmates going through some phase of opioid withdrawal every day that has resulted in a deficit in jail operations. Commissioner Lovell encouraged Buxton residents to contact him at mdlovell@yorkcountymaine.gov.

Commissioner Lovell went on to talk about funding the center and how the cost will be allocated. The start-up is expected to be around \$750,000 and cost to Buxton is projected to be \$6250 in the first year. The cost is expected to grow in subsequent years.

A brief discussion followed. Selectman Emery mentioned Saco River Community Television where Commissioner Lovell might be able to do his presentation on cable TV.

The Board thanked Commissioner Lovell.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Meeting Minutes March 1, 2017

Approved 4-0-1

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

At 5 o'clock Michael Robinson met with the Board. They talked about some issues at Pleasant Point Park.

At 5:30 Greg Heffernan presented the Transfer Station budget to the Board.

At 6:30 John Myers talked with the Selectmen about some budgetary issues and brought to the Board's attention a petition that has been faxed to him. He also talked about a Charter Committee since this is the seventh year since the Charter was last reviewed and the Board needs to appoint a Charter Review Committee. Selectman Emery asked that this item be placed on the next agenda.

Selectman Emery stated that the Board had another "marathon budget review last evening" where they reviewed Fire-Rescue, Fire Police and EMA budgets. That workshop started at 5 PM and ended after 10 PM. He said it was very informative and a well-put together presentation. The Board reviewed Greg Heffernan's Transfer Station budget this evening which was the last of the municipal budgets to be done.

The Board discussed the need for a workshop to finalize the last budgets and agreed to meet Monday, March 13 at 5:00 PM.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *State House News Update from Representative Don Marean*
- *Legislative Bulletin from Maine Municipal Association*
- *Email from Marilyn Hilliard, FEMA – Re: FEMA Resilience Meeting*
- *Press Release from MSAD 6 Board of Directors – Re: Appointment of Superintendent Paul Penna*
- *Email from Senator Justin Chenette – Our kids come first*

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Santolucito explained that last week he was not here because the Budget Advisory Committee for SAD #6 was moved to Wednesday night. He said it was an excellent meeting and they learned a lot about how funds flow to the towns and state. There is another meeting tomorrow night. Last Thursday night there was an apportionment committee meeting and he said the Board has to get together to look at what the Board is going to look like. He said what came out of last week's meeting was a 9 to 4 vote to reduce the size of the School Board from 14 to 9. There will be another meeting on March 28. Selectman Santolucito said he has been working on budgets and hopes the Board can wrap that up Monday night.

Selectman Harmon has also been working on budgets. She reminded the Selectmen to get their budget pieces to the Treasurer so they can be typed up for them to review Monday night. Selectman Harmon said the only department budget the Board can release now is John Myers' budget.

Selectman Poitras reported that he passed in his budget items to the Treasurer this evening. He mentioned that the Board had a long evening (5 hours of discussion) last night with the Fire Department but they got a lot accomplished.

Selectman Blier also got his budget items to Kim this evening. He was also here last night and spent some time this week talking with Tom Kennie in Public Works about some items in his budget, and also spent some time with the Chief of Police and discussed some items in his budget that he (Selectman Blier) was not sure of. Selectman Blier reported that Monday there was a Comprehensive Plan meeting that went very well. Penny Booker is their secretary and he said people can go to their website and read the explanation of what the meeting was about; she does a great job. He said some great things are being discussed and there is a great vision for the Town of Buxton which he is excited about.

Selectman Emery reported that he has been in and out this past week working on various things. The winter sand bid has gone out and the snow plowing bid for the fire stations and dry hydrants is ready to go out as soon as the Fire Chief reviews it to see if he wants to make any changes. Selectman Emery said he finally got the information he needed from the Town's attorney so he finished his pieces of the budget and turned them in to be typed up. The pieces that are left are the FICA budget that Selectman Santolucito has and insurance which Selectman Harmon has. He is hoping the Board can wrap it all up on Monday.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

None

9. Executive Orders

*E.O. 161703007 – An order to approve the hire of Jessica Ramsay as a Patrol Officer effective March 6, 2017, at a pay rate of \$19.63 per hour
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161703008 – An order to approve an application for Veteran Exemption for [Map 8, Lot 10D-1]
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161703009 – An order to approve an application for Veteran Exemption for [Map11, Lot 4B]
Approved 5-0*

10. Executive Orders by Initiative

None

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

*E.O. 161703005 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #74
Approved 5-0
The amount was \$41,982.22*

*E.O. 161703006 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #71
Approved 5-0
The amount was \$59,621.28*

12. Next Meeting of the Board

Budget Committee Meeting Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 PM

SAD 6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, March 9 at 6:00 PM at District Office

Board of Selectmen Meeting for Workshop Monday, March 13 at 5:00 PM

Planning Board Meeting Monday, March 13 at 7:00 PM

Board of Selectmen hosting a Public Meeting to discuss Village Zones, Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 PM

Next Comprehensive Plan Meeting Monday, March 20 at 6:30 PM

13. Other Business

None

14. Public Comments and Questions

Ellen DeCotiis asked if there was a meeting with some legislators this week.

Selectman Emery was not aware of the meeting and the Board did not know if it was open to the general public.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:37 PM

Approved 5-0