

***Town of Buxton
Minutes for August 10, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting***

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

Others Present: Peter Burns, David Harmon, Julie Gamelson, Ellen DeCotiis

Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

Selectman Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes August 3, 2016
Approved 3-0-2*

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

At 5 o'clock David Anderson met with the Selectmen to talk about a laptop purchase for the Planning Board Secretary. The laptop she currently uses is about 14 years old and needs to be upgraded.

Marston Lovell, our County Commissioner came in to update the Board on the jail and the courthouse. He told the Selectmen that a committee has been formed to review where the new courthouse will be located.

A resident came in with a question on an Appeals Board issue. Steve Heroux, Chairman of the Appeals Board, had also stopped in to talk about that so he was able to provide information for this resident as to what his next steps should be.

Nicole Welch, our Recreation Director met with the Board to update them on the summer camp program and the extended two weeks that are currently happening. She also talked about using some of the grant money that she has to put in a walkway at the Eldon Store building. The Board is still in the discussion stage of that and were tossing around ideas about how the grant money could be used.

Selectman Blier shared information with the Board on the Garbage to Garden presentation that occurred earlier today which he will talk more about that later in this meeting.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director York County EMA – Re: Article on Hurricane Evacuations*
- *Email from Dave Francoeur, York County EMA – Re: Press Release - State Drought Task Force Convenes to Discuss Drought Conditions*
- *Email from McKenzie Parker, Maine CDC – Re: Buxton Municipal Complex Treatment Approval*

Selectman Harmon explained this was a response to a request to install a water filtration system needed at the Town Office to address some issues with sulfur and manganese in our water. The system was installed earlier today.

- *Email from Michael Abbott, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Manager – Re: Request for Project Applications for 2017 Drinking Water Projects*
- *Email from John Myers, Buxton Town Clerk – Re: Absentee Ballot Applications Available for November 8, 2016 State General Election*

Selectman Harmon commented that John Myers, our Town Clerk has already received some applications.

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Santolucito attended the Maine Revenue Service Property Tax School last week. He said selectmen and some tax collectors from around the state were there and he came away with an understanding that the assessment process is a science but they

use their own judgment as well. He said Buxton is in a good place; we use Bob Gingras with Parker Appraisals who Selectman Santolucito said is thought very highly of around the state. He (Bob Gingras) also does assessing work for other municipalities in the state.

Selectman Blier reported that he spent time this week with Karen at Great Falls Construction talking about the potential expansion of the Police Department. He stated that he spoke with the Police Chief as well to try to brainstorm and come up with a floor plan to make sure that the building size and things of that nature, will fit the plan. He said more time needs to be spent on the plan before any money is spent on engineering.

Selectman Blier stated that he spent time with Chet Ouellette today going over the new water treatment system. Chet Ouellette gave him a brief run-through of how it works and how to keep it going in the event that something goes wrong when Chet is out on vacation.

Selectman Blier talked briefly about the Garbage to Garden meeting today. He mentioned that Greg Heffernan, Julie Gamelson and Ellen De Cotiis were also there. Selectman Blier said basically they pick up food from schools and take it to Benson's Farm in Gorham where it is composted.

Selectman Poitras reported that he has received some emails in regard to the Pleasant Point Park situation and things going on there. He said people have been sharing their ideas on how to handle the situation. Yesterday he went to the Transfer Station to see how things are going over there.

Earlier today Selectman Poitras was at the Eldon Store building at the Corner of Route 22 and Long Plains Road to see things are going with the recreation program

Selectman Harmon reported that she had a conversation today with Maine D.O. T. about a project the Board talked about a couple weeks ago involving the installation of rumble strips. The D.O. T. representative called to make sure the Board was all set and didn't have any questions and to let them know they will be starting that project very shortly. The representative said it is not going to be a long project but we may see them out around here 2 or 3 times working on it.

Selectman Harmon mentioned that the Board will need to set up a workshop in the next couple weeks to go over account reconciliations and any carry-forwards they may have for some accounts. She told the other selectmen that if there are any articles they want to put on the November ballot, they need to get that information because the deadline for getting that to John Myers is in September.

7. **Old Business**

- *Composting food waste proposal*

Selectman Harmon noted that Ellen DeCotiis will talk about this item later in this meeting.

8. **New Business**

None

9. **Executive Orders**

*E.O. 161708008 – An order to approve Kimberly Beam’s attendance at the Municipal Law for Tax Collectors & Treasurers Workshop
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 161708009 – An order to approve a Supplemental Tax Warrant and Certificate for fiscal year 2016/17 in the amount of \$2,908.22 for [Map 3, Lot 49]
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 161708010 – An order to approve an abatement of real estate taxes for 2016 in the amount of \$2,908.22 for [Map 3, Lot 49]
Approved 4-0-1*

10. **Executive Orders by Initiative**

11. **Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**

*E.O. 161708006 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #012
Approved 4-0-1
The amount was \$59,510.38*

*E.O. 161708007 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #011
Approved 4-0-1
The amount was \$56,205.02*

12. Next Meeting of the Board

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, August 17 at 7:00 PM

13. Other Business

The Hollis Pirate Fest will be held Saturday, August 13 at the Hollis Sports Complex, 10:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM

The Second Annual Dorcas Society Cars & Coffee Show will be on Saturday, August 20 starting at 9:00 AM, at the Brewster Mansion at Tory Hill and Route 112. There is going to be a 50/50, car show, raffle and lunch will be available. There is still an opportunity for anyone who has a vehicle they would like to put in the show.

14. Public Comments and Questions

Ellen DeCotiis went to the podium and introduced herself. She talked about the meeting with the people who represent Garbage to Garden and shared details on some of the many facets of the program, how it works and the various options. Ms. DeCotiis said they did a lot of brainstorming but no plans have been made yet. She talked about the next steps in the process and said they will start on a small scale and expand it. She said if this was going to be done here, we would need to have grant money for equipment that the Transfer Station would need so they are looking at grants. Ms. DeCotiis said there is a lot of flexibility and we would not be locked into doing it any one way.

Selectman Santolucito asked Ms. DeCotiis if she is getting buy-in from the school.

Ms. DeCotiis said that is her next session. She said this was discussed in the past and there is second hand news from a long time ago that there is a science teacher at the elementary school who is very interested. The School Board members she has spoken to would like the cost and a tie into the curriculum. She said she is trying to get some other information and then talk to the School Board.

Selectman Blier added that the group discussed this morning having the School Board be part of the process from the ground floor up rather than going to them with a proposal at the end of this and asking if they are interested.

Selectman Harmon asked if the discussion was about having the food picked up at just one of the schools or more.

Ms. DeCotiis explained that the Garbage to Garden people have found that the students in the elementary schools have been more receptive and eager to learn how to separate the materials and get going with it. Ms. DeCotiis said their ideas is to start with the Buxton Center Elementary School, use that as the example and perhaps branch out from there.

There were no other public comments or questions.

Selectman Harmon talked about an email to our School Board Members to ask who would be interested in the Cost Sharing Analysis Committee on the Frye Island issue. Selectman Santolucito and Peter Burns have agreed to be on the committee. The email went out late this afternoon so the Board is waiting to hear back from that.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM
Approved 4-0-1*