

***Town of Buxton
Minutes for December 7, 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: Ellen DeCotiis, Peter Burns, Henry Huntley

Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

Selectman Emery called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM. Selectman Emery apologized for the late start.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes November 30, 2016
Approved 5-0*

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

At 5:30 a resident met with the Board to discuss a tax issue.

At 6:30 Steve Heroux, Chairman of the commercial business building standards committee, came in to update the Board. They are currently dealing with the new dental office across from Hannaford and may be going down to get Southern Maine Planning involved after that to look at new applications for businesses to make sure they meet the commercial building design standards. That will free up the committee so they do not have to deal with that any more.

The Selectmen talked about snow plowing and the fact that the Town is advertising for a 30 hour/week position starting at \$17.00/hour. Selectman Harmon said we have just had the second storm that the crew has been out plowing and the routes are extremely long so the Town really needs some part time help to shorten the time up for the full timers.

Selectmen Harmon said that the Board discussed a couple of unemployment issues and the Tax Collector met with her earlier today to talk about some of her concerns. The Selectmen went over those as well.

The Board talked with Selectman Blier about the budget process and the lien foreclosure process.

The Board officially gave the Boston Post Cane project to Selectman Poitras to move forward.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *Email from John Sylvester, 12 Town Group – Re: Agenda Goals For December 12 Meeting.*

Selectman Emery explained that the meeting on December 12 will be with newly elected representatives to the legislature and senate who represent all of the communities in York County. The meeting will be at 6:30 at the Waterboro Town Hall and it is open to the public.

- *Public Notice from Maine CDC – Re: Maine Animal Rabies 3rd Quarter Update*
- *Message from Sandy Atkinson, President, So. Buxton Cemetery Association – Re: Wreaths Across America Day*

Selectman Emery read Mr. Atkinson's summary of last year's ceremony and invitation to the public to attend this year's program on December 17 at 11:30 AM.

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Blier reported that he and Selectman Emery went to the Transfer Station to look at the furnace and deal with issues they had with some bills which Selectman Blier said he took care of this week. He said our vendor treated us very well on that.

Selectman Blier said he talked with a resident who expressed is interested in being on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. They discussed some ideas and Selectman Blier is trying to get more people involved in this process. He said the Comprehensive Plan is a futuristic idea of what we want the Town to look like and getting the whole community involved would be the ideal situation so that everyone would have a say in the plan.

Selectman Poitras reported that he has been making his rounds to different departments to see how things are going. He complimented Public Works for the work they did during the storm Monday. He said he was driving to Portland and saw that Buxton definitely had the best roads.

Selectman Poitras talked about events going on now in the community and said he hopes people take more advantage of that. There are Christmas fairs, craft fairs and other events going on all over Town; most of the churches have had some type of events going on or coming up. He noted that the Bar Mills Community Church has a month long list of things that are going on; this Saturday they have breakfast with Santa at 8:30, the Festival of Trees is going on most of the month, and a Christmas Cantata. Buxton Center Baptist Church is going to offer a free dinner on Christmas Day. Selectman Poitras said there is a lot going on that would be fun for the whole family.

Selectman Harmon reported that she has been in the office. Selectman Santolucito coordinated the update to our wireless connection here in Town and she was here for that Friday which was also the final day for taking Toy Box applications, and she has taken a few calls from residents. She stated that the Public Works crew did a great job in the storm. They have some new drivers and there have been some complaints about mailboxes but those issues are being addressed and the Board is asking people to be patient and give them time to learn. Selectman Harmon said we all learn how to drive again when it snows and she asked people to slow down and take their time when driving.

Selectman Emery has been working with Krystal Dyer on some things coming up at the Special Town Meeting and he has been checking in with Tom Kennie making sure that Public Works has not needed anything with the storms. Selectman Emery said the new mechanic is doing a fantastic job. He also mentioned that Public Works has a couple of new drivers who have never plowed snow before. He said it is a slow process but they will catch on. He asked everyone to please be patient if the roads are not getting plowed quite as fast as they have been in the past and said the new drivers need some time to learn and everything will come together. Selectman Emery talked about the great job the Police Department, Fire & Rescue have done during storms and all year long.

Selectman Emery said the Board is proud of everyone who works for the community. He said it is a joint effort and everyone is doing a great job making sure things go well.

Selectman Santolucito talked about the wireless network upgrade that will make the guest network and Town network wireless much more secure and give us more reporting capability at the core so the Board can monitor what is going on with usage and get a better sense of that. The Headlight audio visual equipment upgrade for the big meeting room cannot be done in December because the room is taken over by the Toy Box. Headlight cannot do it in January because they do a lot of college and school work so he sent out some dates to get that done in early February.

Selectman Santolucito mentioned attending the SAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting last week. He said that Charlene Libby who is on the School Board came over to join. The first few meetings are preliminary and basic in terms of learning the budget process. He said January is when they really start working on the budget. Selectman Santolucito said it is going to be another challenging year for the schools and as things unfold in January and February, the Board will keep people updated.

7. Old Business

Davis Road

Selectman Emery said this item can be taken off “old Business”; it will be voted on at the Special Town Meeting on December 14.

Boston Post Cane

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

8. New Business

None

9. Executive Orders

E.O. 161712003 – An order to approve John Myers’ attendance at the State Recount for Question 1.

Approved 5-0

*E.O. 161712004 – An order to approve Ruth Scheibenpflug's attendance at the State Recount for Question 1
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161712005 – An order to approve John Myers' attendance at the Maine Town & City Clerks' Association Election Working Group with the League of Women Voters
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161712006 – An order to approve 32 hours of vacation time for Beverly Gammon
Approved 5-0*

10. *Executive Orders by Initiative*

11. *Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants*

*E.O. 161712001 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts Payable Warrant #046
Approved 5-0
The amount was \$47,703.37*

*E.O. 161712002 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #045
Approved 5-0*

12. *Next Meeting of the Board*

12 Town Group Meeting Monday, December 12, at 6:30 PM at the Waterboro Town Hall

Board of Selectmen/Planning Board Meeting for a Public Hearing Monday, December 12 at 7:00 PM to review proposed amendments to the Buxton Zoning Ordinance

Special Town Meeting Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, December 14 following the Special Town Meeting

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

Selectman Emery read the Articles for the Special Town Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, December 14. He explained Article 5, the Moratorium Ordinance that will restrict retail business in the Village Zone from November 30, 2017 through May 29, 2017.

13. Other Business

Bar Mills Community Church will be open for viewing the Festival of Trees on Tuesday December 6, 13, 20 & 27 and Thursday, December 7, 15 & 22 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Wreaths Across America Ceremony Saturday, December 17 at 11:30 AM in the Woodman Section at 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. You can call 929-3011 or 929-3060 for more information.

Buxton Recreation has discount ski tickets available for Attitash/Wildcat & Shawnee Peak at a savings of \$10.00 to \$15.00 per ticket. We also have discounted Portland Dine Around tickets at a savings of \$4.95 per book, and Smitty's Cinema Tickets at a savings of \$2.00 per ticket

Snowshoes are available for rent at Buxton Town Hall. Cost is \$5 per day or \$15.00 for the whole weekend. There is a refundable deposit fee of \$25.00. For more information, contact Nicole Welch, our Recreation Director, at 929-8381.

14. Public Comments and Questions

There were no more comments or questions.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM
Approved 5-0*