

*Town of Buxton
Minutes April 10, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting*

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

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

Others in attendance: David Harmon, Ellen H. DeCotiis, MSAD#6 Superintendent Paul Penna, Author Payeur and Bill Brockman with MSAD#6 School Board, Scott Warchol and Peter Burns

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM

The Selectmen recited the pledge.

After reciting the Pledge, the Board invited Superintendent Paul Penna and Business Manager Bill Brockman to present the school budget. Mr. Penna said they made a considerable adjustment to the budget in order for it to be sustainable. According to the state subsidy report will receive \$1.186, million increase in subsidy, giving us a 5.5% increase. The 2019/2020 budget is \$49,830,500.00.

Mr. Penna thanked the Board and gave an overview of how they are reducing the budget by reviewing programs, seeing if they were effective and then deciding if to cut the position.

The Superintendent and Bill Brockman, the Business Manager, then went through the proposed school budget in detail and explained the process for how it gets to the final vote in June. Adding that this year's budget is reduced by \$1,886,687.00

The proposed school budget for 2019/20 is \$49,830,500.00. Buxton's share of that will be 27.7541% or \$6,980,381.00 which is a increase of \$237,717.00, or 3.53%. On a property in Buxton valued at \$180,000, it will amount to an average tax increase of about \$70.

After the Superintendent and Mr. Brockman finished the presentation, the Selectmen asked questions and talked about the impact the school budget increase will have again on Buxton taxpayers.

Selectman Blier asked about a police presence at the high school. He has discussed this with Chief Cline and a grant was mentioned to help support the program.

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Selectman Santolucito appreciates the process they have taken are excellent. Looking at what's working and putting data behind your decisions.

Selectman Emery questioned the general fund tax assessment compared to last year. Bill Brockman explained this year's number lists Adult Ed and Food Services separately and last year it was included. The Board thanked Mr. Brockman and asked if there were questions from the public.

Buxton resident Peter Burns explained the Budget Committee meetings the process and is satisfied with the way it was determined. He will support the budget and recommends that the parents fill out the free and reduced lunch form, also give the MSAD 6 supporting funds for the school.

The discussion ended around 7:44 PM. The Selectmen thanked the school officials and continued on with the Selectmen's meeting.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2019
Approved 5-0

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

The Board discussed budget issues and the tax sale of property on Cemetery Road. At 5:30PM there was a meeting for the Buxton 250 Celebration.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Representative Robert Hunt, Re: Weekly Legislative Report update*
- *Email from Maine Municipal Association Re: Legislative Bulletin*
- *Email from Patrick Bonsant of Saco River Community TV*
Re: Community Support to move the local access channels back down to the lower channels

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Blier stopped into Public Works and talked to public Works Director Kevin Kimball and met the new Mechanic Derek McOske. He also spoke with the previous heating vender, attended the Budget Committee meeting and coordinated the bid package for the Cemetery road property.

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Chad E. Poitras worked with the Public Works Department regarding one of the Ancient Cemeteries regarding setbacks. He also helped resolve an issue between a business owner and the Business Commercial Standards Committee.

The Buxton 250 Committee met and the consensus was to have one major event. They are looking at logos, souvenirs and moving forward with more ideas. Bob Lowell with the American Journal will be writing something up to promote more involvement for the next meeting, which will be in September.

Selectman Santolucito attended the Budget Committee and added that Chief Cline did a great job presenting his budget.

Selectman Harmon has finished the draft copy of the warrant and she attended the Budget Committee meeting on Tuesday night. She is happy to report that the last of the VHS tapes have been converted to DVD's. This takes up significantly less space in the vault. She also reviewed the resumes for the Facilities Manager/Custodian position, they would like to start the interview process on Monday.

Selectman Emery also attended the Budget Committee meeting and reviewed the Facilities Maintenance/Custodian resumes. The final vote with the Budget Committee will be next Tuesday, at 6pm

Old Business

Buxton 250 Celebration – discussed previously

New Business

None

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Executive Orders

*E.O.181904011 – An order to approve 16 hours of vacation leave for Greg Heffernan
Approved 5-0*

*E.O.181904012 An order to approve 8 hours of vacation leave for Krystal Dyer
Approved 5-0*

*E.O.181904013 -- An order to approve 7 hours of vacation leave for Troy Cline
Approved 5-0*

*E.O.181904014 -- An order to approve John Myers to attend Maine Clerks' Election
Working Group workshop
Approved 5-0*

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

*E.O. 181904009 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable
Warrants #86 and #88*

*Approved 5-0
Warrant #86 amount was \$1,800.00
Warrant #88 amount was \$32,965.18*

*E.O. 181904010 - An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant
#87*

*Approved 5-0
Warrants #86 amount was \$59,807.44*

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Board of Selectmen Meeting is Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 PM

Budget Committee Meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00PM

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Comprehensive Planning Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6:00PM

Budget Advisory Committee Thursday, April 11, at 6:00PM

Other Business

Nomination Papers are available for the following:

2 - Selectmen, Assessors & Overseers of the Poor for 3 Years

2 - Planning Board Members for 3 Years

3 - Budget Committee Members for 3 Years

Due back Friday, April 12 at 4:00PM

April 27, 2019 is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Maine Wildlife Park Passes are now available

Senior Citizens of MSAD#6 are invited to a FREE Turkey Dinner on Thursday, May 16. Dinner begins at 4:45PM at Bonny Eagle High School Cafeteria. For more information and to RSVP please call 929-3831

*Leavitt's Mill Health Center 4th Annual Spring Fun Run/Walk 5k
Saturday, May 4 (For more information look on the town's website)*

*Monday, April 15 town office will be closed and the Transfer station will be closed on
Tuesday, April for the Patriots Day Holiday*

Public Comments and Questions

None

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment-

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 8:07 PM
Approved 5-0

Clifford L. Emery, Selectman

Jean C. Harmon, Selectman

Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Date Signed: _____
Videotaped by Harrison Beam