

*Town of Buxton
Minutes June 19, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting*

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

Members Present Jean C. Harmon, Dennis Santolucito and Chad E. Poitras

Members Not in Attendance: Mark J. Blier and Scott Warchol

Others in attendance: Dave Harmon, Trudy Kent, Ellen Pyle, Joy Rubin, Marsha Whittier, Miriam Rubin, Ellen H. DeCotiis, Virginia Andrew, Lucia Conicelli, Fern (or Tera) Mani??, Julie Gamelson, Patty Volland, Richard Fitzgerald and two others who did not sign in.

The Selectman's meeting was called to order at 7:29 PM.

The reason for the delayed start was due to the lack of quorum, Selectman Blier is in Augusta with the Legislature and newly elected Selectman Warchol is on vacation.

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

The Board's first order of business after the election is to elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the Board. Selectman Harmon asked for nominations from the Board.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Jean Harmon for Chair of the Board.

Approved 2-1-2

Selectman Harmon abstained.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Dennis Santolucito for Vice Chair of the Board.

Approved 2-1-2

Selectman Santolucito abstained.

Selectman Harmon proceeded with the meeting

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2019

Approved 3-0-2

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Discussions held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

There was no one on the agenda, but Selectman Santolucito spoke with Treasurer, Kim Beam regarding the IT contract. A proposal will be submitted for two separate areas, one being the Town Hall and then the Police and Dispatch area. RFP's out within two weeks.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Robert Hunt, Re: Weekly Legislative Report*
- *Email from Maine Municipal Association Re: Legislative Bulletin*
Selectman Harmon highlighted a few bills that would affect our town.
- *Email from Ellen DeCotiis regarding offering assistance to the asylum seekers who have come to Portland. The board has not had a chance to discuss this, due to not having a full board. Will hold off on this until next week.*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Poitras was notified that this year will be that last year for the people who mow the Ancient Cemeteries, it's been tough to find someone to want to take this project over. He has contacted Public Works Department to see if it will work with their schedules and budget.

Selectman Santolucito has been working with a resident who had ice damage from this past winter. He has been working with the Public Works Director who is going to resolve the issues. He also attended the Town Meeting on Saturday, adding there was a rather low turnout from years past.

Selectman Santolucito congratulated Chief Schools for completing his master's degree in Public Administration, he has accomplished a lot in the past few years, moving the Town into an ISO five rating. He's a great asset to the Fire Department and our town.

Selectman Harmon also attended the town meeting, adding that all the articles passed with the exception for two roads that have not had the final coat of pavement yet. They will be paved within the next week or two, they will then be brought forward at a special town meeting.

Selectman Harmon spoke with Assessor, Bob Gingras of Parker Appraisal, the Board is requesting an analysis of where we are value wise. Compared to recent home sales our

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values may be off a bit. He will look at the sales analysis for the last two years and let us know where we are and where we should be.

The Board will be conducting interviews on Tuesday, June 25th at 6:00pm for the Public Works position. The Facilities resumes are still being reviewed

Residents of Depot Street called regarding the drop from the pavement to their driveways. Public Works Foreman, Tom Torno has looked into it and has resolved the problems.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

*E.O. 181906016 - An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2016/17 in the amount of \$42.41 for [Map 5, Lot 22A]
Approved 3-0-2*

*E. O. 181906017 - An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2017/18 in the amount of \$42.41 for [Map 5, Lot 22A]
Approved 3-0-2*

*E. O. 181906018 - An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2018/19 in the amount of \$42.41 for [Map 5, Lot 22A]
Approved 3-0-2*

*E. O. 181906019 An order to approve 4 hours of vacation leave for Peter Gordon
Approved 3-0-2*

*E. O. 181906020 An order to approve 24 hours of vacation leave for Nathan Schools
Approved 3-0-2*

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Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 181906014 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #108

Approved 3-0-2

The amount was \$725,345.18

E.O. 181906015– An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #107

Approved 3-0-2

The amount was \$64,125.76

Next Meeting of the Board

Planning Board Meeting on Monday, June 24 at 7:00PM
Public Hearing – Craig Lefebvre expanding to include grinding.

The Board will meet on Tuesday, June 25 at 6:00PM for Public Works interviews

The next Board of Selectmen Meeting is Wednesday, June 26 at 7:00PM

Notice of Election Recount for Selectmen Assessors and Overseers of the Board
Saturday, June 29th at 9am

Other Business

The Town Hall and the Transfer Station will be closed on Thursday, July 4 for the Independence Day Holiday. Curbside trash pickup will not be picked up on Thursday. It will be picked up on Friday, July 5th.

The 195th Maine National Army Guard Band will perform a free concert on Friday, July 5, 2019 at 7:00PM at the Hollis Sports Complex, located at 14 Lower Tarbox Rd. Hollis, ME Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a free concert!!

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Public Comments and Questions

Trudy Kent asked why the Board chose tonight to determine the Chair and Vice Chair positions without a full Board. Selectman Harmon explained that the Town Charter and Rules of the Board states "at the first meeting following an election in which a Selectman is elected, is to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the ensuing year". She thought the vote should be postponed.

Ellen DeCotiis said it's been months since the events in three newspapers occurred, why the Board hasn't discussed the case with the residents of this town. Selectman Harmon said this is between the State and the parties involved and no tax payer money is being spent. Selectman Santolucito said it's a contentious situation and people are concerned. It has been made clear to Board members by law enforcement, not to discuss the issue with the case. It's clearly between the State and parties involved, let the Courts decide. Ms. DeCotiis is instructed to contact Town Clerk, John Myers for the Recall process.

Miriam Rubin continued to discuss the case by reading a letter she wrote. Ms. Rubin was reminded the Board was instructed not to discuss the case. Ms. Rubin continued to read the letter, she wanted it recorded in the minutes (Ms. Rubin's letter is attached for the record). Selectman Santolucito stated that so much of what was just read does not represent the person he has sat next to for five years.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment-

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:56 PM
Approved 3-0-2

Jean C. Harmon, Selectman

Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Scott Warchol, Selectman

Date Signed: _____
Videotaped by Harrison Beam