

*Town of Buxton
Minutes October 16, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting*

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

Members Present: Dennis P. Santolucito, Chad E. Poitras, Mark J. Blier and Thomas J. Peters

Members Not in Attendance: Jean C. Harmon

Others in attendance: John Bartlett, Stephanie Keene, Mickey Hall, Mark Hall, Risa Dennison, Kelly Weymouth, Michelle Turgeon, James Turgeon, Jon Bartlett, Cheryl Huntley, Henry Huntley, Bob Lowell, American Journal, Sharleen A. Fields, Jeanette Fernstrom, Ellen H. DeCotiis, Geneva M. Ames

Joanne Ritter, Gillian Graham, Marilyn Mae Thurber, Anthony Musto, Charles Thurber, Sue Myers, Jackie Foss, Michael Rodu, Butch Hashey, Roland Gosselin, Marty Duggan, Whitney Lampron, Rich Streeter, Tia Streeter, Stacy Anderson, Jason Anderson, Kathleen Gesner, Michelle Kriabaumj, and other but couldn't read signatures

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:03PM.

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

Selectman Santolucito read the resignation letter of Selectman Harmon. He then made a motion to accept the resignation of Jean Harmon effective immediately. The motion was approved 4 - 0

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2019
Approved 4 - 0*

Final Bid Amounts for Managed IT Services:

<i>Company Name</i>	<i>Admin/Rec/PW/TS</i>	<i>Police/Dispatch</i>
<i>Thrive</i>	<i>\$20,756.00</i>	<i>\$21,878.00</i>
<i>ION Networking</i>	<i>\$37,856.00</i>	<i>\$29,394.00</i>
<i>SymQuest</i>	<i>\$16,324.00</i>	<i>\$21,984.00</i>
<i>Logically</i>	<i>\$37,512.80</i>	<i>\$41,392.40</i>

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<i>Otelco</i>	<i>\$34,183.80</i>	<i>\$28,882.60</i>
<i>Burgess Technology Services</i>	<i>\$22,680.00</i>	<i>\$19,692.00</i>
<i>Cherry Road Technologies</i>	<i>\$28,500.00</i>	<i>\$33,739.00</i>

The Board will award the contracts in the next few weeks

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 5:01PM the Select Board went into executive session for consultation with the Town Attorney David Kallin under Title 1, Section 405-16.

Review of Correspondence

- Email from Maine Boundary Consultants, Re: proposal to update the road map and index*
- Email from Charter Communications, Re: Upcoming Changes*
- Email from Miriam Rubin, Re: resignation request*
- Email from Ellen DeCotiis, Re: Citizens request for questions answered by Town Attorney*

Review of Projects and Issues

None

Old Business

None

New Business

The Board will meet with Town Clerk John Myers next week to schedule a Special Town meeting to vote on the Department carry forward

Executive Orders

E.O. 192010017 – An order to approve the road name “Dunn Woods” to be located between 46 & 48 Pease Road on Tax Map 6, Lot 29-3
Approved 4 -0

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Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 192010015 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #33

Approved 5 -0

The amount was \$725,425.14

E.O. 192010016 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #32

Approved 4 -0

The amount was \$64,155.55

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is Wednesday, October 23, 2019.at 7:00PM

Other Business

National prescription drug take back day, Saturday, October 26 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at Buxton Police Department and Buxton Walgreens (formally Rite Aid)

Public Comments and Questions

Residents Ellen DeCotiis, Marilyn Thurber, Miriam Rubin, Risa Dennison and Julie Gamelson all spoke and asked questions relating to Selectman Harmon's resignation and what steps that could have been taken to prevent this from happening again. Moving forward what protection does the town plan for its employees.

Selectmen Santolucito and Blier explained that the Select Board was advised by legal authorities not to discuss the case and the only way to remove an elected official from office, is through recall procedures. Town Attorney, David Kallin explained that there are different processes that govern issues for employees and for elected officials.

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Selectman Santolucito is saddened by how this has cut our community and created divisions within the community and hopes that the people will continue to be involved in the town and allow us to move forward. He also ads, that the town will be working with our attorneys to update the town's harassment policy.

Police Chief Cline clarified that Greg Heffernan did file a complaint and did pursue charges. Due to a conflict of interest, Chief Cline requested that the Saco Police Department get involved. He also ads that the Buxton Police Department investigates any and all complaints. There was further discussion regarding what the Town intends to do moving forward.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment-

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:35PM

Approved 4 - 0

Public Hearing for General Assistance Ordinance Appendices E -H, October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020

Selectman Santolucito opened the public hearing at 7:44PM

Approved 4 - 0.

He read the posted notice and explained the reason for the public hearing. Having no questions or comments, the public hearing was close at 7:45PM

Approved 4 - 0

Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Thomas Peters, Selectman

Date Signed: _____

Video Taped by Harrison Beam