

*Town of Buxton
Minutes October 23, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting*

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

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

Others in attendance: Dave Harmon, Jon Bartlett, Cliff

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

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

*Nominated Chad Poitras as Chair, and Tom Peters for
Vice Chair*

Approved 4 - 0

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2019

Approved 4 - 0

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 5:00PM Chief Cline was in to discuss Union Negotiations, police responses and carry forwards.

Chief Schools was in at 5:45PM talked about issues not having a ladder truck has created

At 6:30PM John Myers was in concerning the election timeline. The poles will open at 6am on Tuesday January 7th, 2020.

At 6:45PM LeeAnn Pratt and Kim Beam were in regarding tax and assessing issues

Review of Correspondence

- Email from New England Americans with Disabilities Act, Re: Updates*
- Email from York County Community Action, Re: upcoming events*
- Email from Rep. John DeVeau, Maine House Republicans, Re: GOP Weekly Radio Address*

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- *Email from Tony Vigue, CTAM, Re: Reminders and Updates*
- *Letter from Keisha Garnett of Saco River Corridor Commission, Re: Request for reappointment memberships*
- *Email from Deb Soule, Re: request for speed study and signage on Route 202*
- *Phone call from Patrick Adams of DOT, he is coordinating a meeting with Buxton and Hollis to discuss the pedestrian & bike access on the Salmon Falls Bridge. Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 31 at 1:00PM more information coming.*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Peters spoke with Kevin Kimball, Public Works Director yesterday They are well on their way with the paving, and they finished up with Old Orchard Rd.

Selectman Peters added that two weeks ago he and his family attended the open house at the Fire Department. It was very informative and we all learned something new.

Selectman Santolucito spoke with Assessor Bob Gingras regarding the homestead exemption. It will be adjusted back to the full amount next year. The form is due back to the Maine Revenue Service on November 1st. He will also be working with Tax Collector LeeAnn Pratt with the Property Relief Homestead Exemptions, they will provide a list to the Legislature.

Selectman Blier has assisted with the choosing the siding color for the salt shed and he spoke with Kevin Kimball regarding the roads.

Selectman Poitras has been in contact with all the Department Heads on items relating to carry forwards and he was quite impressed watching the salt shed go up.

Old Business

Centennial event, hoping to start a meeting soon

New Business

Selectman Blier explained the progression of the Special Town meeting regarding the ladder truck back in back in September. Moving forward the town does need a ladder truck. The Board is unified for a used ladder truck. Chief Schools will have information

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on a used ladder truck for the workshop on November 6 at 7:00PM. The Board hopes to have Chris Champaign from Greenwood to come in and explain the different options on the trucks. Residents will hear and see the proposal and ask questions regarding the proposed ladder truck. The following week we will have the Special Town meeting where the registered voters will come to the meeting to vote.

On November 6 at 7:00PM there will be a workshop presentation on the ladder truck

On November 13, at 7:00PM there will be a Special Town Meeting to vote on the fire truck.

Dora Graham Nelson asked that the Board show projections on tax increases and educate the residents on other uses for the ladder truck.

Executive Orders

E.O. 192010020 – An order to adopt the Maine Municipal Association model ordinance GA Appendices (E-H) for the period of October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020

Approved 4 -0

E.O. 192010021 –An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for fiscal year Lease for 2019/20 in the amount of \$263.80 for [Map 4, Lot 14]

Approved 4 -0

E.O. 192010022 - An order to approve 16 hours of vacation leave for Krystal Dyer

Approved 4 -0

E.O. 192010023 - An order to approve 8 hours of vacation leave for Peter Gordon

Approved 4 -0

E.O. 192010024 - An order to approve Nicole Welch to attend Northern New England Parks & Rec Conference

Approved 4 -0

E.O. 192010025 - An order to approve 16 hours of vacation leave for Greg Heffernan

Approved 4 -0

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Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 192010019 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #35

Approved 4 -0

The amount was \$863,250.48

E.O. 192010018 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #34

Approved 4 -0

The amount was \$66,460.45

Next Meeting of the Board

Planning Board will meet on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7:00PM

The Selectmen will meet Tuesday, October 29 for Public Works interviews, starting at 5:30pm

The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is Wednesday, October 30, 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)

Animal Welfare Society is holding a Rabies Vaccine Clinic, Saturday, October 26 at the Lyman Town Hall from 9am to 12pm.

Selectman Blier informed the public of a meeting with DOT regarding the Salmon Falls Bridge reconstruction. It is scheduled for Thursday, October 31 at 1:00pm.

Public Comments and Questions

Garry O'Connell, a resident from Towle Street asked questions concerning a town owned property located on Map 12, lot 4. Mr. O'Connell is requesting for the town to put the

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property up for a sale or bid to bring it back to a residential lot. He would like the opportunity to purchase the property. Selectman Blier said the Comprehensive Plan Committee had been looking into potentially combining the property with another parcel and using it for future community uses. He also stated his position, which is to not put it out to bid, but to hold it for future community land. He then explained the process if the Board was to put out to bid.

Ellen DeCotiis asked if the Board could listed the fire truck meetings posted on the sign out front and what the grants were used for within the fire department.

Chief Schools said the Reginal Grant, shared by the towns of Windham, Standish, Gorham and Buxton was used to upgrade our radio systems, which include portable radios on the firefighters, radios in the vehicles, pagers and vehicle repeaters. The total grant was \$499,000 split between the four towns. With this grant the federal government grant pays ninety percent and town pays ten percent, making Buxton's portion approximately \$10,000. These were all worked in during the budgeting process.

The second grant was the Large Diamond Hose grant, which is for the supply hose. This grant was hosted out of Gorham and included Gorham, Standish and Buxton. He believes it was over for a quarter million dollars divided between the three towns. It replaced all the large diamond hoses and all of the fittings needed for that hose on all of our fire trucks. Again, the federal government payed ninety percent and towns payed ten percent. Our Firefighters will have better communication during fire calls.

Selectman Poitras asked Town Clerk John Myers for a timeline to draw papers for the vacant Selectman's seat. John Myers said in order for the time to be shortened, he will draw up the proper for the Selectmen to sign nest Wednesday night, October 30th. Registered voters will be able to take papers out on Thursday, October 31st. Miriam Rubin clarifies the timeline with John Myers There was further conversation on the workshop for the fire truck.

Cheryl Huntley asked why we can't take the Selectperson who lost from the last election. Due to State law and the Town Charter does not allow this.

Miriam Rubin asked the Board to consider establishing a Conservation Committee for residents to stay involved in the town.

Trudy Kent asked for the workshop for the fire truck to post on the web site and asked about bringing Hazardous Waste Day back to Buxton. The Select Board will look into the Hazardous Waste Day.

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Executive Session

None

Adjournment-

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:50PM
Approved 4 -0*

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Thomas J. Peters, Selectman

Dennis Santolucito, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

*Date Signed: _____
Video Taped by Harrison Beam*