

*Town of Buxton  
Minutes December 11, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting  
Recorded by Krystal Dyer*

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

*Others in attendance: Dave Harmon, Jon Bartlett*

*The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:11PM.*

*The Selectmen recited the Pledge*

*Approval of Prior Meeting Minute*

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for December 4, 2019  
Approved 4-0*

*Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM*

*At 5:00PM Ruth Scheibenpflug, Voter Registrar was in with questions regarding a proposed sign in front of Town Hall. Current zoning does not allow a LED sign in this district. She will check with Code Enforcement for guidance. The thought is to give residents more information of upcoming meetings.*

*At 5:20PM Treasurer Kim Beam was in regarding retirement options. One being MainePERS retirement program. She is reviewing the pros and cons of this program and will report back to the board with her findings.*

*At 5:50 the Board went into executive session on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)*

*At 6:00pm the Business Design Standards Committee members were in to discuss the roles of the Board.*

*Review of Correspondence*

- *Email from Jonathan Youde of Maine Power Options, Re: changes in the registrations process*
- *Email from Dalyn Houser, Executive Director of Saco River Corridor Commission, Re: reminder of a vacancy for a Buxton Commission Member*
- *Email from Charter Communications, Re: upcoming changes*

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*Review of Projects and Issues*

*Selectman Peters commended that the Public Works Crew did a great job with this last storm. They started at about 6:00AM, when the temperatures dropped, but the roads were sanded well before the busses where on the roads.*

*Selectman Santolucito added that the spot sanding on hills and intersections helps prevent the over sanding where we don't need it. Also, three years ago he met with the MainePower Options to negotiate a contract, he will reach out to Jonathan Youde to make sure we are doing things the right way.*

*Selectman Blier spoke with Casella regarding the two new approved roads that were added to their trash pick-up schedule. He has not heard any complaints, so everything must have run smoothly.*

*On Saturday Selectman Blier met with Jere Ross regarding the open space behind town hall. There was some confusion with the marker placement. They will have the contractor clarify with the Comp Plan at the next meeting on Monday, December 16 at 6:30PM.*

*Tuesday, Selectman Blier met with Chief Schools in the Union Negotiations meeting. It's moving forward.*

*The shed with the leaky roof out back has been fixed and he also attended the Planning Board meeting on Monday night, reviewing suggested ordinance amendments. We will meet again in January.*

*Selectman Poitras also attended the Planning Board workshop. He spoke with a resident regarding putting a sidewalk from Lows store to the Middle school. He informed them that Long Plains road is a State road and not the Towns jurisdiction. Furthermore the Town of Buxton is not equipped for sidewalk snow removal.*

*Old Business*

*None*

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*New Business*

*Selectman Poitras read the Warrant for the January 7, 2020, specifically Article 2.*

*Selectman Poitras also announced that absentee ballots are available for the January 7<sup>th</sup> Special Town meeting.*

*There will also be a Harassment class for the town employees next Wednesday morning, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Groveville Fire Station*

*Executive Orders*

*E.O. 192012007 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 1, Lot 194A-1]  
Approved 3 – 0 - 1*

*E.O. 192012008 – An order to approve 40 hours of vacation leave for Krystal Dyer  
Approved 4-0*

*E.O. 192012009 - An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 15, Lot 11]  
Approved 3 – 0 -1*

*E.O. 192012010 - An order to appoint Peter D. Leavitt to the position of Board of Appeals, effective until December 31, 2021.  
Approved 4-0*

*E.O. 192012011 - An order to appoint Donna P. Beal to the position of Pleasant Point Park Trustee, effective until December 31, 2021.  
Approved 4-0*

*E.O. 192012012 - An order to appoint Julie A. Gamelson to the position of Pleasant Point Park Trustee, effective until December 31, 2024.  
Approved 4-0*

*Selectman Blier thanked Donna Beal for her time and commitment to Pleasant Point Park. Selectman Blier read a special recognition for her years of commitment and dedication to Pleasant Point Park. She has spent countless hours picking up trash, clothes, floats, etc. to keep the park clean. She report fires to the Fire Department and walks through the park twice daily. A special thanks from the Select Board goes out to Ms. Beal.*

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*Executive Orders by Initiative*

*None*

*Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants*

*E.O. 192012005 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #49*

*Approved 4 - 0*

*The amount was \$169,974.70*

*E.O. 192012006 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #48*

*Approved 4– 0*

*The amount was \$71,975.42*

*Next Meeting of the Board*

*Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting on Monday, December 16 at 6:30PM*

*The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00PM this meeting will be in the Selectman's chambers.*

*Town Office hours for Christmas and New Year's week are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM Closed on both Wednesday's.*

*Trash pick-up for Wednesday, December 25 will be Fridays, December 27 and trash pick-up for January 1, will be on Friday, January 3. If you have any questions please contact Greg Heffernan at 929-3913.*

*MSAD#6 School Board meeting, Monday, December 16 at 6:00PM at central office.*

*12 Town Group Open House & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony December 13 from 10:00AM–12:00PM at 227 Main Street Biddeford*

*Other Business*

*Wreaths Across America Saturday, December 14 a 11:00PM at the South Buxton Cemetery (Woodman Road section)*

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*Free Christmas Dinner at the Buxton Centre Baptist Church on Christmas Day, located at 938 Long Plains Rd. Serving from Noon to 2:00PM. Call 929-3011 or 929-3060 FMI Storm date is December 26*

*Blood Drive – at the Buxton Town Hall, Saturday, December 28 from 9:00AM to 1:30 PM in support of the Bonny Eagle Robotic Team (BERT)*

*Public Comments and Questions*

*Dave Harmon spoke regarding the proposal for a new sign in front of Town Hall, stating he is not against the sign, but how often was the newsletter printed. It was determined once a month. Making the point that people are finding out about meetings and other activities from many other ways. People are finding out what's going on in town.*

*Selectman Blier explained that the other reason was because someone has to physically go outside and change the letters, the new sign could be changed electronically from the computer.*

*Executive Session*

*None*

*Adjournment-*

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:35PM*  
*Approved 4 -0*

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*Chad E. Poitras, Selectman*

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*Thomas J. Peters, Selectman*

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*Dennis Santolucito, Selectman*

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*Mark J. Blier, Selectman*

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*Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_*  
*Video Taped by Harrison Beam*