

*Town of Buxton
Minutes January 22, 2020
Selectmen's Meeting*

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

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

Others in attendance: Ellen H. DeCotiis, Julie Gamelson, Dave Harmon and Jon Bartlett

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

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2020
Approved 5 - 0*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:00PM Kevin Kimball came in to discuss upcoming budget items such as road maintenance, survey work and equipment issues. Kevin is looking into the possibility of adding a scraper to one of new truck to remove snow and ice.

At 4:30PM Chief Nathan Schools was in and the Board went into executive session at 4:35PM on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) They came out a 4:51PM. They also discussed items for his upcoming budget.

At 5:00PM Krystal Dyer updated the Board on the harassment training DVD's, town report and other annual obligations.

Charter Committee members and Town Clerk John Myers were in at 5:30PM and guide us through the process.

The Board went into executive session at 6:00PM on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

At 6:30PM Treasurer, Kim Beam was in discussing budgets and passed out budgets for the Board to review.

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Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Jonathan Youde of Maine PowerOptions, Re: Electricity outlook 2020*
- *Email from Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House, Re: Weekly Legislative Report*
- *Email from Thomas Irwin, Vegetation Manager for Central Maine Power, Re: Tree*
- *Email from David Francoeur of York County Emergency Management Services Re: Seabrook Dosimeter Training*
- *Email from PMPDC inviting the Board to a Solar Forum, Thursday, January, 23 at the Sanford Town Hall from 6:00PM to 8:00PM*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Pulsoni has been in the office reviewing the town charter and attended the Budget Committee meeting. He apologized to the viewers at home for the meeting not being televised, there was a miscommunication. Selectman Pulsoni listed the budgets that were reviewed at that meeting. He added that he was in the office today familiarizing himself with all the town ordinances.

Selectman Blier attended the Fire Departments union negotiations last Friday. He announced they have hired a librarian at Berry Memorial Library and are looking for volunteers and trustees. They are hoping to reopen this Saturday, January 25th.

He spoke with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball regarding his budget and asked Treasurer Kim Beam about the town's debt. He was looking at the potential of refinancing some of town's loans at a lower interest rate. The only problem is, some of the loans were purchased with a bond, which cannot be payed off early.

Selectman Blier has also been looking into the Efficiency Maine rebates on heat pumps. They have raised the rebate amount. The Board discussed the potential of installing heat pumps at the two libraries. This would give air conditioning during the summer months.

Selectman Poitras had budget discussions with Treasurer Kim beam and also spoke with John Myers, MMA attorneys and resident Paul Baresel regarding the charter commission.

Selectman Santolucito had some general communion with Paul Baresel and Carol Sanborn regarding the charter. He has been working with Kim Beam with the ongoing IT upgrades that are being done remotely. He is hoping the upgrades will be done by the first of March.

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He spoke with MMA regarding upgrades for the insurance underwriters on the new IT upgrades. He also had the opportunity to ride in the plow truck with Director Kevin Kimball during the last storm. It's quite an experience and it gives you an appreciation of the work they do. The Crew does a great job. He reminds the community, that when you get up in the morning, those roads are plowed because the drivers have been out for many hours before you head off to work.

Selectman Peters also spoke with Kevin Kimball about a couple GMC trucks that are getting older and the parts for these trucks are getting harder to find. He commends the Public Works Crew for the hours and hard work they do.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

*E.O. 192001020 – An order to approve John Myers to attend New England Municipal Clerks' Institute and Academy Committee Meeting
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 192001021 – An order to apply Agent Fees for Bureau of Motor Vehicle and Inland, Fisheries and Wildlife transactions within parameters set forth by State of Maine General Statutes.
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 192001022- An order to appoint Martha E. Huff as Deputy Welfare Director for the Town of Buxton effective February 4, 2020.
Approved 5-0*

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

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Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 192001018 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #61

Approved 5 - 0

In the amount of \$66,962.05

E.O. 192001019 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #60

Approved 5 - 0

In the amount of \$70,311.96

Next Meeting of the Board

MSAD#6 Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) Thursday, January 23 at 6:00PM at the District Central Office

The Planning Board will meet on Monday, January 27 at 7:00PM

Budget Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, January 28 at 6:00PM

The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00PM

Other Business

Rabies Clinic on Saturday January 25, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at Andy's Agway in Dayton. For more information call 282-2998

2020 Rescue subscriptions are due. Subscription Forms are available on line and at the Town Office. For more information call the Town Clerk's Office at 929-6171.

Maine State law requires all dogs six months and older to be licensed by January 31 each year. You can license your dog at Buxton Town Hall, by mail, or online through January 31. For more information call the Town Clerk's Office at 929-6171.

MSAD #6 Kindergarten Registration is February 3 thru March 31. For more information please call the Registrar's office at 929-2326

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Republican Caucus February, 22, at 1:00PM here at the Town Hall

Public Comments and Questions

Ellen DeCotiis asked when the new firetruck will be coming. The Board said sometime in April. She asked for clarification on the purchase of the police cars. Selectman Blier explained that one was purchased out of last year's budget request, and another one was purchased out of funds appropriated for salary items. The Police Department will not have a new vehicle in this year budget request. There was further discussion on.

Selectman Santolucito said the Snowmobiling is great right now and the trails are groomed. He asked to please be cautious where snowmobile trails cross the roads.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment-

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:28PM
Approved 5 -0

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Thomas J. Peters, Selectman

Dennis Santolucito, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Francis E. Pulsoni

Date Signed: _____
Video Taped by Harrison Beam