

*Town of Buxton
Minutes February 12, 2020
Selectmen's Meeting*

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

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

Others in attendance: Dave Harmon, Jon Bartlett and Mark Smith

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

Selectman Poitras opened the one roadside mowing bid received from Andrew Townsend. His bid consists of a total bid price of \$89,250 for a five-year bid starting July 2020 through August 2024. It is a request for \$17,850 every year, with \$4,000 start up money at the beginning and Portland Road would be mowed at no cost for the five-year contract. The Board will review the bid with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball before making a final decision.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2020
Approved 4 - 0*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:00PM Matt Albrecht owner of River Drive Cooperage Millworks was in offering his ideas for improvements when going through the Planning Board and Design Standards process.

Fire Chief Schools stopping in to update the Board regarding the receiver being down and his budget.

At 5:10PM Kandice Talbot and the Board went into executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), and came out at 5:20PM

At 5:20PM Recreation Director Nicole Welch presented her budget to the Board.

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At 6:00PM the Board went into executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), and came out at 6:15PM.

John Myers, Town Clerk was in at 6:15PM introducing his budget to the Board

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Jonathan Youde with Maine PowerOptions, Re: 2020 Electricity outlook and Electricity forward pricing*
- *Email from Senator Justin Chenette, Re: monthly update*
- *Email Martin Macisso Budget Committee Members resignation letter. He was unable to commit to committee at this time. The Board thanked him for his time and service.*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Pulsoni spent a lot of time in the office reviewing policies. He planned on going to the Planning Board meeting, but was distracted, but he did attend the Budget Committee meeting on Tuesday night.

Selectman Blier was here most of the day on Friday reviewing budgets and coming up with a business plan. He was able to connect with Budget Committee member Martin Macisso and he thanked him for his service on the committee. He also had intentions of attending the Planning Board, but was detained.

Selectman Blier was able to speak with an electrical contractor regarding replacing the parking lot light bulbs with LED's. He said we would pay ourselves back not only through the energy usage, but the man power to maintain them over the years.

He also spoke with a Budget Committee member in regards to increasing the paving budget this year.

Selectman Santolucito spoke with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball regarding a couple issues that came up. They are working on a couple truck maintenance issues and preparing for the tomorrows storm. He was also in on Friday reviewing the budgets received.

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Selectman Poitras had a few discussions with Fire Chief Nate Schools, the repeater went out last night, an emergency repair was needed. He also spoke with Public works Director Kevin Kimball and added the Crew is doing a great job. He also attended a Blue and Gold banquet for the cup scouts last week.

Old Business

None

New Business

Selectman Frank Pulsoni is the point of contact person for personnel issues. The board encourages the employees to contact him. this will determine if an HR person is needed through out the year. We thank him for taking on this position.

Executive Orders

*E.O. 192002006 – An order to approve vacation leave from March 9 thru April 3 for Ruth Scheibenpflug
Approved 4 - 0*

*E.O. 192002007 – An order to approve 10 hours of vacation leave for John Myers
Approved 4 - 0*

*E.O. 192002008– An order to approve John Myers to attend Title 30-A, Town Meetings & Elections
Approved 4 - 0*

*E.O. 192002009 – – An order to approve Nicole Welch to attend Maine Recreation Parks Association, (MRPA) Spring Conference
Approved 4 - 0*

*E.O. 1920020010 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 3, Lot 45-8]
Approved 4 - 0*

*E.O. 1920020011 – An order to approve an Application for a widow of a Veteran Exemption for [Map 9, Lot 47-28]
Approved 4 - 0*

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Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 192002004 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #67

Approved 4 - 0

In the amount of \$74,628.16

E.O. 192002005– An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #66

Approved 4 - 0

In the amount of \$69,103.21

Next Meeting of the Board

MSAD#6 Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) Thursday, February 20 at 6:00PM at the District Central Office

The Comprehensive Plan Committee will meet on Monday, February 17 at 6:30PM

Budget Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, February 18 at 6:00PM

The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00PM

Other Business

Selectman Poitras read the 2020 Posted Road list, effective Monday, February 17, through May 1st. Any questions please contact Kevin Kimball at 929-4400

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.

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

The Buxton Municipal Republican Town Caucus is scheduled to meet on Saturday, February 22 at 1:00PM, doors open at noon.

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The Buxton Democratic Municipal Caucus is scheduled for Sunday, March 8 at 1:00PM. Doors open at noon. Storm date is Sunday March 15 at 1:00PM.

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of President's Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 18 at 8:30AM

Selectman Blier announced that due to the wages increases, new personal, services provided to the town and School and County Budgets we are looking at huge increases and unforeseen expenses coming and will have to increase taxes. We want the public to understand what we are faced with, trying to keep taxes down, but the need for the increase in order to maintain the services. The school budget could increase by 5% which would increase taxes for Buxton.

Public Comments and Questions

Resident Mark Smith of Middle Camp Road, had a complaint about the Code Enforcement Officer Peter Gordon not doing his job. Selectman Blier tried to answer his concerns. Mr. Smith would like answers regarding this and other questions he has been trying get answered from the Chief of Police.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment-

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:32PM
Approved 4 -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

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