

**Town of Buxton**  
**Minutes for May 3, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting**

*Prepared by: Beverly Gammon*

*Members Present: Jean C. Harmon, Dennis P. Santolucito, Chad E. Poitras, Mark P. Blier  
Clifford L. Emery was absent*

*Others Present: David Harmon, Rep. Don Marean, Rich Streeter, Peter Gordon, Alex Filatov*

**Public Hearing – 7:00 PM**

*Application for Automobile Graveyard and/or Junkyard Permit for Alexander Filatov d/b/a Atlantic Motors LLC*

*Selectman Harmon read the Notice of Public Hearing and the Board opened the hearing at 7:01 PM. There were no comments or questions from the Board. Peter Gordon, our Code Enforcement Officer went to the podium and stated that he has been out to the property several times and this gentleman runs the operation similar to the prior operator. He noted no concerns and spoke in support of the applicant. There were no other comments or questions.*

*The Public Hearing was closed at 7:03 PM.*

**Meeting Agenda**

**1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*The Selectmen recited the Pledge.*

**3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for April 26, 2017  
Approved 4-0-1*

*Selectman Emery is absent tonight as he is attending the York County Budget Committee Meeting as Buxton's representative.*

4. **Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

*A resident came in to talk with the Selectmen about preserving our Model T Fire Truck that is housed at the Bar Mills Fire Station. The Board had an in-depth conversation about his approach and how they will move forward with that. The Board is in favor of moving forward with the project.*

5. **Review of Correspondence**

- *Buxton Resident Wins Prestigious 2017 Susan P. Bloom Children's Book Discovery Award*
- *Weekly Legislative Bulletin from Maine Municipal Association*
- *State House News Update from Rep. Don Marean*
- *Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director York County EMA – Re: New Beach Hazard Statement for Cold Water*
- *Health Alert from Maine CDC – Re: 2017 Lyme & Other Tickborne Disease*
- *Email from Maine Municipal Association – Re: 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Highway Congress June 1 at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds.*
- *Email from Patrick Bonsant, Director, Saco River Community TV – Re: Fundraiser for SRC-TV*
- *Email from Maine Municipal Association – Re: MMA Photo Contest*
- *Email regarding our electricity contract letting us know there may be slight increases this next year.*

6. **Review of Projects and Issues**

*Selectman Santolucito reported that the Board will be taking a look at the electrical contract and will negotiate on that when it comes up for renewal later this year. Selectman Santolucito also mentioned a minor technology upgrade that was done for the Transfer Station.*

*Selectman Blier reported that Charlie Baldwin from the Maine Farmland Trust spoke at the Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting Monday night. Selectman Blier said another piece of property recently went into Farmland protection. Keeping the rural character is one of the committee's objectives so he said they were pleased about that. Selectman Blier also talked about a conversation he had with David Anderson about a potential well the Town may get at Town Farm Park. They also talked about putting in an irrigation system to keep our fields in good order.*

*Selectman Poitras reported that he was in the office yesterday and gathered some information for the gentleman who came in to talk about the old fire truck. He also went to the Bar Mills Fire Station and chatted with the Chief. Selectman Poitras said things are going very well. Selectman Poitras mentioned the Korean War Memorial. A resident noticed that it needed some attention so the Board had someone from Collette Monuments come down and clean it.*

*Selectman Harmon reported spending most of her time working on the warrant. After having our attorney review the Zoning Ordinance questions and give us final approval on the wording, she was able to get the warrant finalized.*

*Selectman Harmon stated that because the Selectmen's Meeting went so late last week and some people may not have heard all of it, she will read the non-budgetary warrant articles again tonight so that everyone knows what they are.*

**7. Old Business**

*Charter Review Committee*

*The Board will be looking into this probably after Town Meeting.*

**8. New Business**

*None*

**9. Executive Orders**

*E.O. 161705003 – An order to approve 40 hours of vacation time for John Myers  
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 161705004 – An order to approve 32 hours of vacation time for Greg Heffernan  
Approved 4-0-1*

**10. Executive Orders by Initiative**

*E.O. 161705005 – An order to approve the Application for a non-transferrable Automobile Graveyard and/or Junkyard Permit for Alexander Filatov d/b/a Atlantic Motors LLC  
Approved 4-0-1*

**11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**

*E.O. 161705001 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #91*

*Approved 4-0-1*

*The amount was \$54,285.63*

*E.O. 161705002 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #90*

*Approved 4-0-1*

*The amount was \$45,891.39*

**12. Next Meeting of the Board**

*Planning Board Meeting Monday, May 8 at 7:00 PM*

*There will be a Twelve Town Group Meeting Monday, May 8*

*Public Hearing Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 PM regarding Application for Liquor License renewal and Special Amusement Permit for Julie Hagerman d/b/a Chaps LLC*

*The Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, May 10 at 7:10 PM or immediately following the Public Hearing*

*Selectman Poitras mentioned that he has to follow up with Sherrie Kessler regarding the Neighborhood Watch Group to find out when they will be having their regular meetings.*

**13. Other Business**

*The Buxton Transfer Station is looking for part-time, seasonal help on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The pay rate is \$10.15 per hour for 8 to 24 hours per week. Please call the Transfer Station at 929-3913 or email [buxtonts@sacoriver.net](mailto:buxtonts@sacoriver.net) for more information. Applications can be picked up at the Transfer Station.*

*Selectman Harmon announced that the Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 17 on secret ballot article 3 to adopt an ordinance to prohibit growing, cultivating, selling and retail marijuana social clubs in the Town of Buxton.*

*Selectman Harmon then read all the non-budgetary warrant articles for Town Meeting.*

**14. Public Comments and Questions**

*Representative Don Marean went to the podium. He announced that he put in a legislative sentiment today for Laurie Warchol who received the prestigious Susan Bloom Award. He said it*

*is currently in the Advisor's office but as soon as he receives it, he would like to coordinate with the Board or some community group who would like to be present when the presentation is made here at Town Office.*

*Representative Marean then gave the Board an update on what is going on at the State House. The big issue right now is the state budget and school funding. He mentioned Frye Island bills and said he thinks the legislature may resolve the issue of Frye Island for another biennium but it probably will come up again in the future.*

*Representative Marean updated the Board on issues related to the legalization of marijuana and talked about how complicated and difficult it is to determine how the state is going to regulate recreational marijuana and medical marijuana to make sure both are overseen, taxed, and enforced properly. A lengthy discussion followed between Representative Marean and the Board about what the town is doing now, our moratorium and the proposed ordinance. Selectman Harmon explained that the reason the Board is proposing the ban is because the town does not have the resources to manage it.*

*Selectman Santolucito asked Don Marean about his comment at one of the Budget Advisory Committee Meetings that the state has added \$500,000,000.00 to the education budget since 2010. In summary, Selectman Santolucito reiterated that the state has increased spending on public education by half of a billion dollars since 2010 and they are still not at 55%.*

*Representative Marean said the state cannot get to 55%; the schools keep increasing their budgets and look at the state like an open checkbook.*

*Selectman Santolucito said the 55% is no longer realistic. He said it is important for everyone to know that since 2010 the state has spent an additional half billion dollars on public education, and it is also important to know that there has been a significant decline in student enrollment. Selectman Santolucito said it is a challenge and we are at the point where the schools need a reality check.*

*Don Marean shared some final comments. The Board thanked him for coming in.*

*There were no other questions or comments.*

## **15. Executive Session**

*None*

## **16. Adjournment**

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM*

*Approved 5-0*