

*Town of Buxton
Agenda August 26, 2020
Selectmen's Meeting
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This meeting was streamed on the Saco River Community Media at <https://www.src-tv.org/>

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

Members Present: Chad E. Poitras, Thomas J. Peters, Mark J. Blier Francis E. Pulsoni, and David A. Field

Others in attendance: Jon Bartlett, Police Chief Troy Cline, Officer Tammy Jo Gerard, Officer's Bradbury, Blackwell, Marcotte, McGuire, and Smith, Frank Costa and Sydney Lathrop, Robert Maguire, Carla Maguire, Diana McKee, Anita Smith, John Marcotte, Marina Austin, Abigail Maguire, Jenifer Maguire, (and other family members who did not sign in), Fire Chief Nate Schools,

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

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

Police Department Badge Ceremony

Officer Tammy Jo Gerard, opened with a definition of the police badge and the meaning behind it. A family member of each officer pinned. As each officer was pinned, Tammy Jo read a description of each officer's credentials. The following officers were pinned Chief Cline, Officers Bradbury, Blackwell, Marcotte, McGuire, and Smith. Chief Cline thanked the families for their support.

Quarterly Presentation by Fire Chief Nathan Schools

Fire Chief Schools presented the hot points. One being the much awaited ladder fire truck has arrived. The time frame for getting the truck on the road, will take about a month, starting with installing equipment, training the personnel, then send the truck back to Greenwood where the punch list will be run through.

This will be a much-needed piece of equipment. We have been using mutual aid of other towns to assist on calls. This is a pumper as well as a ladder truck. He describes the Quint truck and its uses, how it will respond to alarm systems, motor vehicle accidents, and structure fires. The 2001 Quint E-one, is a pumper as well as a ladder truck. It has a 75-foot ladder, a 500 gallon tank and it pumps 1,500 gallons per minute. Because this one truck has a system to power all the hydraulic tools and it is set up as a rescue truck as well, it will do the job of two existing trucks.

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It will be stationed at the Grovesville Fire Station on Turkey Land, because of its central location in town and that's where we have the most paid staff on site. The truck will be used in its full capacity and we are very excited

Earlier this month he worked on a grant through the Cares Act with the Department of Health and Human Services We received \$46,468.00 This grant supports the Police Dept, Fire/Rescue Dept, Transfer Station, Recreation Dept, and the Town Hall with will ensure these departments to have the ability to purchase the items needed through the grant funds, not already allocated through the Municipal process. Items will include the N95 masks for the Police Dept, fire/Rescue it will help with upgrades to the ambulances for the UV Lights for our HVAC system, PPE laundering washer and dryer for washable gowns, Town hall has been funding the cleaning supplies, Recreation Dept will use the funds for signs, tents and sanitizing foggers for all departments. Rec Director Nicole Welch will be executing the grant. She has already set up an account and it will be tracked to show what we used the money for what it is intended for.

COVID-19 update, the fire department has been touched with the coronavirus. They are working through this with CDC, York County EMS and Maine EMS. All are very supportive. Making changes until under control. Protecting the community as we normally would.

Resident Ellen DeCotiis sent an email asking if contact tracing has taking place. Chief Schools said anytime there is a COVID-19 positive patient, it is assigned to a team to contract trace. The CDC guidelines will contact trace anyone who has been within 6-feet for more than 15 minutes, with unprotected exposer.

Chief Schools gave an overview of the run number trends between January through June in 2019 and 2020. He adds that even with COVID-19 they are trending in the right direction.

	Structure calls	Medical calls
2019	13	385
2020	18	376

Dispatch notifies the Rescue team of the level of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needed before going out on a call. Otherwise we suit up for every call and this I costly. The more information from Dispatch, the better for the first responders.

In 2021 they will start offering certification classes in-house. This is part of mentoring and leadership we will bring to our own town.

- Fire officer I training -10 week program - they will certify for an officer one level (Lieutenant)*

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- *Fire officer II class – for someone aspiring to be a Captain*
- *Basic Pump Operators Class in September*

Selectman Poitras thanked Chief Schools for his presentation.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2020
Approved 5-0

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

Treasurer Kim Beam has scheduled zoom meetings for the Mainepers on Thursday 9am or Friday at 3pm for all employees with questions.

At 5:00PM Code Officer Peter Gordon came in and requested a week off and ideas for his upcoming quarterly report.

At 5:25PM the Board went into executive session on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A), and out at 5:50.

We had general discussion regarding tax acquired property that involves squatters. The intention is to have the property back on the tax rolls as soon as possible.

At 6:30PM the Board went into executive session with Chief Schools on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) and out at 6:58pm

Review of Correspondence

- *Letter from Southern Maine Forestry Service, Re: 2020 Newsletter*
- *Email from a resident requesting an update on the status of Pleasant Point Park*
Essentially at this point, there will be a slow reopening after labor day depending on the activities at the park.

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Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Pulsoni was out of town most of last week, but did deal with a couple personnel issues

Selectman Blier announced the line up for the Dept Heads Quarterly Reports September

<i>2nd</i>	<i>Rec. Director Nicole Welch</i>
<i>9th</i>	<i>Town Clerk, John Myers and Voter Reg. Ruth Scheibenpflug</i>
<i>16th</i>	<i>Public Works Director, Kevin Kimball</i>
<i>23rd</i>	<i>Code Officer Peter Gordon</i>
<i>30th</i>	<i>Transfer Station Manager Greg Heffernan</i>

Selectman Blier explained how solar fields are taxed. In his research, he contacted Assessor Bob Gingras, basically its taxed on the land evaluation, but the solar fields are exempt up to five mega watts. The field in Buxton is a 3.2 mega watts, meaning it will be tax exempt, but the Town will retrieve up to 62 ½ percent of what they are exempt for, which is approximately \$35,000.00 of tax revenue for the field located on Route 112.

Selectman Blier also worked on the re-opening of the Planning and Appeals Board meetings. There is one positions open on the both boards and the budget committee vacancies will be posted this week.

Selectman Blier updated the Board on the AC unit at the food co-op, saying he was unable to find one locally and he suggests ordering it online. Due to the window location, he recommends a floor model for that area, but also wonders if it can't wait until next spring, due to the delivery date being late September/October and it would not be needed.

Selectman Peters spoke with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball, everything is going well, shouldering the roads and he announced that one of his employees passed his Class A license today. Congratulations to Christopher Fogg.

Selectman Field completed a Maine Municipal Association class by zoom today and spoke with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball and Transfer Station Manager Greg Heffernan this past week.

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Selectman Poitras has kept himself busy this week, by working on the tax acquired property on Parker Farm Rd, the COVID19 exposure at the Fire Department and a house fire on Mary Jane Rd.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

*E.O. 202108016 - An order to approve an application for Widow of a Veteran Exemption for [Map 5 Lot 38A-1]
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 202108017 - An order to appoint Jeremiah K. Ross, III to the position of Appeals Board member to be effective until December 31, 2023
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 202108018 - An order to approve a Supplemental Tax Warrant and Certificate for fiscal year 2020/21 in the amount of \$2,908.22 for [Map 3, Lot 49]
Approved 4-0-1, Selectman Blier abstained*

*E.O. 202108019 - To execute a notice of vacancy for a Budget Committee Member until June of 2021, to have the notice posted by September 2, 2020, with letters of interest due back to the Board of Selectmen by Tuesday, September 15, 2020.
Approved 5-0*

Executive Orders by Initiative

*E.O. 202108020 - An order to award the bid for Crack sealing to Coastal Road Repair, LLC for the bid price of \$16.98 per gallon.
Approved 5-0*

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Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 202108014– An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #17

Approved 5–0

In the amount of \$475,558.98

E.O. 202108015 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #16

Approved 5–0

In the amount of \$67,026.71

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, September 2, at 7:00PM

Other Business

None

Public Comments and Questions

Selectman Poitras continued with remaining questions from resident Ellen DeCotiis'. "What happened to the plexi-glass used at one of the selectmen's meetings." They're stored in the corner of the meeting room. She requested an update on the open space behind town hall. Selectman Blier said the open space behind town hall was put on hold due to covid-19. He spoke with the engineer in July and they plan to reconvene in the fall.

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:51PM

Approved 5 - 0

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Thomas J. Peters, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Francis E. Pulsoni

David A. Field, Selectman

Date Signed: _____

Video Taped by Harrison Beam