

*Town of Buxton
Minutes October 14, 2020
Selectmen's Meeting*

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, Francis E. Pulsoni, Mark J. Blier, and David A. Field

Members not in attendance: Thomas J. Peters

Others in attendance: Dave Harmon, Jon Bartlett, Richard Fitzgerald, Mark Pombriant and David Bolduc

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

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

*Public Hearing for two Non-transferable Automobile Graveyard and/or Junkyard permits:
David Bolduc located at 235 Main Street and Mark Pombriant, dba/Mark Pombriant, LLC
located at 222 Main Street.*

*Selectman Poitras opened the public hearing at 7:03PM and read the opening statement. Having
no questions or comments Selectman Poitras closed the public hearing at 7:04PM.*

*E.O. 202110022 - An order to approve Applications for a non-transferrable Automobile
Graveyard or Junkyard for the following entities: David Bolduc, with an Individual, and
Mark Pombriant, d/b/a Mark Pombriant, LLC
Approved 4-0-1*

Police Department Quarterly Report

*Court Officer Tammy Jo Gerard gave a presentation of the Police Department activities.
Activities for the last three months:*

**Calls for Service are all the calls that come into the Dispatch Center. Year to date we
have received 10,445 calls, the number is consistent with 2019, except the department is
short staffed this year.*

**Community Cares Program allows us to check-in with our elderly residents living
alone.*

**Building Checks for businesses.*

**911 abandoned calls. If you accidentally call 911, please do not hang up. Let us know it
is not an emergency.*

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**Concealed weapon permits and sex offender registry updates, criminal, theft, and other reports are keeping the department busy.*

Due to COVID and the outbreak at York County jail, we had to transport criminals to Cumberland County jail. York County Jail is now open.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. There are twelve million victims every year in this country. Buxton has had 28 cases in this year. We need to Stand up, Speak out, Speak up! There are recourses at Caring Unlimited for legal assistance, counseling, childcare, etc. They can help break the cycle of violence. If you need help or if you know anyone who does please call. We are here to help.

Chief Troy Cline introduced photos of two new officers who just joined the staff this week. Adding that two more new officer will be starting before the end of this month. We are excited to welcome them aboard.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2020

Approved 3-0-1, Selectman Peters is absent and Selectman Field abstained.

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 5:00PM Residents were in regarding speeding vehicles on Joy Valley Road.

At 5:30PM Kim Beam and Kandice Talbot came in to request to expand the TRIO package to include a Code Enforcement program.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from MMA Legal update on Recreational Marijuana Webinar*
- *Email from Amy from CivicPlus, Re: The Escalation of Security Threats against Local Government*
- *Email from Greg Heffernan, Proposed revisions to the Solid Waste Ordinance and updated Fee Schedule and Recycler.*
- *Email from Maine CDC, Re: Urges precautions as Tick Activity Increases*
- *October issue of the Maine Town & City magazine*

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Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Field has been dealing with a couple of vandalism issues at Pleasant Point Park this past weekend. Public works was able to repair the historic stone pillars at the entrance that were pulled down. The masonry work would have cost over \$10,000 if they were unable to fix it. He announced, if someone has a problem at the park, whether they are locked in or whatever, they really need to call Dispatch. It's everybody's park and we all need to take care of it.

Selectman Poitras thanked the Pleasant Point Park Committee for doing all the clean-up and projects needed at the park this year. It really looks great. Selectman Poitras has been dealing with a personnel issue and discussed next year's budget process with chief Schools.

Selectman Blier announced they are still looking for a Trustee at Bonny Eagle Park. If anyone is interested please contact the Town Office. He is also still working with the contractor on the quote for the roof over the two side doors at the Bar Mills Fire Station. He announced that the town is in need of a carpenter to do small projects in town, please reach out if you are interested in the job.

Selectman Blier also spoke with Kevin Kimball regarding the upcoming plow season and said he has an on-call plow driver, we are very fortunate to have him.

He spent time with Treasurer Kim Beam and Selectman Pulsoni regarding the 21/22 budgets.

Selectman Pulsoni was in the office regarding personnel issues, budgets and correspondence.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

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E.O. 202110009 – An order to approve to update the Conditional Use Permit fee to \$300.00 per application effective October 14, 2020 as filed with the Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer, and attached hereto.

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 202110010 – To approve the opening of the Town Clerk's Office on Saturday Oct 17th and 24th from 9:00AM to 3:00PM for additional office hours for voters to have the opportunity to obtain absentee ballots for the November 3, 2020 election.

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 202110011 – An order to approve a pole permit for Central Maine Power Company to construct and maintain one pole at 107 Rankin Road, being 2,550 feet Easterly from River Road, in accordance with Central Maine Power Company

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 202110012 – Under the Town's Personnel Policy, Section IX. Inclement Weather/Emergency Policy, it is hereby ordered that the following Town Departments and offices will be closed on Election Day November 3, 2020 due to COVID-19 public health concerns and to reduce motor vehicle and foot traffic at the Voting Place, the Buxton Town Hall: Transfer Station, Selectmen, General Assistance, Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Code Enforcement, Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Town Treasurer, Payroll and Accounts Payable.

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 202110013 – An order to approve the Registrar of Voters posted hours until the November 3, 2020 State of Maine Referendum Election

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 202110014 – An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2020/21 in the amount of \$1,465.36 for [Map 1, Lot 161-3]

Approved 3-0-1-1, Selectman Blier abstained

E.O. 202110015 An order to approve the hire of Bradley A. Hancock as a full time Police Officer effective October 5, 2020 at a rate of \$24.91/ hour.

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 202110016 – An order to appoint of Bradley A. Hancock as a Constable in the Town of Buxton effective October 5, 2020

Approved 4-0-1

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E.O. 202110017 An order to approve the hire of Darian V. Pleasant as a full time Police Officer effective October 15, 2020 at a rate of \$24.91/ hour.

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 202110018 – An order to appoint of Darian V. Pleasant as a Constable in the Town of Buxton effective October 15, 2020

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 202110019 An order to approve an application for Widow of a Veteran Exemption for [Map 8, Lot 40A-4]

Approved 3-0-1-1 Selectman Blier abstained

E.O. 202110020 An order to appoint Kert A. Jackson to the position of Estes Park Trustee member to be effective until December 31, 2022

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 202110021 - An order to approve 40 hours of Vacation Leave for Nathan Schools

Approved 4-0-1

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 202110007– An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #32

Approved 4-0-1

In the amount of \$768,088.57

E.O. 202110008 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #31

Approved 4-0-1

In the amount of \$69,320.25

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Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00PM

Notice of Planning Board site walk on Saturday, October 17 at 8:00AM at 668 Narragansett Trail.

The next Planning Board meeting will be Monday, October 26, at 7:00PM

Other Business`

Town Clerk, John Myers announced the following Voting day announcement: The following Town of Buxton Departments and Town Hall Offices will be closed on Election Day, November 3, 2020: Transfer Station, Selectmen, General Assistance, Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Code Enforcement, Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Town Treasurer, Payroll and Accounts Payable. These services will be closed to reduce motor vehicle and foot traffic, due to COVID-19.

FOOT TRAFFIC: All Buxton Voters will enter the Town Hall from the right side of the building when facing the front of Town Hall and the left side of the building when in the back of Town Hall, the Building Inspector's hallway, on the Transfer Station side of Town Hall. Voters will move forward, down the hallway to the voting room as space becomes available. Voters must always maintain six-foot social distancing. Voters are strongly encouraged and asked to wear a face covering. After voting, all voters exit the back doors of the voting room to the back-parking lot.

POLLS OPEN 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Buxton Town Hall, 185 Portland Road.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Buxton Municipal Building, 185 Portland Road, on Tuesday, October 27 from 1:30PM to 4:30PM; on Wednesday, October 28 from 5:30PM to 7:30PM; on Thursday, October 29 from 1:30PM to 4:30PM; on Friday, October 30 from 1:30PM to 4:30PM; and on Monday, November 2, from 1:30PM to 5:00PM; in order to receive new registrations, enrollments, and changes in name and address for the November 3, 2020 State of Maine Referendum Election.

Buxton Recreation Department challenges you to discover four town parks that are right here in Buxton by completing our Buxton Park Passport Program! Passports can be picked up at the Buxton Recreation Department at 174 Portland Road, or they can be printed at home by visiting buxtonrec.com. The passport will take you to Carroll Park, Pleasant Point Park, Town Farm Park, and Bonny Eagle Park. The goal of the program is to showcase the

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outdoor recreation facilities in Buxton, while encouraging our citizens to explore parks that they may not have used before. For more information about the Park Passport Program, please contact the Buxton Recreation Department at 929-8381.

Public Comments and Questions

Richard Fitzgerald gave an updated COVID report

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:56PM

Approved 4 - 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