

*Town of Buxton  
Agenda December 16, 2020  
Selectmen's Meeting*

*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, Richard Fitzgerald*

*The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM*

*The Selectmen recited the Pledge*

*Approval of Prior Meeting Minute*

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2020  
Approved 4-0-1 Selectman Pulsoni was not in attendance*

*Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM*

*At 4:30PM Brian Petrovitch from The United Way presented the Board with 1,000 face masks for the towns emergency personnel; Police/Dispatch, Fire and Rescue. There will be a few offered to the public.*

*At 5:00PM Chief Cline was in to update the Board on a recent residents complaint regarding a shooting incident near their home.*

*At 6:00PM Kandice Talbot came in regarding a Planning Board's Shoreland Zoning public hearing scheduled for January 2021. The Board of Selectmen have postponed the public hearing until Spring 2021, due to the number of residences involved, they cannot be in compliance with the COVID-19 guidelines regarding large gatherings. Hopefully by Spring, the numbers will have increased.*

*At 6:30PM resident Tracy Wilson who is involved with a proposed solar panel project in Buxton, was in offering what benefits a solar farm would have for the Town of Buxton. Selectman Blier will get further information regarding the feasibility of the project and follow up with the Board.*

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*Review of Correspondence*

- *Email from Chellie Pingree, Re: Economic Relief Can't Wait*
- *Email from Lis Raffin of Glenvale, LLC, Re: donations to Buxton Community Programs.*
- *Email from New England ADA, Re: December Newsletter*
- *Email from Patrick Bonsant from Saco River Community Television, Re: Broadcast Server Update*
- *Email from Chief Schools, Re: Weekly Monday Message*
- *Questions from Ellen DeCotiis, regarding the proposed solar farm – Selectman Poitras proposed project on land between Haines Meadow Road and Long Plains Road. Environmental impacts would be landscaped. The land is owned by the solar company on leased land from the landowners.*

*Review of Projects and Issues*

*Selectman Pulsoni was in the office dealing with correspondence and a personnel issue with Chief Cline. He had a phone conversation with Public Works Director, Kevin Kimball regarding the road survey, and he received a phone call from a resident expressing their concern about a proposed trailer park off Parker Farm Road.*

*Selectman Peters has had a very quiet week with nothing to report.*

*Selectman Blier sat with Kevin Kimball regarding the road survey and the compensation time amendment to the personnel policy. He had a conversation with Tracy Wilson regarding the tax credit (TIF) for the solar farm.*

*Selectman Field attended the Reverse Parade that Rec. Director Nicole Welch organized. The lights and Santa were great and everyone enjoyed themselves. He was also able to speak with Kevin Kimball regarding the road survey and repairs needed to one of the truck beds.*

*Selectman Poitras had a quiet week also. He did have a call from a resident with concerns of shooting taking place at nighttime, near their home. There was no harm to anyone. He also spoke with Fire Chief Nate Schools this past week.*

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*Old Business*

*None*

*New Business*

*None*

*Executive Orders*

*E.O. 202112025– An order to approve 8 hours of Vacation Leave for Peter Gordon  
Approved 5- 0*

*E.O. 202112026– An order to approve 16 hours of Vacation Leave for John Myers  
Approved 5- 0*

*E.O. 202112027 – An order to approve 8 hours of Vacation Leave for Krystal Dyer  
Approved 5- 0*

*E.O. 202112028 - An order to close the Town Office to the public in order to complete required Trio maintenance upgrades at 3:00PM on January 14, 2021.  
Approved 5- 0*

*E.O. 202112029 - An order to approve 8 hours of Vacation Leave for Nicole Welch  
Approved 5- 0*

*Executive Orders by Initiative*

*E.O. 202112030- An order to adopt changes to the Personnel Policy regarding compensation for all full-time employees, effective December 13, 2020.  
Approved 5- 0*

*E.O. 202112031- An order to close town hall at 12:30PM on Thursday, December 24, 2020.  
Approved 5- 0*

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*Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants*

*E.O. 202112023– An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #50*

*Approved 5- 0*

*In the amount of \$850,742.05*

*E.O. 202112024 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #49*

*Approved 5- 0*

*In the amount of \$71,332.60*

*Next Meeting of the Board*

*The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, December 23, at 7:00PM*

*MSAD#6 Budget Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, December 17 at 6:00PM at Central Office*

*MSAD #6 Board of Directors meeting will be Monday, December 21 at 6:00PM*

*Other Business*

*Chief Schools is happy to announce the Buxton Fire and Rescue Officer Appointments effective December 16, 2020; Conrad Jellison is moving from Captain to Deputy Chief-Paid -On-Call Division. Connor Redlon is moving from private to Lieutenant at the Bar Mills Station and Matthew Angus is moving from Private to Lieutenant at the Chicopee Station.*

*Selectman Poitras read a statement from Chief Schools regarding the year of Retirements at the Fire Department; "2020 has been quite a year with COVID-19 playing a large part in our everyday lives and or mission here with Fire-Rescue. The year cannot end without me saying thank you to those members who have retired or will be retiring prior to the end of 2020. The members listed below have cumulatively been with the department for 113*

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*years and have provided direction, leadership and mentorship to our members and to me. I wish them all well in their retirements and future endeavors!"*

- DC Jamie Grant - January 2020 – 18 Years
- DC Jason Grant – December 2020 – 19 Years
- Captain Thomas Lindstedt – November 2020 - 23 Years
- DC/Fire Warden Meryl McLaughlin – December 2020 - 53 Years

*We wish them all the best!*

*Buxton Center Baptist Church will hold a take-out Christmas Dinner. Pick up will be from 11:30 to 1:30PM on December 25<sup>th</sup>. To order a meal call 929-3011 (Storm date 12/26)*

*Transfer Station hours and curbside pickup will not be affected by the Christmas or New Years Holidays.*

*Wreaths across America will still lay the wreaths on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>, but there will be no ceremony this year due to the COVID-19 gathering restrictions.*

*Public Comments and Questions*

*Richard Fitzgerald gave a COVID-19 report*

*Executive Sessions*

*none*

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*Adjournment*

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:40PM*

*Approved 5 - 0*

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*Chad E. Poitras, Selectman*

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*Thomas J. Peters, Selectman*

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*Mark J. Blier, Selectman*

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*Francis E. Pulsoni*

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*David A. Field, Selectman*

*Date Signed:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Video Taped by Kyle Durkin*