

*Town of Buxton
Agenda December 09, 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, Thomas J. Peters, Mark J. Blier, Francis E. Pulsoni and David A. Field

Members not in attendance: Francis E. Pulsoni was in attendance from 4:30PM to 7:00PM

Others in attendance: Jon Bartlett, Richard Fitzgerald

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

The Selectmen recited the Pledge

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2020
Approved 4-0-1 Selectman Pulsoni absent*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00

At 4:30PM Rec Director Nicole Welch came in to update the Board on upcoming events. Tomorrow night there will be a Reverse Parade from 5:30PM to 7:00PM Selectman Poitras admires Nicole's enthusiasm and energy when adapting and modifying all their activities to accommodate around the COVID-19 guidelines. Nichole has done a wonderful job.

At 5:00PM The board went into Executive Session regarding the police negotiations per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) regarding labor union contract issue, came out at 5:40PM.

5:30PM Chief Schools was in to discuss upcoming budget concerns and a fire call from last night.

6:00PM Representative Nathan Carlow was in looking at ways he can help the Town of Buxton.

At 6:30PM Treasurer Kim beam was in regarding a software upgrade.

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Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Maine Municipal Association Re: Audited financial statement from Property and Casualty Pool.*
- *Email from Delta Dental, Re: Group Bulletin, Fall/Winter 2020 issue*
- *Email from DHHS, Re: closing of the Biddeford General Assistance Office Due to COVID19*
- *Email from Community Television Association of Maine Re: Newsletter*
- *Email from Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission, Re: Webinar for introducing electric vehicles into Town fleet.*
- *A Thank you letter from a Buxton business owner, Re: The Fire Departments response to a call at the business.*
- *Email from Justin Chenette, Re: a new children's book he has written to promote civic education. The Great Whoopie Pie Debate: A Kids' Guide to the Maine Legislature*
- *Email from Megan Arsenault of York County Emergency Management Agency, Re: Storm Response Briefing for Public Officials*
- *Email from Southern Maine planning & Development Commission, Re: Grants Awarded for Maine's Climate Action Plan*
- *Email from Joe Conway of U.S. Federal Highway Administration, Re: December Newsletter*
- *Email from resident Ellen DeCotiis with questions for the Board*
- *Email from Eric Hamlin of Maine DEP, Re: Debris management Site.*
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Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Peters has been in contact with attorney Campbell Badger in regard to tonight's union negotiation executive session. He also spoke with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball on the storm this past weekend. There were a few minor breakdowns that where resolved, otherwise the storm went smoothly.

He attended the Planning Board meeting Monday night concerning the Design Standards impact on existing business who are straining to expand due to meeting the requirements.

Selectman Field was also in attendance at the Planning Board meeting. He spoke with Kevin Kimball with regards to tree damage at Pleasant Point Park during the last storm.

Selectman Poitras attended the Planning Board meeting and has been in contact with Chief Schools and Selectman Pulsoni with budget and personnel issues

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Selectman Blier explained the reason why the whole Board attended the Planning Board meeting. Announcing a workshop on January 18, 2021 to allow the two Boards to discuss future amendments to the Design Standards section of the ordinance.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

*E.O. 202112015– An order to approve the hire of Amanda Schmechel as a Part Time Accounts Payable Clerk in the Town of Buxton effective December 15, 2020, at a rate of \$18.50/hour.
Approved 4- 0- 1, selectman Pulsoni absent*

*E.O. 202112016– An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2015/16 in the amount of \$166.84 for [Map 2, Lot 20]
Approved 3-0-2, Selectman Blier abstained, Selectman Pulsoni absent.*

*E.O. 202112017 – An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2016/17 in the amount of \$162.02 for [Map 2, Lot 20]
Approved 3-0-2, Selectman Blier abstained, Selectman Pulsoni absent.*

*E.O. 202112018 - An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2017/18 in the amount of \$158.07 for [Map 2, Lot 20]
Approved 3-0-2, Selectman Blier abstained, Selectman Pulsoni absent.*

*E.O. 202112019 - An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2019/20 in the amount of \$143.98 for [Map 2, Lot 20]
Approved 3-0-2, Selectman Blier abstained, Selectman Pulsoni absent.*

*E.O. 202112020 - An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2020/21 in the amount of \$91.85 for [Map 2, Lot 20]
Approved 3-0-2, Selectman Blier abstained, Selectman Pulsoni absent.*

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E.O. 202112021 - An order to approve a Poverty Abatement for Case #PA 20-004

Approved 3-0-2, Selectman Blier abstained, Selectman Pulsoni absent.

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 202112013- An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #48

Approved 4 0-1

In the amount of \$84,898.68

E.O. 202112014 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #47

Approved 4-0-1

In the amount of \$77,437.70

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, December 16, at 7:00PM. This meeting will be held in the Selectman's office, Due to the Buxton Toy Box moving in from December 10th thru the 22nd.

MSAD#6 Budget Advisory Committee meeting at central office at 6:00PM

Other Business

Selectman Poitras announced the 25th Anniversary of the Buxton Toy Box program. The Buxton Toy Box is a volunteer effort organized in 1995 and operates under the auspices of the Town of Buxton. It is a program that distributes donations of new toys, clothes, necessities and food to needy Buxton children ages birth to 18. Current Committee Members are Mia Dodge, Chair, David Johnson and Carolyn Snell. Past Committee Members included Cheryl Emery, Susan Oleson, Lorraine Estes, Joni Kavouksorian, and

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Carole Thompson. We have Elves Around Town Who mind the piggy banks, pick up toy box toys and our Shopper Elves hunt for the right gift. Annually, we have over 50 volunteers arrive at the Toy Box workshop in December. Hundreds of people shop for gifts each year. Most from Buxton, but also many from surrounding towns. Special Mention to our North Pole Circle Members, Narragansett Number One Foundation, Gorham Sand and Gravel, and Robert and Elizabeth Carroll. Please visit our Toy Box locations and support Buxton's businesses, churches and schools. The Board thanked the Committee for their many years of commitment to our families.

Selectman Blier announced the Board is adding an article to the December 30, 2020 Special Town Meeting. Last year, one of the towns ambulances was in the rotation to be replaced, but due to budget reductions, it was put on hold. The Board is proposing an article to purchase a chassis to put our existing ambulance box section on. The article will be a vote to allocate \$114,000.00 to be used to purchase the chassis. The fund will come out of undesignated surplus. If we wait till the June town meeting, the waiting time for repair would be much longer. The ambulance is a critical piece of equipment for our Town. The reconciliation of budgets will also be on the warrant for the December 30th Special Town Meeting.

Public Comments and Questions

Richard Fitzgerald gave his COVID-19 update

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:37PM

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 Kyle Durkin