

Town of Buxton
Minutes February 24, 2021
Selectmen's Meeting

This meeting will be 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: Dave Harmon, Jon Bartlett, and Nathan Carlow

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Quarterly report from Recreation Director Nicole Welch

Recreation Director Nicole Welch introduced three main components to the Recreation Department program. Maine events, soccer, and childcare. The mission that drives the program, is its our duty to make our respective community a better place to live. The Recreation Department is an important part to the community, it encourages connectivity and socialization for all ages. Connects like-minded people improving their overall mental health. Our programs build confidence and self-awareness, and promote physical well-being, which is positivity for the community. For example, in the soccer program our coaches are mentors, kids learn to take direction, physical fitness and social skills.

Recreation Departments everywhere were called into action during the COVID-19 pandemic. They were asked to take on jobs above and beyond what they are required to do. They assisted the kids logging into their classes, they connected with teachers to make sure the kids where up to date on classroom work, music classes, assisted with schoolwork daily, and visual zoom meetings. We had excellent communications with principals and teachers.

Our special event programs included Town Farm Haunt, Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Drive-Thru, North Pole Connector to Santa Clause, Drive-by Light Parade in place of the Touch a Truck. Along with two craft nights. These are all examples of how the Recreation Department juggled, created, or altered existing programs.

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Upcoming programs include, Mad Science, GG Leagues (a gaming league), the Buxton Rec. Bunny Trail, and of course Summer Camp, where registration will open on March 22nd.

Having no questions, the Board thanked Nicole for her presentation.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2021
Approved 4-0-1, Selectman Peters abstained.*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:30PM Chief Schools was in; he will be back next week once he has more information.

Kandice Talbot was in at 5:00PM regarding the cost for an Animal Husbandry permit through the Planning Board.

At 5:30PM Kim Beam was in regarding updating the town's internet service.

The Board went into executive session on a personnel issue at 5:45PM per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) and out at 5:58pm

At 6:00PM Lisa Raffin, Shana Cook-Mullen and Aidan Foley of Glenvale, LLC were in regarding a Solar Farm project. Selectman Blier explained that the company is proposing to create a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) for the solar project located off Mark P. Emery Road. They are requesting a tax incentive to come to our community. The Board would like more information and have town council assist with the project.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Chief Schools BFR Monday message*
- *Email from Maine Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin, Re: February 19, 2021*
- *Email from MMA Virtual Technology & New Energy Conference*
- *Email from Katie Rooney Clean Energy Options, Re: Relay Power*
- *Email from Lisa Raffin or Glenvale, LLC, Re: proposed Solar Power - Buxton TIF*
- *Email from Gerald Libby, Jr of MaineDOT Utility Coordinator, Re: Salmon Falls Bridge project*
- *Email from Drummon/Woodum Re: Quarterly Virtual Human Resource webinar*

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- *Email from Lilly Lavoie-Sirois, of Meals on Wheels, Re: Meals Community Leaders Day March 16th*
- *Email from Stephen Gove of Maine Municipal Association, Re: Meetings with Maine's Congressional Delegation Members*
- *Email from Tina Plummer of MSAD#6, Re: BAC Zoom meeting link for Thursday, February 25 at 6:00PM*

Review of Projects and Issues

Due to the late start, the Board chose to hold the Projects and Issues review portion until next week.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 202102012– An order to amend the Treasurer's job description to provide that the Treasurer reports exclusively to the Board of Selectmen.

Approved 5–0

E.O. 202102013– An order to adopt revisions to the Town Personnel Policy, with amendments applicable retroactive to January 1, 2021.

Approved 5–0

Executive Orders by Initiative

E.O. 202102014 - An order to approve to update the Conditional Use Permit fee for Animal Husbandry only, to \$50.00 per application effective February 24, 2021 as filed with the Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer, and attached hereto.

Approved 5–0

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Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 202102010 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #71

Approved 5-0

In the amount of \$44,153.79

E.O. 202102011 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrants #68 & #70.

Approved 5-0

Warrant #68 in the amount of \$72,525.97

Warrant #70 in the amount of \$76,063.75

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, March 3, at 7:00PM

The Board of Selectmen will meet Tuesday, March 2 at 6:00PM with Chief Schools for Budget review.

Planning Board Meeting Monday, March 1, at 7:00PM

Budget Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 2, at 6:00PM

*MSAD#6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting, Thursday, February 25, at 6:00PM
(zoom link <https://networkmaine.zoom.us/j/83943872770> Meeting ID: 839 4387 2770)*

Other Business

Blood Drive Monday, March 15 from 1:00PM to 6:00PM

Selectman Poitras read the Posted Roads notice (attached)

Public Comments and Questions

None

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Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:50PM

Approved 5 - 0

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Thomas J. Peters, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Francis E. Pulsoni, Selectman

David A. Field, Selectman

Date Signed: _____

Video Taped by Harrison Beam