

*Town of Buxton  
Minutes March 10, 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, and Francis E. Pulsoni*

*Members Not Present: Mark J. Blier and David A. Field*

*Others in attendance: Dave Harmon, Jon Bartlett, Roland Turgeon, Brian Anderson, Ron Martel Richard Fitzgerald and one other person.*

*The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM*

*The Selectmen recited the Pledge.*

*Police Department's Quarterly Report*

*Court Officer and Crime Analyst Tammy Jo Gerard and Chief Cline presented the Quarterly Report for the Police, Dispatch and Animal Control Departments. She started with calls for service, adding that it has been a very busy Quarter. Calls for Service is the foundation of their business. There are approximately 500 more calls in 2020, than in 2019. Types of calls are categorized as building checks, traffic stops, traffic accidents (mostly caused by winter driving), animal complaints, follow up investigations, assistance to citizens, abandoned 911 calls, assist other agencies, suspicious activities, erratic operations, and alarms.*

*Other crimes in the community include assaults, burglary, theft, stolen vehicle, criminal trespass complaints, bail violations criminal mischief, suspended license, drug violations and one police standoff.*

*If you lose your power, Please call CMP, Do Not call dispatch. The dispatch center was inundated with this type of non-emergency calls, with only one dispatcher on duty, they cannot take care of the emergency calls.*

*Officer Gerard informed the public that the Police Department has implemented a new policy regarding their Facebook page to make it a more positive gathering place. The page is monitored and if you post a hateful, malicious, harassing comment about others on our page, you will be banned. This will not be tolerated.*

*On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be hosting National Night Out, which is a community engagement night that is held with Law Enforcement throughout the nation. Other town departments will be involved. This is a great opportunity for the community to*

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*come out and meet the Police officers, the staff and see what they are doing in the community.*

*We are asking the community to design a new patch for the Police Department.*

*Chief Cline announced two new officers will be joining the staff. Sargent Kevin Collins will start on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Heath Mains is starting on March 29<sup>th</sup>. They will bring a combined total of 19 years of experience to the force. Within the next year we will send three officers to the state academy. For the first time, we are at full staff.*

*Approval of Prior Meeting Minute*

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2021*

*The Board is unable to approve due to the lack of quorum.*

*Public comments:*

*Brian Anderson recently spoke with the Maine Sportsman's Alliance regarding forming a second amendment sanctuary in the Town of Buxton. He spoke with attorney's the sports alliance to create a resolution that we are not going to use our resources for the unconstitutional laws they are trying to create.*

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

*At 4:30PM the Board went into executive session with Nicole Welch on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)*

*At 5:00PM a resident, was in to discuss a piece of land on Towle street.*

*About 6:00PM Kim Beam and Angela Michie came in regarding real estate tax Discharges*

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*Review of Correspondence*

- *Email from Maine Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin, Re: March 5, 2021*
- *Email from Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Re: Municipal Stream Crossing Grants Awarded.*
- *Notice from the Planning Board, Re: legal notice –Town property is an abutter to a daycare proposal off Long Plains Rd.*
- *Email from Tony Vigue of CTAM, Re: invitation to a virtual Hall of Flags event via zoom.*
- *Email from Shelley Winchenbach of Charter Communications., Re: Upcoming Changes*

*Review of Projects and Issues*

*Selectman Peters was in for the Public Works budget review last night.*

*Selectman Poitras also in public works budget review and looking through the resumes for the front office position.*

*Selectman Pulsoni has been in the office reviewing the resumes and attended the Public Works budget review. He spoke with Chief Cline regarding a personnel issue and legal team regarding the Policies we have been trying to enact.*

*He also attended the luncheon for John Myers for his 35 years of service with the Town of Buxton.*

*Old Business*

*None*

*New Business*

*None*

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*Executive Orders*

*E.O. 202103003 – An order to approve 8 hours of Vacation Leave for Kimberly Beam*

*Approved 3 – 0 – 2*

*E.O. 202103004 – An order to appoint Kyle D. Durkin to the position of Saco River Community Television Alternate Director to be effective until December 31, 2022.*

*Approved 3 – 0 – 2*

*E.O. 202103005 – An order to appoint Randall J. Porter to the position of Estes Park Trustee to be effective until December 31, 2023.*

*Approved 3 – 0 – 2*

*E.O. 202103006 – An order to approve 4 hours of Vacation Leave for Peter Gordon*

*Approved 3 – 0 – 2*

*Executive Orders by Initiative*

*None*

*Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants*

*E.O. 202103001 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #75*

*Approved 3 – 0 – 2*

*In the amount of \$753,725.89*

*E.O. 202103002 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #74*

*Approved 3 – 0 – 2*

*In the amount of \$71,218.23*

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*Next Meeting of the Board*

*The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, March 17, at 7:00PM*

*The Selectmen will meet for a Department Head meeting, Thursday, March 11 at 10:00AM*

*Budget Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 16, at 6:00PM*

*MSAD#6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting, Thursday, March 18, at 6:00PM*

*Other Business*

*TAKE OUT BEAN SUPPER Saturday, March 13 at the Buxton Centre Baptist Church from 4:30PM to 6:00PM **call 929-3011 to order a meal***

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

*The Town of Buxton is holding a drive thru COVID Vaccine Clinic on Friday March 12, 2021 beginning at 8AM at Bar Mills Fire Station. This clinic is for Mainers aged 60+ only. First come, first served. Wednesday at 5 PM we will share this link publicly, any Maine Resident from Fort Kent to Kittery may register.*

*Public Comments and Questions*

*Richard Fitzgerald thanked the board for offering the vaccine clinic. This is excellent!*

*The Board thanked Fire Chief Nate Schools for all his time and ongoing involvement as an EMA Director and organizing this clinic.*

*Mr. Fitzgerald speak about the Spanish Flu and compared it the coronavirus. He then read an excerpt from a book.*

*Ron Martel agrees and supports what Brian Anderson said earlier. Himself and a dozen constituents agree. He's a patriot, a father, a veteran, and a citizen. We have to stand up for what we have and we can't allow our constitutional rights to be torn apart, they are there for a reason.*

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*Executive Session*

*None*

*Adjournment*

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:41PM*

*Approved 3 - 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 Harrison Beam*