

Town of Buxton
Minutes for January 11, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting

Prepared by: Beverly Gammon

Members Present: Clifford L. Emery, Jean C. Harmon, Dennis P. Santolucito, Chad E. Poitras, Mark P. Blier

Others Present: Representative Donald Marean, Peter Burns, Dave Harmon, Ellen DeCotiis, Henry Huntley

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes January 4, 2017
Approved 5-0*

4. Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

The Police Chief met with the Board. They went over some cases that are going on in town and talked about some people that he may be hiring for Police and the Dispatch Center.

Stephanie Fecteau, a representative from the Maine State Retirement Program, met with the Selectmen. She went through all the programs that are available to the municipality for general government, Fire-Rescue and Police. The Selectmen had a chance to ask questions and she provided a lot of information for them.

Marston Lovell, our County Commissioner, met with the Board. The Selectmen received information about a new short term detox and long term rehab program in a building that already exists at the York County Jail complex. There is going to be a Public Hearing next Wednesday night at 4:30 at the County EMA facility in Alfred. Selectman Emery said they are bringing forward a very aggressive program and a legislative bill that is going to be introduced that is looking to find out if there is any possibility of partial participation from

the State. He said this is something the Governor and the legislature are pushing. The short term detox would have room for 12 and the long term rehab program would have space for 12 males and 12 females. The cost is somewhere between 1.6 and 1.8 million dollars per year that would mean about a 10% increase on the Town of Buxton's budget. If there is no participation from the State the increase would be about \$40,000 the first year. The Public Hearing is to see what direction people in York County want the County Commissioners to go in. Selectman Emery encouraged people to attend.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Marian Alexandre, Southern Maine Planning Development – Re: Radar Speed Signs*
- *Email from John Sylvester, Chairman 12 Town Group – Re: Notes 12 Town Meeting*
- *Email from Kate Dufour, Maine Municipal Association – Re: Overview of Governor's Proposed Fiscal Year 18/19 Biennial General Fund Budget*
- *Email from Representative Don Marean – Re: State House News Update*

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Blier reported that he was in this week. There was a problem with the furnace at the Transfer Station that he met with Greg Heffernan and Chet Ouellette to discuss. He also mentioned that the West Buxton Public Library is looking for volunteers. Their hours are Tuesday & Thursday 4-8 PM, and Sat 9 AM -1 PM. The contact is Cherise Feser, Library Director, at 727-5898. Selectman Blier encouraged anyone who is interested in helping out the library to give her a call.

Selectman Blier announced that there is going to be a Comprehensive Plan Meeting on January 30 at 6:30 for anyone who might be interested in attending. He stated that he is also working on gathering information from local communities on building permits to see where we stand comparatively. Selectman Blier said one of the tasks he has for the budget that is coming in is to look at buildings that might be needing some repairs and he is working on that as well.

Selectman Poitras reported that he was here for the Planning Board Meeting Monday night and said there is actually quite a lot going on around town with new businesses coming in. He mentioned that he was in Tuesday and ran into Selectman Blier in the Selectmen's office. Selectman Poitras stated that he will be working on his part of the budget also.

Selectman Santolucito reported that he talked with a resident who had some questions about some recycling we do, how we work that, and where the funds go. He spoke with her a couple of times and answered her questions. Last Friday afternoon he went as a representative of the town to Alfred to the York County Jail. They graduated 6 corrections

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officers and he saw Representative Don Marean and County Commissioner, Marston Lovell who were also there.

Selectman Santolucito mentioned that there is a SAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting at 6:00 tomorrow night that he is planning to attend. He said he stopped by to see Tom Kennie at Public Works and they are enjoying the break in the weather today. He said it has been a tough haul for them since Christmas, they are doing a heck of a job and things seem to be going well.

Selectman Harmon has been in this week. She reported that she had Krystal Dyer send information to the attorney who is going to draft language for the change to the design standards the Selectmen have been talking about so they can talk about that. This is in regards to including the village and light commercial zones.

Selectman Harmon mentioned the problem with the furnace at the Transfer Station that Selectman Blier talked about and said it has been repaired. She reported that she was here Tuesday when Headlight Video was here to do some preliminary scouting. Kyle Durkin was there as well and spent time with them.

Selectman Harmon talked about our annual subscription to JobsInME that is coming up for renewal, noting that there is a significant increase in pricing based on usage. She had Bev Gammon do some research to see what other job sites there are and what they would cost and determined that JobsinME is the least expensive site to post jobs on. We get a lot of coverage, and a lot of results from that. The subscription cost is going from \$845 last year to \$1286, an increase of about \$440, and it expires this week. Selectman Harmon told the rest of the Board that she is in favor of renewing the subscription with JobsinME. She said it has worked well for us and a lot of our ads get posted to other sites. The rest of the Board agreed to renew the subscription.

Selectman Harmon said she read the information about the detox and rehab center and in theory it is something that is needed. She said it is very expensive and it would be nice if there was a state contribution but it is for York County people

Selectman Emery said it is a great concept that on paper and in theory saves money but it is another cost that has to be paid for and the Board has to think long and hard about what it wants to do.

Selectman Emery then reported on the 12 Town Group Meeting he and Peter Burns went to Monday night. Representative Don Marean was there also, and Selectman Emery said the group had a good discussion on the legalization of marijuana. He said the group also talked about Senator Dave Woodsome from Waterboro and Cornish who is submitting a bill pertaining to the new courthouse and the process that is going on. Selectman Emery gave a lengthy and detailed explanation of the cost and issues associated with moving the courthouse to Biddeford. Senator Woodsome put together a bill to nix the operation if they cannot show that it is fiscally responsible to be there, rather than Alfred where the land was going to be given to them at no cost, and they are showing that there is almost a \$600,000

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cost to the County for transportation. He wants to stop the process and keep each of the courthouses where they are now until they can come up with a more fiscally responsible program. Selectman Emery said there was agreement from everyone at the 12 Town Group Meeting that this is something that should be looked at.

Selectman Emery talked with Karen James, an architect with Great Falls. She will be in next Wednesday with a set of plans to go over the proposed addition to the Police Department.

Selectman Emery stated that he talked with Public Works about budget items. One of the projects the Board is working on is looking at adding a full-time, year round position in Public Works. He explained what the job is, equipment that would have to be purchased, and he described how the job would be funded. The Board would eliminate one of the part-time plowing jobs and combine that into the new job and during the summer add mowing that is now contracted out for the Town Complex and some of the Town Parks. The Board sees this as a "win/win" situation where the Town would have another full-time person to plow in the winter and mow during the summer months.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

None

9. Executive Orders

*E.O. 161701010 – An order to approve 16 hours of vacation time for Gregory Heffernan
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161701011 – An order to approve 32 hours of vacation time for Beverly Gammon
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161701012 – An order to approve Troy Cline's attendance at the 20th Annual New
England Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 161701013 – An order to appoint Cheryl Emery to the position of Member of the Keep
The Heat On Committee to be effective until December 31, 2019
Approved 5-0*

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*E.O. 161701014 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 7, Lot 73C]
Approved 5-0*

10. Executive Orders by Initiative

None

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

*E.O. 161701008 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #56
Approved 5-0
The total was \$60,222.51*

*E.O. 161701009 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #55
Approved 5-0
The total was \$48,857.45
Approved 5-0*

12. Next Meeting of the Board

SAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 PM at the District Central Office

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, January 18 at 7 PM.

Selectman Santolucito will be attending the Public Hearing for the new Detox Center that is going to be at the York County EMA building in Alfred next Wednesday at 4:30 PM

13. Other Business

The Town Office will be closed Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King Day and the Transfer Station will be closed Tuesday, January 17. There will be no change in the curbside trash pickup schedule.

2017 Rescue subscriptions are due. Subscriptions expire on December 31 each year. Subscription Forms are available at the Town Office. The cost is \$10 for seniors (age 60 and over), \$20 for single adults (age 19-60) and \$30 for a family. For more information call the Town Clerk's Office at 929-6171.

Maine State law requires all dogs six months and older to be licensed by January 31 each year. To license your dog you will need a valid Maine Rabies Certificate and Altering Certificate, if appropriate. You can get dog licenses in person at Buxton Town Hall, by mail, or online through January 31 at www.doglicensing.com for a fee of \$1.00 per dog license. Altered dog licenses are \$6 and non-altered licenses are \$11 each. Dogs must wear their license tags at all times. A late fee of \$25 will be charged for any dog licensed after January 31 and additional fees ranging from \$25 to \$100 per dog may be charged. For more information call the Town Clerk's Office at 929-6171 or email deputytcbuxton@sacoriver.net.

Buxton Recreation is accepting applications for a Recreation Supervisor. This is a full-time position (37.5 hours/week) with benefits. The deadline for applications is Friday, January 13 at 4:30 PM. For more information contact Nicole Welch, our Recreation Director, at 929-8381.

Selectman Harmon spoke at length about our Keep The Heat On Program that is in its tenth year and has been very successful. We are fortunate to have very generous residents in Buxton that every year contribute to this program that was started to provide heating fuel for elderly people. Selectman Harmon stated that some people are reluctant to ask for assistance and some who when offered assistance refuse it. She encouraged elderly folks who may need 100 gallons of heating oil to call and talk with Beverly Gammon, and she encouraged people who might know of someone who may be reluctant to ask for assistance but is struggling with heat because they are on a fixed income to please call. Selectman Harmon talked about when Ed Newell started this program and people like Bill Lewis who at that time would call and tell us about people that needed help. She encouraged people to let us know if they know of someone who needs the help; that is what the program is for, and she reiterated that the program is primarily for the elderly.

14. Public Comments and Questions

Representative Don Marean went to the podium. He thanked the people of Buxton for sending him back to the State House for his fifth term and encouraged anyone who needs help with anything to please call him. Representative Marean talked about committees he has served on in the past and said with the opiate problem we have going on now, this year he asked to serve on the Criminal Justice Committee. He provided a lot of details about what he has done to prepare himself to serve on that committee. Representative Marean stated that there have been over 1900 bills introduced so far and he is trying to keep track of those as they come out and watching for anything that may affect the municipality and our school district. He provided an extensive legislative update and talked about some emergency legislation dealing with marijuana and licensing for recreational use. Representative Marean gave the Board a handout and summarized the Governor's budget.

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Selectman Blier asked Representative Marean how much of the education budget is for children with special needs.

Representative Marean responded to that question and then referred to the earlier discussion about the county detox program. He said the federal government just came out with approximately 3.8 million dollars that might help with that and said he wonders if the county might be applying for some of that.

Selectman Emery stated that one of the representatives put a bill in that he thinks is dealing with that. A brief discussion followed and Representative Marean thanked the Board.

The Board reciprocated.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:58 PM
Approved 5-0.

Clifford L. Emery, Selectman

Jean C. Harmon, Selectman

Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Date Signed: _____
Videotaped by Kyle Durkin