

*Town of Buxton
Minutes April 7, 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: Jon Bartlett, Dave Harmon, Richard Fitzgerald, Patrick Hanna and James Maxfield

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for March 31, 2021
Approved 5 - 0*

Discussions held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:00PM Ruth Scheibenpflug was in regarding Town Farm Park. She noticed construction vehicles parked at the field. The Little League has hired a company to do GPS work on the fields. It is completely funded by the Little League.

4:30PM Resident Ellen DeCotiis was in regarding starting an Aging Well program in Buxton. Its designed to help and inform local seniors of activities, assistance, companionship. She will be getting back to the Board with more information.

5:00PM Grace Bibber, our former Recreation Assistant and soon to be Recreation Director was in regarding the position.

5:30PM Kim Beam was in regarding the American Rescue Act, which is a payroll program to pay employees during COVID-19.

At 6:00PM LeeAnn Pratt was in regarding the front office.

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And at 6:30PM John Myers came in to talk about the town meeting and the annual parade. The Town Meeting will be at the Bar Mills Fire Station on Saturday, June 12th starting at 9am. The tentative parade date will be on Saturday, August 7th, following COVID-19 guidelines. The theme will be announced soon.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Maine Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin, Re: April 2, 2021*
- *Email from Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House, Weekly Legislative Report April 1, 2021*
- *Email from Terri Wright of CTAM, Re: New Leaders & Rebuttal to LD92*
- *Email from Bruce Van Note, Re: Federal funding update*
- *Email from Bernstein Shur, Re: Governor extends April 1st deadline for qualifying property tax exemptions*
- *Email from Bernstein Shur, Re: Monthly newsletter*
- *Email from Fire Chief Nathan Schools, Re: American Rescue Package*
- *Email from LMN Power, Re: Integrating Renewable Power & Energy Storage*
- *Email from a resident interested in serving as a trustee for Pleasant Point Park*
- *Email from Patrick Bonsant, Director of Saco River Community Television Re: Media Report*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Peters was at the budget committee meeting reviewing the warrant articles on Tuesday night. He said they are pretty close to agreement and will wrap it up soon.

Selectman Field said he attended the department head meeting on Thursday and he stopped by the vaccination clinic on Saturday. Everything was going smooth, everyone did a great job and there were a lot of very happy people who commented on how organized and efficient it was. On Monday he attended the planning board workshop and then the budget committee workshop on Tuesday.

Selectman Poitras was here on Tuesday for the budget committee meeting, adding that every day gets a little bit closer to the town meeting. He also spoke with the current Recreation Director, Grace Bibber in preparation for her new role as Recreation Director.

Selectman Blier was at the planning board workshop with on Monday regarding a solar ordinance and electronic signs ordinance. It would be a positive upgrade for our town.

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He attended the Budget committee workshop and spoke with Treasurer Kim Beam in regards to putting some numbers together on departmental consolidation.

Residents have reached out to the Board members thanking them for such a wonderfully run vaccine clinic. All the credit goes to Chief Schools. He has done a fabulous job putting this whole program together and executing it. Good job to Nate.

Selectman Pulsoni was in and out of the office following up with correspondence. He attended the planning board and budget committee meetings.

Selectman Pulsoni spoke with Chief Schools and commended him on the superb job he is doing organizing the vaccine clinics. Adding that he is currently working on two more grants for the fire department. Dr Shah was at the clinic on Saturday and has approached Chief Schools to assist with setting up other drive thru vaccination sites in mid-coast Maine. Kudos to Chief Schools, he has done a LOT for this community.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

*E.O. 202104003 – An order to approve an Abatement of real estate taxes for 2020/21 in the amount of \$874.80 for [Map 15, Lot 11]
Approved 4-0-1, Selectman Blier abstained.*

*E.O. 202104004 – An order to approve 8 hours of Vacation Leave for Kimberly Beam
Approved 5-0*

*E.O. 202104005 – An order to approve 16 hours of Vacation Leave for Greg Heffernan
Approved 5-0*

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Executive Orders by Initiative

E.O. 202104006 – An order to approve the hire of Grace Bibber for the position of Recreation Director starting April 5, 2021 with an annual salary of \$53,000.00
Approved 5-0

E.O. 202104007 – An order to approve a Liquor License renewal for Julie C. Grant d/b/a Chaps LLC
Approved 5-0

E.O. 202104008 – An order to approve an Application for a Special Amusement Permit for Julie C. Grant d/b/a Chaps LLC
Approved 5-0

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 202104001 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #83
Approved 5-0

In the amount of \$113,703.55

E.O. 202104002 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #82
Approved 5-0

In the amount of \$76,806.02

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, April 14, at 7:00PM

Planning Board Meeting Monday, April 12 at 7:00PM

Budget Committee workshop Tuesday, April 13, at 6:00PM

Zoom meeting on Friday, 9am with MDOT regarding the intersection of 112 and 4A

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Other Business

*Take Out Bean Supper – April 10 from 4:00PM – 5:30PM
Buxton Centre Baptist Church at 938 Long Plains Rd, Buxton. Please call 9296-3011 to
order a meal.*

*The Take Out Bean Supper's will continue on the 2nd Saturday of every month through
June 12th.*

All Posted Roads have been lifted effective Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Public Comments and Questions

*Patrick Hanna said while going to the Transfer Station one Saturday morning, he saw a
MSAD#6 truck in front of him, full of junk. He also noticed that no money was exchanged.
Why is this? Selectman Blier said the MSAD#6 facilities manager approached the board asking
to be allowed to use, whichever town they are closest too. Either Buxton or Standish.*

*Richard Fitzgerald gave his weekly Covid-19 update, saying that Buxton currently has 336
cases.*

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:32PM

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 Kyle Durkin