

*Town of Buxton
Minutes April 14, 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 7:03 PM

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2021
Approved 5 - 0*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 5:00PM Resident Wendy Plummer was in with concerns with code issue.

At 5:30PM the Board went into executive session with Chief Cline and Sergeant Collins on a personnel issue, per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

6:00PM Tax Collector LeeAnn Pratt was in because Brookfield Hydro is requesting an 11-million dollar reduction on their assessment for property tax. They will have to meet with the Town's Assessor.

At 6:30PM Peter Gordon was in regarding an issue on Woodman Road. Hope to resolve the issue without going to legal counsel.

Angela Michi and John Myers were in to talk with them.

Selectman Poitras also Spoke with chief Schools regarding an equipment invoice.

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Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Maine Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin, Re: April 9, 2021*
- *Email from Terri Wright of CTAM, Re: LD92o Summary Update and Membership Meeting agenda*
- *Email from CMP, Re: Notice of Intent to File for the construction of CMP's Dynamic Reactive Device Facility located off Henry Hill Road Review of*

Projects and Issues

Selectman Peters attended an MDOT Traffic Safety zoom meeting on Friday for a proposal of the route 112 and 4A intersection in Bar Mills. MDOT considers this a "high crash intersection". They propose to add a 4-way stop at the intersection and prepare to have lite stop ahead signs, before you approach the intersection. It may be two years before the install will take place. The Salmon Falls bridge project could impact the intersection by re-routing all traffic to 4A.

Selectman Field was also at the MDOT meeting and delt with budgets.

Selectman Poitras has been working with selectman Pulsoni and the Rec. Director on a personnel issue. It has been resolved.

Selectman Blier attended the MDOT meeting Has been working on the budget issues and attended the workshop with the budget committee.

Kudos to all the department heads for having their budgets to come in flat. The Town portion of the tax assessment did not increase the taxes. The school's increase is around \$250,000, making our increase of 1.8%. He announced that he will be supporting the school budget this year.

Selectman Pulsoni also attended the MDOT meeting on Friday. She was called into a personnel issue and budget reviews.

Friday regarding a personnel issue and follow up meetings

Old Business

None

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New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 202104011 – An order to appoint Peter C. Gordon to the position of Code Enforcement Officer, effective until April 30, 2021
Approved 5 - 0

E.O. 202104012 - An order to appoint Peter C. Gordon to the position of Building Inspector, effective until April 30, 2021
Approved 5 - 0

E.O. 202104013 - An order to appoint Peter C. Gordon to the position of Plumbing Inspector, effective until April 30, 2021
Approved 5 - 0

E.O. 202104014 - An order to appoint Tammy M. Munson to the position of Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, effective until April 30, 2021
Approved 5 - 0

E.O. 202104015 - An order to appoint Tammy M. Munson to the position of Deputy Building Inspector, effective until April 30, 2021
Approved 5 - 0

E.O. 202104016 - An order to appoint Tammy M. Munson to the position of Deputy Plumbing Inspector, effective until April 30, 2021
Approved 5 - 0

E.O. 202104017 – An order to approve 8 hours of Vacation Leave for Peter Gordon
Approved 5 - 0

Executive Orders by Initiative

E.O. 202104018 - An order to approve a Poverty Abatement for Case #PA 21-002
Approved 4 – 0, Selectman Blier abstained

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Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 202104009 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #85

Approved 5-0

In the amount of \$768,885.62

E.O. 202104010 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #84

Approved 5-0

In the amount of \$70,013.37

Selectman Poitras read the following proposed changes for the solid waste ordinance to meet the requirement of non-budgetary articles for the warrant.

Proposed revisions to the Buxton Solid Waste Ordinance:

Words that are ~~stricken through~~ have been eliminated

Words that are **bold and underlined** have been added or changed

Section 1.3. Definitions

1.3.c. Commercial Waste: Shall mean any waste from residential dwellings or trailer parks with more than ~~three~~ **two (2)** units, and any waste from a business or institution that is not considered a home based business or occupation. All such commercial properties ~~shall be responsible for providing their own waste removal services~~ **must have a dumpster on site for trash disposal purposes, or have another arrangement for trash disposal that has been preapproved by the Town.** A home based business or occupation is defined in the Buxton planning ordinance. For the purposes of curbside waste removal services, home based businesses or occupations shall not be considered commercial, **but must abide by the same curbside pickup rules and limitations as other residential properties.** **Any residential dwelling with three units will not be considered commercial for the purposes of curbside waste removal services if the owner of the property resides in one of the units.** Any building(s) under construction or demolition, whether commercial, institutional, or residential, are considered commercial for the purposes of curbside waste removal services.

1.3.j. Unacceptable curbside waste

1.3.j.10. Leaves, brush, grass, **hay, animal bedding or manures, wood chips,** ~~or~~ garden clippings, **or other organic material that can be composted.**

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Section 5.4, Municipal Collection and Delivery

5.4.2 Acceptable Curbside Waste will only be collected from public roads within the Municipality ~~unless otherwise designated by the Municipality~~ from lots with an occupied residence and an occupancy permit. Residents on public roads will receive curbside pickup. Residents on private roads can receive trash pickup by bringing their trash to the junction of the nearest public road, or as directed by the Town. Lots without a legally occupied residence in Buxton are not eligible for curbside pickup, but may use the Transfer Station if part or all of the lot is in Buxton.

New subsection:

5.4.6 Empty trash cans, unacceptable curbside waste, or any other items not approved by the Town, may not be stored by the side of the road within the Town's right of way. Trash cans or other portable rubbish receptacles must not be placed curbside before 6 pm the night before the scheduled pick-up day, and must be removed by 11pm the day of scheduled pick-up. Permanent curbside trash storage bins approved by the Town are exempt from this rule.

5.4.7 Acceptable Curbside Waste must be in a sealed trash bag in order to be picked up, this includes waste in a garbage can. Loose waste in a garbage can is not considered Acceptable Waste, and will not be picked up. Non-traditional garbage bags such as grain feed bags may be used if sealed in a manner that prevents trash from escaping. Non-traditional garbage bags smaller than a bulk grain feed bag are not acceptable.

Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, April 21, at 7:00PM

Budget Committee workshop with the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, April 20, at 6:00PM

MSAD#6 Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, April 20 at 6:00PM

Other Business

The next Take Out Bean Supper will be the second Saturday in May, from 4:00PM – 5:30PM

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Buxton Centre Baptist Church at 938 Long Plains Rd, Buxton. Please call 9296-3011 to order a meal.

Public Comments and Questions (This section is a platform dealing directly with the Town of Buxton).

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:22PM

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