

*Town of Buxton
Minutes May 5, 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

Members Not Present:

Others in attendance: Jon Bartlett, Chief Nathan Schools, Kelly Weymouth, Lydia Weymouth, Eldon Weymouth, and Marlo Weymouth and James Maxfield

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

Selectman Poitras announced we have special guests in attendance this evening. Lydia, Eldon, and Marlo Weymouth of Troup 323 are working on their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. We welcome you and please feel free to ask any questions.

Quarterly Report by Fire Chief Nate Schools

We are now fifteen months in the covid-19 pandemic. Our First Responders have been out and working with the public through the pandemic. They are well equipped with personal protective gear and equipment to protect our employees and patient as well. We are now trying to recoup some of the unbudgeted costs related to the safety equipment for the taxpayers of Buxton.

Keep Maine Healthy grant was used and written to supply the departments in this town with COVID-19 essential equipment to help continue to run our programs. It included hand sanitizer, cleaners, pop up tents for the Rec. Department to hold outside classes, etc. It was approximately \$42,000.

We are also actively involved in the vaccination clinics. To date we have immunized 1,278 Mainers with the Johnson & Johnson or the Moderna vaccines. Recently the vaccines have declined. There are many variables as to why the decline in appointments, but it was a community effort to step up to help the fight against the virus.

One of our ambulances is currently being re-chassis and will be out of service for 120-days. We have a loaner ambulance from Sugarloaf for this time.

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We have rehired Max Newton to the open Firefighter/Paramedic position. Since he previously worked for us as a part time employee, he will need very little training. The crews have been hard at work spring cleaning month, which involves washing, waxing, and detailing all the fire apparatus and ambulances. Testing all the equipment and testing the 59 dry hydrants. Some of the hydrants are out of service and needing maintenance. The Crews are out painting an "H's" in the roadway to indicate the location of a fire hydrant. Its helpful for mutual aid personnel, to locate the hydrants during a fire emergency.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. Two of the largest grants were used for a large diameter hose grant and the radio grant and funded portable radios and mobile radios. We have been very successful working with our response partners to aid with supplies that are not budgeted for.

We are currently working on a local grant for the replacement of the engine in Chicopee. This Spring is a very active forest fire season. Our 1968 military 6x6 is out of service. This wildland interface truck is used for fighting brush, grass and forest fires.

Chief Schools reported the quint firetruck has been refurbished. This is our primary response vehicle and the first truck out the door. We are working extremely hard to train and respond through the

Selectman Blier thanked Chief Schools for everything he has done for the town. His hard work, guidance, and vaccination planning during this time period. We thank you and appreciate all you have done.

Open Roadside Mowing Bids

Andrew Townsend in the amount of \$30,000 for a two-year term.

2021 & 2022 includes will mow Portland Road at no charge.

The Board will discuss with the Public Works Director.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minute

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2021

Approve 4 -0 - 1, Selectman Peters was absent.

April 28, 2021

Approve 3 -0 - 2, Selectman Blier and Pulsoni were absent.

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Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM

At 4:28 PM an employee came in the Board went into executive session on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

Selectman Poitras spoke with the Towns Treasurer Kim Beam regarding foreclosed properties. He announced the town will be selling foreclosed properties. Listing; 474 Portland Road, 60 Old Thompson, Fountain street, 11 Rocky Dundee Road, 650 Parker Farm Road, 177 Old Orchard Road and Towle street. This will give us the opportunity to get the property back on the tax rolls.

At 5:00PM Brian Roberge of Colonial Life Insurance came in to give a presentation to offer to our employees. The Board will discuss at a later time.

6:20PM Chief Schools and the Board went into executive session on a personnel issue per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

Spoke to resident who will be coming in next week to discuss his concerns.

Review of Correspondence

- *Copy of Updated Transfer Station Fee Schedule and Buxton Recycler*
- *Email from Miranda Kessel of Brookfield Renewable, Re: Saco & Presumpscot River Spring Update*
- *Email from Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition*
- *Email from Shelly Winchenbach of Charter Communication, Re: Upcoming Channel Changes & June Rate Adjustment*
- *Email from Bruce Flaherty, Re: Spirit of America Update*
- *Email from Shelly Winchenbach of Charter Communication, Re: Updated Channel Lineup*

Projects and Issues

Selectman Peters spoke with Public Works Director Kevin Kimball regarding ditching projects and equipment repair issues.

Selectman Field was also in contact Kevin Kimball regarding the equipment repairs and he spoke with Transfer Station Manager Greg Heffernan.

Selectman Poitras spoke with Treasure Kim Beam regarding the properties in lien.

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Selectman Blier announced that some of the Transfer Station fees were increasing, due to the cost to dispose of the material. We are not trying to make a profit, we just want to break even. Asking the residents to pay for what they are dropping off. The cost for curbside trash pickup has also gone increased.

On Tuesday, June 8th everyone will have the opportunity to vote on ordinance amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance. If approved, the amendments will change the way we are allowed to put trash out. You will no longer be able to leave lose trash in barrels, all trash will have to be in closed trash bags. The intention is to stop the litter blowing on the side of the road.

Selectman Pulsoni did not have a lot to report other than fielding a few personnel issues with Kevin Kimball and Chief Cline.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 202105003– an order to approve a pole permit for Central Maine Power to construct and maintain two poles on Church Hill Road, being 330 feet Northwest from existing pole # 39, in accordance with National Electric Safety Code.

Approved 5 – 0

E.O. 202105004 - An order to appoint Grace Bibber to the position of Town Farm Park Trustee to be effective until December 31, 2024.

Approved 5 – 0

E.O. 202105005 – An order to appoint Grace Bibber to the position of Recreation Director to be effective until canceled.

Approved 5 – 0

E.O. 202105006 - An order to approve an application for Widow of a Veteran Exemption for [Map 6, Lot 30]

Approved 4 – 0 – 1, Selectman Blier abstained.

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*E.O. 202105007 - An order to approve 56 hours of Vacation Leave for Greg Heffernan
Approved 5 - 0*

*E.O. 202105008 - An order to approve the countersignature of the Warrant and Notice of
Election Calling Maine School Administrative District No. 6 Budget Validation
Referendum.
Approved 5 - 0*

*E.O. 202105009 - An order to approve the countersignature of the Warrant and Notice of
Election Calling Maine School Administrative District No. 6 District Director Election
Approved 5 - 0*

*E.O. 202105010 - To approve the opening for the Registrar of Voters to be in Session on
the last five business days before Election Day. The hours shall be from 1:30 to 4:30p.m.
on three of these days, from 1:30 to 5:00p.m. on one of the days and from 5:30 to &
7:30p.m. on one of the five days.
Approved 5 - 0*

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

*E.O. 202105001 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts
Payable Warrant #91
Approved 5 - 0*

In the amount of \$90,666.27

*E.O. 202105002– An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll
Warrant #90
Approved 5 - 0*

In the amount of \$72,772.57

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Next Meeting of the Board

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, May 12, at 7:00PM

Planning Board meeting Monday, May 10, at 7:00PM

Dept Head meeting on Thursday, May 6 at 10:30PM

Other Business

Take Out Bean Supper – Saturday, May 15 from 4:00PM – 5:30PM

Buxton Centre Baptist Church at 938 Long Plains Rd, Buxton. Please call 929-3011 to order a meal.

Blood Drive – Monday, May 17th from 1:00PM to 6:00PM. For more information redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED CROSS

Absentee Ballots are available for the June 8, 2021 Town and School elections.

Public Comments and Questions

None

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment

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

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