

Town of Buxton
Minutes for June 21, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting

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*Members Present: Jean C. Harmon, Dennis P. Santolucito, Chad E. Poitras, Mark P. Blier
Selectman Emery was absent.*

Others Present: David Harmon, Ellen Pyle, Cheryl Cote Huntley, Julie Gamelson, Ellen DeCotiis, Rich Streeter

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

The Board's first order of business after the election is to elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the Board. Selectman Harmon asked for nominations from the Board.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Dennis Santolucito for Chair of the Board.

Approved 4-1-1

Selectman Santolucito abstained.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Chad Poitras for Vice Chair of the Board.

Approved 4-1-1

Selectman Poitras abstained.

Selectman Harmon turned the meeting over to the new Chair, Dennis Santolucito.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

None

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

Max Brody met with the Board. He is going to be renovating the “Mustard House” and putting in a restaurant that will be called “Buxton Commons. The Selectmen commented that this will bring another asset to our Town that will fit nicely into the area.

5. **Review of Correspondence**

- *MSAD 6 Voting Results
Selectman Santolucito read the results that were certified by the School Board.*
- *Legislative Bulletin from Maine Municipal Association*
- *State House News Update from Representative Don Marean
Selectman Santolucito shared information he received in a discussion with Don.*
- *Email from Senator Chenette – Respecting the will of the people*
- *Email from Senator Chenette – Governor holds up affordable senior housing*
- *Maine Health Alert – Tick Bite Recommendations*
- *Email messages from Jonathan Youde, Program Officer with Maine PowerOptions – Re: Expiring electricity contracts*

6. **Review of Projects and Issues**

Selectman Harmon met with Dave Bouffard from Maine Revenue Services about the annual audit he does for the State valuations. Selectman Harmon thanked Ellen DeCotiis for filling in as our School Board member this past year. Selectman Harmon and Greg Heffernan talked about replacing a container at the Transfer Station that has deteriorated extensively on one side. The containers cost around \$6500.00. We did not budget for one. If the department has money to carry-forward from this year, there should be enough to buy a container. They also discussed the life span of the containers and budgeting for at least one each year going forward.

Selectman Poitras shared some thoughts on Town Meeting and thanked the Boy Scout Troop for providing lunch.

Selectman Blier reported that the Comprehensive Plan Committee held its last meeting Monday. They went through the whole book and are going to break for the summer and re-convene August 21. During that time, they will be working on updating statistics on traffic counts and historical buildings.

Selectman Santolucito stated that he has been going back and forth with a resident on an issue. He talked with Greg Heffernan about it and Greg has some ideas on how they can improve the

sheet of prices at the Transfer Station. Selectman Santolucito is hopeful they can get together tomorrow.

Selectman Santolucito called Maine Municipal Association and spoke with someone who is going to help the Board with some of the heightened security issues and archiving. He will have an update on that in the next two weeks.

Selectman Santolucito commented on Town Meeting saying that he thinks it is the purest form of democracy and participation. Anyone can come in and express their ideas and make suggestions, and vote.

Selectman Blier said a few people spoke to him about talking with someone in Sanford about their recycling program. Greg Heffernan, our Transfer Station Manager, is setting up an appointment with the head of their Transfer Station and Selectman Blier going to Sanford with Greg for a meeting there.

7. Old Business

Charter Review Committee

Selectman Harmon is going to get in touch with the Town's attorney next week to discuss that.

Aging in Place – AARP Program

8. New Business

None

9. Executive Orders

E.O. 161706020 – An order to appoint Toby Reynolds to the position of Trustee of Carroll Park to be effective until 12/31/2020

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 161706021 – An order to approve a Poverty Abatement for Case #PA 17-002

Approved 4-0-1

10. Executive Orders by Initiative

None

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 161706018 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #106

Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 161706019 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #105

Approved 4-0-1

12. Next Meeting of the Board

Planning Board Meeting Monday, June 26 at 7:00 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, June 28 at 7:00 PM

13. Other Business

Aquabogan Tickets have arrived. Buxton Recreation has the following tickets on sale:

- ***Funtown/Splashtown Combo:*** \$30 per ticket (Normally \$39)
- ***Splashtown ONLY:*** \$24 per ticket (Normally \$29)
- ***York's Wild Kingdom:*** \$15 per ticket (Normally \$22.25)
- ***Aquaboggan:*** \$15 per ticket (Normally \$20)
- ***Smitty's Cinema:*** \$7.50 per ticket (Normally \$9.00)
- ***Maine Wildlife Park:*** Community Pass is free- Patrons pay \$3 per person to enter the park when they have the pass. ***Reminder- only one pass allowed per day.***

If you have questions or would like more information please call the Buxton Recreation Department at 929-8381.

14. Public Comments and Questions

Rich Streeter went to the podium to talk about the issue of radar signs. He asked the Board to let him know if there are any other funding sources where the town can get those or any grants that the town could apply for to purchase some of them.

Selectman Harmon said there may be some grants that the police can apply for. She mentioned a speed sign the town was able to borrow a few years ago from another community. There are grants for traffic details but she is not sure if they include those speed signs. She said that is something that the Police Chief can look into.

Julie Gamelson went to the podium and asked Dennis Santolucito for the amounts of the Accounts Payable and Payroll warrants.

The amount of the Accounts Payable Warrant was \$33,461.77

The amount of the Payroll Warrant was \$47,056.61.

Ellen Pyle went to the podium and asked the Board what the Comprehensive Plan is. Selectman Blier explained that a committee was put together in 2003 that took data from the community and was giving a vision of what we wanted our community to look like in the future. Ms. Pyle asked if that is about allowing businesses like Dollar General to come into town. Selectman Blier replied that it is not and went on to say that it is more about things such as traffic counts, open space, and other things that involve what the community will look like years from now. Ms. Pyle told the Board that if the Town ever adds curbside recycling, she does not want to see the Town go to a pay per bag system.

Ellen DeCotiis went to the podium to comment on the curbside recycling plan that Sanford has. Selectman Blier mentioned that the density of housing in Sanford and Springvale is massive compared to Buxton. The distance one has to drive between houses there is very different than it is in Buxton. Because a program works well there does not mean that it will work well here. To compare Sanford to Buxton is not an apples to apples comparison. Ms. DeCotiis continued on to share her thoughts on the concept and Julie Gamelson joined her at the podium to comment. Selectman Blier does not have numbers together yet but reminded everyone that with regard to Sanford there are a lot more people in a smaller area there than there is here. Ms. DeCotiis then asked the Selectmen if they can have Representative Marean come in to talk about marijuana. The Board can ask him to come in.

Cheryl Cote Huntley went to the podium to talk about the "Aging in Place" AARP Program and something called "age friendly community", and shared contact information for our senators for people who may want to share their thoughts on the health care bill.

David Harmon went to the podium to share some comments on recycling noting that in Buxton people can bring their recyclables to the Transfer Station so the town can sell it and get money back. The Selectmen added that Buxton recycles about 35% of our trash which is good for a town this size.

Mr. Harmon commented on Town Meeting. He said he does not want to have to go into a voting booth and stand there and go through 60 or 70 articles. He questioned how many people would actually come in and do that. A short discussion followed about the value of Town Meeting and having people engaged.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:33 PM

Approved 5-0