

**Town of Buxton**  
**Minutes for June 28, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting**

*Prepared by: Beverly Gammon*

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

*Others Present: David Harmon, Ellen Pyle, Rich Streeter, Ellen DeCotiis*

**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.*

**3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2017  
Approved 4-0-1*

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

*The Board discussed a couple personnel matters, recycling and ranked choice voting.*

**5. Review of Correspondence**

- *Message from Nicole Welch, Recreation Director – Re: Free Summer Food Service Program*
- *Email from Max Brody – Re: Ivory Libby House (Mustard House)*
- *Bulletin from Kate Dufour, Maine Municipal – Re: 2018-19 Biennial General Fund Budget Update*
- *York Legislative Update from Marian Alexandre, So. ME Planning & Development*
- *Update from Senator Justin Chenette*
- *Maine Public Health Alert – Re: Confirmed Measles Case in Maine*

6. **Review of Projects and Issues**

*Selectman Emery spent the day working with some Department Heads, getting prices for the Animal Control Officer van, and getting information to move forward with the new addition to the police station.*

*Selectman Harmon has been working with the Treasurer and Accounts Payable Clerk preparing for the new fiscal year. They are closing out the old year and setting up accounts for the new fiscal year.*

*Selectman Harmon created a list of things the Board needs to talk about including the sidewalks on the Bar Mills Bridge.*

*Selectman Poitras went over to the Transfer Station to discuss a problem with the chain link fence. When people back up to the fence with trailers, the balls on the trailer hitches are getting caught up in the fence and pulling it out. The Town Mechanic is going to do some welding to see if he can fix the problem.*

*Selectman Blier and Greg Heffernan went to Sanford to gather information on their recycling program. We already have recycling service in our community so the only thing we would add is curbside. Selectman Blier described how their recycling works and talked about some of the negatives they are dealing with including wind blowing trash all over the place so they have to change containers which is going to cost them about \$750,000. The trucks go around and pick up curbside recycling materials, take them to the Transfer Station, then those same trucks go back through the route again to pick up the rest of the curbside trash. In summation, Selectman Blier said that curbside recycling will not work unless we go to a pay-per-bag system and no matter how you look at the numbers, curbside recycling would cost Buxton taxpayers approximately \$245,000 more. The Selectmen commented that the state is pleased with Buxton's recycling because the town currently recycles way above the state average.*

7. **Old Business**

*Charter Review Committee  
Aging in Place – AARP Program*

*Selectman Harmon is going to contact the Town's attorney after the Fourth regarding the Charter Review Committee matter.*

8. **New Business**

*None*

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9. **Executive Orders**

*E.O. 161706024 – An order to approve 40 hours of vacation time for John Myers  
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 161706025 – An order to approve an Application for the Widow of a Veteran  
Exemption for [Map 2, Lot 32-11]  
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 161706026 – An order to approve a Victualer's License for Y & Z Corporation d/b/a  
Panda Market, formerly known as Chicopee Market  
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 161706027 – An order to approve an Application for the Widow of a Veteran  
Exemption for [Map 9, Lot 30].  
Approved 4-0-1*

10. **Executive Orders by Initiative**

*None*

11. **Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**

*E.O. 161706022 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable  
Warrant #108  
Approved 4-0-1  
The amount was \$80,467.37.*

*E.O. 161706023 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant  
#107  
Approved 4-0-1  
The amount was \$45,476.56.*

12. **Next Meeting of the Board**

*Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, July 5 at 7:00 PM*

13. **Other Business**

*The Buxton Town Hall and Transfer Station will be closed Tuesday, the Fourth of July.  
There **will be** curbside trash pick-up on the Fourth of July.*

**14. Public Comments and Questions**

*Rich Streeter went to the podium to ask some questions about the cost of curbside recycling. Selectman Blier broke down the numbers in detail explaining the additional cost. He said no matter how you analyze the numbers, it will increase the cost to Buxton taxpayers. There was a brief discussion about whether or not businesses are included and what that impact of that would be on the recycling. Mr. Streeter closed by saying no matter what it is, he hates waste.*

*Selectman Blier commented on an article titled "The Rein of Recycling" that was put out by the New York Times. He said it is quite interesting and it points out that there is a benefit to recycling but there comes a point where certain recycling is no longer cost effective. He shared some examples and other information in the article and said it is an interesting article*

**15. Executive Session**

*None*

**16. Adjournment**

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:28 PM  
Approved 4-0-1*