

Town of Buxton
Minutes for January 18, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting

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

Others Present: Ellen DeCotiis

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Selectmen recited the Pledge.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

No minutes were read this week.

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

Chief Cline met with the Board to discuss a new Ford Explorer, last year's model, and the cost to do the interior work, add lights, and get it ready for the road. The Board may be looking at the Explorer this year instead of a car because the police cars are no longer available. It is going to be more costly because what is inside is different than what we have in the cars, so until we get to the point where we can move equipment from one vehicle to another.

At 5 o'clock Karen James from Great Falls builders was in and went over the plans for the new addition to the Police Department which the Board approved of. The plans can now go to the State Fire Marshall's Office for approval so the Board can move on to the next step in the process for that.

The Board discussed a pay issue that they straightened out and also talked about Narragansett Number One Grants.

Selectman Harmon participated in interviews for the full-time recreation person and filled the Board in on that.

5. Review of Correspondence

Weekly Legislative Report

Email from Anne Wright, Director, MMA Health Trust – Re: Affordable Care Act
Required Wellness Notice

Email from Max Rush, Legislative Aide, state Senator Chenette's Office – Re: Maine DOT
Work Plans for 2017 – 2019

Email from Representative Don Marean – Re: State House News Update

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Santolucito reported that last Thursday night he attended the SAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting. He said it is a work in progress and a lot is going to depend on what the State budget looks like. He mentioned there is one proposal in the legislature from someone in Presque Isle to change how the State reimburses the district for teachers' salaries. He said that would come as a significant cost to SAD #6 but it may not end up going anywhere. He said it is too early to tell what the budget will be at this time. Their next meeting is the 26th.

Selectman Santolucito went to the York County Commissioners Public Hearing tonight on the opiate, drug rehabilitation detoxification center that is being proposed for the site by the jail. He said it would primarily be funded by the County. They are going to get some federal and state money but it looks like it will cost about \$1.6 million a year to run. Buxton's share of that would be about \$40,000. He said that would not be the case for year one; it would be much less than that. Selectman Santolucito said that will all be vetted out through the York County budget process and we will not know much more about it until July. He said it looks like it is a really needed resource but it comes at a cost.

Selectman Harmon reported that there were some great candidates for the new recreation position and Nicole Welch, our Recreation Director will be making her selection in the next day or two. She also mentioned that the Board needs to set up a meeting with the Budget Committee either next week or the following.

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Selectman Poitras reported that he was in yesterday and spoke with the Recreation Director about the upcoming interviews. He spoke with a couple Department Heads last week and said things seem to be going well.

Selectman Blier stated that he now has permit fees and impact fees from all the towns he needed. He is compiling that data so he can present it to the Board and see where we lie compared with surrounding communities. Selectman Blier said he also spoke with a gentleman who lives in Buxton trying to peak his interest in getting involved with the Comprehensive Plan to get different perspectives on where people would like to see the community go.

Selectman Blier said he went to the Transfer Station Saturday. They were quite busy so he spent some time helping them out so the guys could have lunch. He said it was an enjoyable experience. Selectman Blier stated that he also called Tom Kennie to thank him and the guys for the great job they do keeping the roads clear and doing an outstanding job.

Selectman Emery reported that he has been in almost every day working on some budget accounts. He is waiting for information to come back from our attorney and some others. He also talked with the Town's attorney on some issues that are pending before the Board and spent time working on mail and other day-to-day business. Selectman Emery mentioned the need for the Board to meet with residents about the commercial business development moratorium probably the first of February. He said everyone is welcome to attend the meeting but the Board wants to make sure that everyone in the village zone is notified so that no one who lives in that zone will feel left out.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

None

9. Executive Orders

None

10. Executive Orders by Initiative

None

11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 161701015 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #59

Approved 5-0

The amount was \$606,564.93

E.O. 161701016 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #58

Approved 5-0

The amount was \$45,628.49

12. Next Meeting of the Board

Planning Board Meeting Monday, January 23 at 7:00 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 PM

Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting Monday, January 30 at 6:30 PM

13. Other Business

None

14. Public Comments and Questions

Ellen DeCotiis went to the podium and introduced herself. She asked the Selectmen how it was decided that we needed a new county jail.

Selectman Emery responded saying that the jail was overcrowded and instead of having one in each town they wanted to bring it all into one. He said it is going to be a State funded building.

Ms. DeCotiis asked if there is a timeline for the building.

Selectman Emery said the bids are out and he does not remember the date but it is a couple of years out.

Ms. DeCotiis asked if they are still deciding where the building is going to be.

Selectman Emery said they know where the building is going. It is going to Biddeford.

Ms. DeCotiis asked if anything is going to be done with the old jail building.

Selectman Emery corrected Ms. DeCotiis saying that it is the courthouse and he does not know what they are going to do with the courthouses in Biddeford, Springvale and York but they are going to bring all the District Attorneys' offices into the old courthouse in Alfred.

Ms. DeCotiis asked if the treatment programs will go into buildings that are near the courthouse.

Selectman Emery said that is going on the property with the existing York County Jail. He explained that these are two different facilities.

Ms. DeCotiis asked what the Narragansett Number One Grants are used for.

The Selectman explained that the grants are used for various projects and any non-profit group can apply. Selectman Harmon gave examples of how some of the Town grants have been used and explained the process.

Ms. DeCotiis asked if there are projects that could start in the town that meet some of the wording in the Comprehensive Plan, could they be instituted for the upcoming budget.

The Board did not understand what she was asking so Ms. DeCotiis tried to clarify that saying that if there was something that people knew could be done to help the river and maintain the rural characteristics, is there some way that citizens could bring that to the Comprehensive Plan Committee as a project to fulfill some of the intentions in the plan.

A brief discussion followed and Selectman Emery explained that if people have some plan or idea, they would need to bring it to the Board of Selectmen to see if it is something that can be done.

Selectman Blier spoke about why he opened up the Comprehensive Plan and started the Committee. He explained that his idea is not to try to come up with a new plan but to see what could be implemented within the plan we currently have and make that plan become a reality.

Ms. DeCotiis said that she is trying to figure out how to do that and Selectman Blier invited her to attend the meeting he is having on January 30th to talk about that.

Mr. DeCotiis thanked the Board.

15. Executive Session

None

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16. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:28 PM

Approved 5-0.

Clifford L. Emery, Selectman

Jean C. Harmon, Selectman

Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Date Signed: _____

Videotaped by Kyle Durkin