

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

Prepared by: Krystal Dyer

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

Others Present: David Harmon, Ellen H. DeCotiis, Julie Gamelson, Rich Streeter, Chief Troy Cline, Officer Keith Waltz, Tracy Waltz, (their daughter), Maynard & Susanne Waltz and Town Clerk, John Myers.

Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board led the Pledge.

Selectman Poitras turned the meeting over to Chief Troy Cline who introduced new Officer Keith Waltz. Officer Waltz is originally from Buxton and is a retired Senior Non-Commissioned Officer in the United States Air Force. Chief Cline proceeded to read the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics. Town Clerk John Myers performed the swearing in ceremony and Mrs. Waltz pinned his badge on. Officer Waltz thanked the Board and the Community for the opportunity to protect and serve in the Town of Buxton. Selectman Emery and the Board thanked him and stated that they are proud and honored to have one of our own serving here in Buxton.

2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for October 11, 2017
Approved 4-0*

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

From 5:00 PM to 6:15PM the Board met with the Charter Review Committee members, where they discussed possible housekeeping amendments to the Town Charter.

At 6:45PM they met with Stephen Heroux who is involved with the construction side of the school board, he updated the Board on the badly needed upgrades that are proposed for the outdated science labs at the high school.

4. Review of Correspondence

- Weekly update email from Representative Donald Marean highlighting that the month of October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- With the construction at the Police Department/Dispatch window, the Police and Fire Departments have uploaded a link on the web site connecting the community directly to the Wardens Report, where Buxton Residents can fill out an application for a burning permit on line, at no cost to them.
It's not known yet whether this application will be permanent once the addition is finished. It would be an added cost to the Town of \$75.00 per year to subscribe to the site.

5. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Emery said he does not know the construction schedule, but the floor will be poured tomorrow and they could start putting the walls up. He stopped in to see Krystal Dyer at the first of the week. Checked in with Tom Kennie at Public Works, they had a fire truck down with a fuel leak. He was updated by Chief Cline, other than that it's been pretty quiet except for the addition.

Selectman Harmon offered condolences to the family of Bob Libby who passed away yesterday. He was a long time Selectman in Buxton.

Selectman Harmon, Selectman Blier and Chief Cline attended the State conducted public hearing for Skips Lounge at the Town Hall on Tuesday, October 17. In August, the Town denied their liquor license renewal due to information provided by the Police Chief. The owner of Skips Lounge, William Ham, then appealed to the State. The State has requested additional information from Mr. Ham before making a determination.

Selectman Blier also attended the public hearing. Spoke with Chet on an air conditioning issue at the Town Hall and he will follow up with him this week. Spoke with Don Marean and got an update on marijuana and other legislation items. There was a Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting on Monday. They are making headway and will report results soon.

Selectman Poitras was working on and resolved a benefits issue with Krystal Dyer this past week.

6. Old Business

Aging in Place – Selectman Emery said the Town should be receiving a binder from the 12 Town Group/AARP Program.

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7. **New Business**

After the election, the Selectmen will be scheduling a Special town meeting for the over drawn legal account from the last fiscal year

8. **Executive Orders**

*E.O. 171810021 –An order to appoint Hiram R. Davis as the Election Warden for the State of Maine Referendum Election to be held on November 7, 2017
Approved 4-0*

*E.O. 171810022 – An order to approve 8 hours of vacation time for John Myers
Approved 4-0*

*E. O. 171810023 – An order to appoint Lucas Doyon to the Charter Review Committee in the Town of Buxton effective October 18, 2017.
Approved 4-0*

*E.O. 171810024– An order to appoint Nathan M. Carlow to the Charter Review Committee in the Town of Buxton effective October 18, 2017.
Approved 4-0*

*E.O. 171810025 – An order to appoint Jean C. Harmon to the Charter Review Committee in the Town of Buxton effective October 18, 2017.
Approved 3-1*

*E.O. 171810026 – An order to approve 24 hours of vacation time for Nathan Schools
Approved 4-0*

*E.O. 171810027 – An order to approve an abatement of real estate taxes for 2017 in the amount of \$272.00 for [Map 2, Lot 19-2]
Approved 4-0*

*E.O. 171810028 – An order to approve an abatement of personal property for 2017 in the amount of \$2,237.20 for [Account 105PP]
Approved 4-0*

*E.O. 171810029 – An order to approve an application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 4, Lot 69-1]
Approved 4-0*

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9. **Executive Orders by Initiative**

None

10. **Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**

*E.O. 171810019 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #34
Approved 4-0*

The amount was \$627,117.30 with \$585,664.48 paid to SAD#6

*E.O. 171810020 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #33
Approved 4-0*

The amount was \$52,608.78

11. **Next Meeting of the Board**

Planning Board meeting Monday, October 23 at 7:00 PM

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

12. **Other Business**

*There is one vacancy on the Budget Committee. Interested persons should send a letter of interest to the Buxton Board of Selectmen, 185 Portland Road, Buxton, ME 04093.
A Resident came in tonight and the board will appoint him next week.*

*For on line Burning Permits, go to the town web site under News and Announcements.
You will find a link or go to www.wardensreport.com/p. There is no cost to residents.*

13. **Public Comments and Questions**

Resident Ellen DeCotiis had concerns with the current trash company and where the 40-yard roll off containers were being dumped. Selectman Emery informed her that the current trash company is Casella and they are located on County Road in Scarborough. It depends on what is in the containers, they go to different places. Ms. DeCotiis referenced information from the 2015/2016 Auditor's Statement, regarding overdrawn accounts in waste disposal, making it two years old. Ms. DeCotiis asks when going forward in the contract, would the Board, consider reviewing this and asked if there is anything that can be done to offset the cost. Currently Casella does everything for the town, they pick up the trash and pull the 40-yard containers when full. The Transfer Station Manager, Greg Heffernan,

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has talked about splitting out the contracts in the future budgets. This would allow more companies who just do trash removal to submit a bid. Currently Casella is the only company to pull the 40-yard containers.

Ms. DeCotiis said SAD 6 takes food waste to a farm in Lyman for composting. The Board thought the waste was going to Gorham. Ms. DeCotiis is pressing to reduce the cost of the trash budget by increasing the tipping fees. Selectman Blier agreed, she is correct that if the town did more recycling there would be less tipping fees, but the cost to pick up the recycling is more expensive than what the town would save on the tipping fees. It's not cost effective to pick it up, financially it does not make sense. She wonders why the school has such a significant savings from this program. Selectman Blier explained that the school is one pickup, the town would be multiple stops and a second truck would be sent out to pick up. The town is not permitted to accept food waste at the Transfer Station. Ms. DeCotiis requested information on the budget advisory committee, which the Board did not have. They will check with Selectman Santolucito and have an answer for her next week.

14. Executive Session

None

15. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:40 PM

Approved 4-0

Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Jean C. Harmon, Selectman

Clifford L. Emery, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Date Signed: _____

Videotaped by Harrison Beam