

**Town of Buxton**  
**Minutes for January 25, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting**

*Prepared by: Beverly Gammon*

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

*Others Present: Tom Peters, David Harmon*

**Meeting Agenda**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*The Selectmen recited the Pledge.*

**3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes January 11, 2017  
Approved 5-0*

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes January 18, 2017  
Approved 5-0*

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

*At 4:30 a resident met with the Board to talk about our zoning ordinance and the fire tank suppression requirements for commercial businesses. When Chief Schools came in later they had a lengthy conversation about it and will be checking with the Town's attorney to get their interpretation of that as it is written in our ordinance and how it applies to commercial businesses.*

*Around 6:00 PM, Ron Smith, our auditor, and Kim Beam, our Treasurer met with the Board to go over the Town audit. Selectman Emery reported that the Town is in excellent shape and has a healthy amount of money in the undesignated surplus account so the Board has never had to go out to borrow money to pay the bills and does not expect to have to do that in the future.*

*Another resident also came in and talked with the Board about fire tanks.*

*Marston Lovell, one of our County Commissioners, met with the Board and gave them a spreadsheet showing a breakdown of what the cost would be to Buxton at different stages if the new drug rehabilitation program is implemented in Alfred. It would start around \$6,000 the first year and increase to around \$37,000 to fully fund the program.*

#### **5. Review of Correspondence**

- *Weekly Legislative Bulletin from Maine Municipal Association*
- *Email from Cub Scouts – Re: Invitation to Blue & Gold Celebration, Saturday, February 11, 5:00 PM, at Bonny Eagle High*
- *Email from Stephanie Fecteau, Maine PERS – Re: Information on retirement plans offered for Fire and Police*
- *Emails from several York County Municipal Officials – Re: Public Meetings 2017 Preliminary Flood Maps*
- *Email from Bonita Pothier, Senator King's Office – Re: Agenda for Rural Summit on February 10*
- *Email from Dave Francoeur, Deputy Director, York County EMA – Re: Free Alert and Warning Program for Cities and Towns*

*Selectman Emery explained this will work like a reverse 9-1-1 program.*

- *Email from Kate Dufour, Maine Municipal Association – Re: Federal Issues Paper Survey*

#### **6. Review of Projects and Issues**

*Selectman Blier reported that he has compiled the permit fees for several communities in the Southern Maine area to discuss with the Board next week. He stated that our permit fees are much lower than most of the communities around us. Selectman Blier stated that he ran into a Planning Board member Monday and discussed the issues with holding tanks. He said he talked to Chief Schools and got the ball rolling to get the Chief in tonight to see what is going on with that.*

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*Selectman Poitras reported that he ran into a resident who wants to talk about some issues we have around town so Selectman Poitras is going to set up that appointment. Selectman Poitras said he is going to start his budget items pretty soon. He also put out a thank you to the road crew for the work they have done on the roads.*

*Selectman Santolucito stated that he received a call from a resident who had watched the Planning Board Meeting Monday night and had some concerns and questions about fire suppression systems. Selectman Santolucito said the Board discussed the issue earlier and he will get back to that resident.*

*Selectman Santolucito mentioned the SAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting tomorrow night and said they will dig deeper into what the plans are for the coming year. Those meetings are open to the public and Selectman Santolucito said they are very interesting; two weeks ago they had a presentation on some of the new projects and new teaching methods they are working on. He said they are doing some investigative work on some assessing software that we are using pieces of and are starting to talk about more automation with that*

*Selectman Harmon also thanked the Public Works Director and his crew for the great job they did yesterday on the roads. She talked to a resident this week who had a concern about an issue here in town that she did not think was being resolved. Selectman Harmon spoke to the Code Enforcement Officer regarding that. She went on to say that out of that conversation came a discussion about appointing a Deputy Health Officer for times that Chad Poitras is not available or when there is a potential conflict of interest. She said the Selectmen have no one to step into that role so it is something they need to think about.*

*Selectman Harmon has been working with the Treasurer this week on a few issues they have encountered and questions to have ready for the auditors tonight. She said everything is going well as far as the Treasurer is concerned and things are running smoothly.*

*Selectman Emery has been in as often as he could. He has answering questions, checking in with Department Heads, discussing things that come up daily, and being a sounding board when needed.*

**7. Old Business**

*None*

**8. New Business**

*None*

**9. Executive Orders**

*E.O. 161701019 – An order to approve a Poverty Abatement for case #PA 17-001  
Approved 5-0*

**10. Executive Orders by Initiative**

*E.O. 161701020 – An order to approve the hire of Grace Bibber for the full time position of Recreation Supervisor, starting February 6, 2017 at a pay rate of \$16.25 per hour  
Approved 5-0*

**11. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**

*E.O. 161701017 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #61  
Approved 5-0  
The total was \$145,948.85*

*E.O. 161701018 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #60  
Approved 5-0  
The total was \$46,420.59*

**12. Next Meeting of the Board**

*Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting Monday, January 30 at 6:30 PM  
SAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, January 26 at 6:00 PM  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00 PM  
Board of Selectmen Meeting with the Budget Committee February 1 at 6:00 PM*

**13. Other Business**

*Rescue Subscriptions ran out the last day of December and have to be renewed each year. If you sign up after the first of the year, your subscription will still expire the last day of the year. So, if you want to participate in the program you need to fill out the paperwork and get that back to the Town Office as soon as possible.*

*Selectman announced that Jeremiah Ross and the Planning Board plan to meet with the Board of Selectmen next week between 4:00 and 7:00 PM to discuss some issues.*

**14. Public Comments and Questions**

**15. Executive Session**

*None*

**16. Adjournment**

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:27 PM  
Approved 5-0.*

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*Clifford L. Emery, Selectman*

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*Jean C. Harmon, Selectman*

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*Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman*

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*Chad E. Poitras, Selectman*

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*Mark J. Blier, Selectman*

*Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Videotaped by Kyle Durkin*