

Town of Buxton
Minutes for December 20, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting

Prepared by: Krystal Dyer

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

Others Present: Representative Donald Marean and Dave Harmon

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2017
Approved 4-0-1, Selectman Santolucito was absent*

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

Tom Kennie and Tim Martin from the Public Works Department came in to discuss a truck replacement plan to be proposed in next year's budget discussions. There is a lot to be considered and the Board will discuss further once they have quotes and a written proposal.

Chief Cline updated the Board with the resolution to a court case that they have been pursuing.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from State Representative Donald Marean – Weekly update
Representative Donald Marean was in attendance and updated the Board regarding the current marijuana moratorium on retail sales of medical marijuana, which will expire on February 1st 2018. He invites the Board to attend the January 5, 2018 public hearing meeting in August where there will be discussion on LD1719. If they cannot attend, he asks that the Board submit written testimony on recreational retail sales of marijuana.*

The legislature will vote whether to extend the moratorium until February 1, 2019. The best thing for the towns to do is step back and wait to see what the Governor is going to do.

The Legislature is obligated to find a way to fund the Medicaid Expansion without raising taxes. The People voted 60% to go forward with Medicaid expansion. This will be tough.

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The referendum becomes law 90 days after it is passed. Have tried to change the referendum process.

He will be meeting with SAD #6 on Friday at 9am concerning Frye Island, who has appropriated \$500,000.00 to find a way to get away from SAD#6. They cannot do it without every town's approval.

- *From Senator Justin Chenette – Legislative update relief from Maine property taxes.*
- *MMA Legislative Bulleting from Kate Dufour Maine Tree Growth Tax Law Working Group a public meeting will be held Wednesday, January 3, from 1:00 to 4:00PM at the State House in room 126*
- *SAD#6 Budget Advisory meeting is Thursday, January 4 at 6:00 PM*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Poitras had a tour of the Police Departments addition. The insulation and drywall is up. It's going to be state of the art and everyone is very excited.

Selectman Harmon resolved an issue at Berry Library. Chief Cline has brought to the Boards attention that people are snow blowing, plowing or shoveling snow into the roads from their yards. This is illegal and creates an unsafe environment for motorists. The police officers will be issuing warnings for a first time offense and summonses for a second occurrence, with a \$190.00 fine per offense.

Selectman Blier spoke with the Police Department concerning the furniture in the new addition and with Public Works Director Tom Kennie on the upcoming truck budget. He also attended the comprehensive plan meeting and announced that all five members have agreed to continue and updated their appointment papers for another year. Reviewed Patriot Mechanical bills with Chet Ouellette and stopped in to Berry Library.

Selectman Emery has been in the Town Hall every day and spoke with Mia Dodge of the Buxton Toy Box and thanked everyone who made a donation this year to the Buxton Toy Box. They helped 60 families and it was another huge success.

Selectman Santolucito was out of town most of the week, but popped in briefly on Friday to sign papers.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

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Executive Orders

E.O. 171812015 – An order to approve 8 hours of vacation leave for Marilyn Holland
Approved 5-0

E.O. 171812016 – An order to appoint Ruth M. Scheibenpflug to the Town Farm Park
Trustee to be effective until December 31, 2020
Approved 5-0

E.O. 171812017 – An order to appoint Tashia Pinkham as Trustee of the Town Farm Park
to be effective until December 31, 2020
Approved 4-1

E.O. 171812018 – An order to appoint Jeremiah K. Ross, III to the Comprehensive Plan
Committee to be effective until December 31, 2018
Approved 5-0

E.O. 171812019 – An order to appoint Mark J. Blier to the Comprehensive Plan Committee
to be effective until December 31, 2018
Approved 4-0, Selectman Blier abstained

E.O. 171812020 – An order to appoint Mark W. Libby to the Comprehensive Plan
Committee to be effective until December 31, 2018
Approved 5-0

E.O. 171812021 – An order to appoint Penny J. Booker to the Comprehensive Plan
Committee to be effective until December 31, 2018
Approved 5-0

E.O. 171812022 – An order to appoint Clifford W. Thomas to the Comprehensive Plan
Committee to be effective until December 31, 2018
Approved 5-0

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

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Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 171812013 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrants #52 and Warrant #53
Approved 5-0

Warrant #52 the amount was \$89,400.10
Warrant #53 the amount was \$53,949.01 includes payment for the police addition

E.O. 171811014 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #51
Approved 5-0

The amount was \$57,494.86

Next Meeting of the Board

Board of Selectmen will meet with a resident on Friday, December 22 at 4:00PM . This will be confirmed by Code Officer Peter Gordon

The next Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, December 27

There will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 27 at 7PM for a new liquor license for Max Brody of The Buxton Commons.

Other Business

Free Christmas Dinner Monday, December 25 at Buxton Center Baptist Church
938 Long Plains Road from noon to 2:00PM - FMI Call 929-3011

Blood Drive Tuesday, December 26 from 12:00PM to 5:00PM here at the Town Hall

Public Comments and Questions

None

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment

A Merry Christmas to all!

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:39 PM

Approved 5-0

Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Jean C. Harmon, Selectman

Clifford L. Emery, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

Date Signed: _____

Videotaped by Kyle Durkin