

Town of Buxton
Minutes for February 7, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

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

Members not present: Clifford L. Emery

Others Present: Roger Tracy, Dave Harmon and Chief Troy Cline

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selectmen recited the pledge.

Public Hearing - Application for a Liquor License, Special Amusement Permit and Victualers License for Roger Tracy dba Skip's Lounge at 288 Narragansett Trail, Buxton

Public Hearing was opened at 7:10PM

Roger Tracy gave an overview of his intentions for the business, he wants to start his own business at Skip's Lounge and change the name to Skip's Bar and Grill. His plan is to start as a bar serving liquor and one month later, open the kitchen with a full menu. His goal is to build the reputation up from what it used to be and establish a good environment for people to enjoy by being present, by continued oversight, and by teaching and training the staff. He will also hire more experienced employees.

As part of any application the Board asks the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer to conduct inspections of the property and a background check on the applicant.

The following are written concerns from Code Enforcement Officer, Peter Gordon; on a recent inspection the cabinets had been removed from a storage area and he was told that they are converting the storage room into a cooking area. Mr. Tracy said yes, he has cleared some cabinets out and didn't think he needed a permit to remove the cabinets. He did meet with the CEO, who suggested he contact the State Fire Marshal's office. Boxing/wrestling ring in the dance floor area. Code Officer recommends consulting with the town attorney to see if a state license is required. He is not sure if this activity is covered under the original conditional use permit. Mr. Tracy stated there is absolutely no boxing or fighting going on there. Just a local professional wrestling group using the space as a training room, it is the same as when the room is used for Zumba.

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Police Chief Cline referenced data and statistics from the past year (Oct. 2017 thru Jan. 2018) stating the pattern of misconduct is very disturbing. Many incidents show a lack of control with alcohol consumption, disorderly conduct and assaults. The Buxton Police performed 33 building checks. Chief Cline read off multiple events that have happened at the bar. There is a lot of negative history and it needs to stop before someone is killed.

Mr. Tracy listed off a proposed entertainment schedule he has planned, Friday/Saturday live band, Sunday 'all ages events' like live wrestling shows, pool leagues and trivia nights.

The Board of Selectmen are requesting a copy of the lease agreement for the building, a copy of a business plan and a purchase and sale agreement contract showing possession of the business. They want to see Mr. Tracy succeed but also want to see changes at the establishment. The Board also wants proof that if the business fails, the liquor license does not revert back to the previous owner, who could operate under Mr. Tracy's license.

The Board will not vote this evening, they will wait for the additional information requested.

The public hearing is closed at 8:05PM

The Selectman's meeting was called to order at 8:05PM

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2018
Approved 3-0-2

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

Selectman Harmon said Sue Schaller was in regarding Maine Department of Transportation Regional Trail Program. There is the opportunity to get a Grant for the walking bridge at the Salmon Falls Bridge (Route 202). Ms. Schaller has offered to write the grant. The Town of Hollis could apply for this grant also.

The Governor is proposing a bill regarding seniors not being forced or foreclosed out of their homes. The public hearing was held January 29th. The Governor believes that municipalities are scamming the elderly out of their homes and taking away their equity. The Town of Buxton is very patient with residents who fall behind in their taxes and have always worked with the residents to help them stay in their homes.

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Review of Correspondence

- Email from State Representative Donald Marean – Re: Weekly update available on his web site.
- Email from Robert Hunt – Re: Weekly Legislative Report
- Email from Robert Hunt – Re: Legislative Bulletin
- Email from Dave Francoeur – Re: upcoming storm

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Harmon has been working on her budget components and she had a conversation with an elderly resident concerning a Time Warner Cable issue. She believes the issue has been resolved.

Selectman Harmon also checked in with the Transfer Station, Public Works and the Fire Department.

Selectman Harmon asks the public to please be patient and drive to the conditions of the road and take your time. The Public Works Department is currently working with one truck down.

Selectman Blier said Governor LePage has vetoed the marijuana bill. He would like the town to put a moratorium on it and to ban marijuana in the town all together. This would give us time and allow other communities to work out the bugs and we can follow suit. This approach is cost effective and we can control the nuisance to our community.

Selectman Blier attended the Comprehensive Planning meeting on Monday night where they are working on a land swap and the Budget Committee meeting on Tuesday night.

Selectman Poitras has been working with Public Works Director Tom Kennie on increasing safety in the West Buxton Village area. He contacted the Department of Transportation to order "Dangerous Intersection" signs. He did not feel it would be a problem since it's a safety issue. This will not cure the problem, but it's a step in the right direction.

Selectman Santolucito attended the Budget Committee meeting. A week ago Thursday night, he attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting at SAD6. The Board is concerned with the school budget increasing. It generally costs the town \$270,000 per year, but with the enrollments going down and costs continuing to go up, it doesn't make sense. They are faced with a real challenge.

He is working on a few custodial issues at the Berry Library and has started working on his budget items.

Old Business

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None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

*E.O. 171801030 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 3, Lot 84A]
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 171801031–An order to approve Kimberly Beam to attend an On Site Focus Group Meeting for Trio Web
Approved 4-0-1*

Executive Orders by Initiative

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 171801028 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #67

Approved 4-0-1

The amount was \$185,200.06

E.O. 171801029 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #66

Approved 4-0-1

The amount was \$53,918.39

Next Meeting of the Board

Next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Thursday, February 8 at 6PM for Public Works interviews

There is NO Planning Board meeting Monday, February 12 – due to lack of agenda

12 Town Group meeting Monday, February 12 at 6:30PM at Waterboro Town Hall

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Budget Committee meeting Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00PM

The next Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00PM

SAD6 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, February 15 at 6:00PM

Other Business

None

Public Comments and Questions

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 8:26 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 Kyle Durkin