

Town of Buxton  
Minutes for February 21, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting

*Recorded by Krystal Dyer*

*Members Present: Jean C. Harmon, Clifford L. Emery and Dennis P. Santolucito.*

*Members Absent: Mark J. Blier and Chad E. Poitras*

*Others Present: Dave Harmon, Ellen DeCotiis*

*Call to Order*

*The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*The Selectmen recited the pledge.*

*Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes*

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2018  
Approved 3-0-2,*

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

*At 4:00pm liquor license applicant Roger Tracy provided information the Board requested at the February 14<sup>th</sup> public hearing. The Board asked the Code Officer Peter Gordon and Fire Chief Nate Schools to conduct inspections at Skip's Lounge before any decision is made.*

*Jeremy Montgomery Trustee for Bonny Eagle Park, updated the Board on recommendations for the upcoming projects at the Park.*

*Resident, Deb Smith inquired into the process for the town to sell tax acquired property.*

*Review of Correspondence*

- Email from State Representative Donald Marean – Re: Weekly update mentioned the conservation land issue. Buxton does not have a problems not sure of the magnitude of the problem.*
- Email from Robert Hunt – Re: Weekly Legislative Report*

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Review of Projects and Issues

*Selectman Emery was in reviewing budget items. The Board will start the department budget review next week. He also attended the Budget Committee meeting on Tuesday.*

*Selectman Harmon is finishing up her portion of the budget components. On Tuesday she attended the Budget Committee meeting, where they are finishing up with the non-profit requests. She has also been in the town office assisting with purchasing conference room chairs.*

*Selectman Santolucito attended the Maine Chapters of Assessor's conference. The following three major issues were discussed:*

*LD1687 involves the excise tax. The proposal is to pay excise tax based on what you pay the first year, then it reverts back to MSRP. The cost is projected to go up the second year.*

*Senior Citizens' Initiative – the law requires municipal officials to meet with, work with and advise residents with financial decisions, like reverse mortgages, etc. Also if the resident shows signs of any mental illness the municipal official becomes the mandated reporter. MMA had only heard from twelve municipalities that where in opposition of this initiative. Currently Buxton works with the residents, setting up payment plans to help them stay in their homes. But none of them have been elderly residents.*

*Selectman Harmon added that she does not believe any Selectperson should be put in the position of giving financial advice to residents.*

*LD1196 is a tax deferral program for seniors originated in the 1990's. It was a very workable program and the municipalities were reimbursed. It was predicted to cost 3.9 million and was tabled for now.*

*Selectman Santolucito is just starting to look at the budgets in more detail.*

Old Business

*None*

New Business

*None*

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Executive Orders

*E.O. 171802011 – An order to approve Kimberly Beam to attend Maine Municipal Technology Conference  
Approved 3-0-2*

*E.O. 171802012 – An order to approve 8 hours of vacation leave for Troy Cline  
Approved 3-0-2*

Executive Orders by Initiative

*None*

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

*E.O. 171802009 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #73  
Approved 3-0-2*

*The amount was \$94,545.48*

*E.O. 171802010 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #72  
Approved 3-0-2*

*The amount was \$51,062.36*

Next Meeting of the Board

*Planning Board meeting Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:00PM*

*Budget Committee meeting Tuesday, February 27 at 6:00PM*

*Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00PM*

*On Monday, February 26 the Selectmen may meet to review budgets requests time to be determined.*

*Republican Caucus Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> located at Biddeford Middle School*

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*Democratic Caucus at 2pm on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> located at Buxton Municipal Building*

*Other Business*

*Posted Roads -- Roads have been posted restricting heavy load limits. Restricting loads over 23,000 lbs. from February 21 through May 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*Public Comments and Questions*

*None*

*Executive Session*

*None*

*Adjournment*

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:17 PM*  
*Approved 3-0*

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*Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman*

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*Chad E. Poitras, Selectman*

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*Jean C. Harmon, Selectman*

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*Clifford L. Emery, Selectman*

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*Mark J. Blier, Selectman*

*Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_*  
*Videotaped by Harrison Beam*