

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

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

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

Others Present: Henry Huntley, Rich Streeter, Nathan Carlow and Paul Baracel

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

Public Hearing – 7:00 PM for Charter Amendments

Selectman Santolucito read the posted notice. Selectman Emery opened the public hearing, Seconded by Selectman Blier. Motion passed.

Selectman Harmon explained the process for the Charter Committee to amend the Charter with appointed members herself, Nathan Carlow and Lucas Doyon. She read and explained the amended sections of the Charter. Adding that they were minor housekeeping amendments that make the Charter flow smoother. This will be a secret ballot item on Tuesday, June 12th.

Resident Paul Baracel questions the clarity of Article 2.07(d) is it 90 days. Suggesting to add "consecutive" days. And asked for an explanation of Article 8.07.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selectmen recited the pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2018
Approved 5-0,*

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

Ben Wallace of Great Falls Construction stopped in to update on the addition. Final inspection next week with the exception of the brick in the spring.

Selectmen Harmon and Santolucito walked the town hall with Tony of Advanced Technology inspecting the cameras. Selectman Santolucito said the current cameras are fourteen years

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old. The intention is to upgrade and make improvements that tie it in with the camera system in the new addition.

Also a resident came in for signatures and the resident who scheduled to meet with the Selectmen, canceled.

At 6:07 PM the Board went into Executive Session on a personnel matter, per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A). The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:56 PM.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Robert Hunt – Re: Weekly Legislative Report*
- *Email from MMA – Re: legislative Bulletin*
- *Email from Don Marean – Re: weekly Legislative update*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Emery following up with budget items and attended the budget committee meeting. Stopped into Public Works, where they were preparing for the next storm and they had two trucks down. Selectman Emery can't say enough about the teamwork from the Buxton staff, who has been a shining light this winter. From the Fire/Rescue and Police to the Public Works crew and the Transfer Station employee who has been helping out with the plowing. While the residents are all sleeping, this crew is out all day and night. We are very proud of all of them.

Selectman Harmon attended the Budget Committee meeting and is waiting for a few more pieces of the budget. They have reviewed the Police, Fire and Administrative budgets, but still need to be released to the Budget Committee. Still reviewing capital items and dealing with a posted road issue.

Selectman Blier thanked Nick Roy of Gentle Dental, it's a beautiful "ski lodge" like facility. A great asset to our community. The original house is being dismantled, moved to Limington and rebuilt.

Selectman Blier gave an overview of what the Comprehensive Planning Committee has accomplished. The Town has two lots that are close together but not contiguous. The committee has been in touch with abutters to swap land to make it one contiguous parcel. It's currently at a standstill, but will continue once the snow has melted and they can better see the lay of the land. The Committee is also working with another resident who wants to donate a piece of land with access to Saco River. This would offer a hand carry boat access and be an asset to our community.

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Selectman Poitras stopped by the town hall and public works department checking on the two trucks that where broke down. They are both up and running and ready for the next storm. He also finalized his portions of the budget.

Selectman Santolucito clarified the legislation that Don Marean has been working on is LD1316, which involves municipalities who want to succeed from school districts. He also attended the Budget Committee meeting and the SAD6 Budget Advisory Committee meeting, where Buxton is well represented. The base line is projected to increase 1.95 percent. This is not the final number, the State can still manipulate the number up or down at this point. Buxton's portion is currently at 4.14 percent, it will change. The teachers did negotiate a new contract for three years at four percent increase per year. Because of the school budget increases every year, we have not been able to keep our salaries at a competitive rate. We are currently in the process of trying to bring our Town employees pay rate up to the standard rate. There is a lot of tugging and pulling with limited dollars.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 171803015 – An order to amend the Inclement Weather Policy, effective March 15, 2018

Approved 5-0

E.O. 171803016 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 1 Lot 194-9]

Approved 5-0

E.O. 171803017 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 9 Lot 5N]

Approved 5-0

E.O. 171803018 – An order to approve 48 hours of vacation leave for Greg Heffernan

Approved 5-0

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Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 171803013 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #82

Approved 5-0

The amount was \$110,924.18

E. O. 171803014 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #81

Approved 5-0

The amount was \$59,412.94

Next Meeting of the Board

Planning Board meeting Monday, March 26 at 7:00PM

Budget Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 27, at 6:00PM

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

Budget Advisory Committee meeting Thursday, March 22 at 6:00PM

Other Business

Nomination Papers Available

Registration is open for Buxton Recreation Summer Camp 2018

Public Comments and Questions

Resident Rich Streeter spoke regarding the school budget. He knows that people are looking for an alternative education, but does not believe we can get away from the brick and mortar model. He also expanded on the conversation Dennis previously touched on. At the previous SAD6 meeting it was revealed that the State took a million and a half dollars away from our school budget. Mr. Streeter encourages Buxton residents to contact your State Senator and local Representative voicing your concerns.

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Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:45 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 Harrison Beam