

Town of Buxton
Minutes for April 4, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

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

Others Present: Julie Grant-Hagerman, Dave Harmon, Ellen H. DeCotiis, Rich Streeter, Henry Huntley, Richard Fitzgerald and Chief Troy Cline

Public Hearing – motion was made to opened the public hearing at 7:06 PM

Selectman Santolucito read the posted notice and opened the Public Hearing up for discussion

Julie Grant-Hagerman said she felt this past year has been fairly successful. There were a few calls to the police department as a precaution. The staff received training and is licensed through Servsafe and Safesellers programs. Selectman Harmon asked if there is security on site. Ms. Grant-Hagerman replied that they do not call them security, they are trained staff who roam the floor. ID checks are done at the door to the deck. where they are able to keep an eye on the parking lot as well. They are diligent in keeping patrons off the deck with drinking and smoking. Ms. Grant-Hagerman agreed she still needs to go to the planning Board for approval to use the deck for food, drinks and smoking. She spoke with the Health Dept. in Augusta concerning a separate designated smoking area, and they directed her to local Planning Board approval, which was a condition of last year's liquor license approval.

The Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Chief were satisfied with their inspections, there was one request from the Fire Chief and it was taken care of that day.

There have been safety issues with parking on Long Plains Road (Route 22). Chief Cline said it is illegal to park on Route 22, it is not marked but there is no parking on either side of the street. There is approved overflow parking at Rick n Rays, but without a parking attendant directing the patrons where to park, it's a mess.

Chief Cline agrees it has been a fairly successful year for Chaps. He ran the calls for service to the 1301 Long Plains Rd location, noting it was a vast improvement from the previous year. There was further discussion on the service calls and inspections after 1:15 am, because there were still vehicles in the parking lot. Chief Cline suggests installing "No fire arms allowed on premises" signs at all entrances and no parking signs along Route 22.

Comments from the Board – Selectman Harmon asked that she make sure she complies with no drinking or smoking on deck at all times, even during annual fundraising events. You still have to conform to the parameters that are issued to you and there has to be more attention when holding large events to not allow parking on Route 22. Chief Cline will speak with the Public Works Director, requesting he install no parking signs. It is a traffic safety hazard.

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Having no public comments Selectman Santolucito closed the public hearing at 7:26 PM.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:26 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selectmen recited the pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2018
Approve 4-0-1, Selectman Emery was absent

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

David Johnson from the Buxton Toy Box is inquiring into telephone poles to hang advertising banners. In 2007 the Board of Selectmen authorized two poles to be installed on Route 22 near Plummer's Shopping Complex. Bob Carroll donated poles to hang the banners. They did get CMP and DOT approval. All permits have been approved, not sure why it was never followed through. It just never happened.

At 5:42 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 6:27 PM.

The Board spent a lot of time finalizing the Administrative Budgets and each Line Item. They will be moved on to the Budget Committee. Its crunch time meeting the deadlines.

Resident Scott Warchol from the budget committee checked in

The Board will be bringing back the marijuana question, it will be going back to the voters in June.

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Review of Correspondence

- Email from Robert Hunt – Re: Weekly Legislative Report
- Email from MMA – Re: legislative Bulletin
- Email from Don Marean – Re: Legislative update
- Received a pamphlet from Maine Local Roads Center – Re: Work Zone Traffic Control training
- Email from Justin Chenette – Re: Legislative update
- Email from SAD 6 – Re: Budget Advisory Committee
- Email from Dave Francoeur – EMA Directors Meeting
- Email from New England ADA Center – Re: ADA Updates

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Emery attended the Budget Committee meeting Tuesday night and prepping for town meeting.

Selectman Harmon attended the SAD6 Budget Advisory meeting last week. This year's number that will impact Buxton is over \$600,000.00. She has no problem with the science lab, waste disposal etc, we need safe buildings. What is driving up the cost of the budget, is adding more people, this we can control. We the tax payers have to show SAD6 they have to sharpen their pencils more. This increase on municipalities is huge. These additional programs are supported by the state for the first year only, but going forward it is funded by the residents. Six hundred thousand dollars is huge just for the school portion of the town's budget. The town has increases in our own budget, we need to stop putting Buxton second to the school budget, and something has to give.

Selectman Harmon has been working with Krystal Dyer on the Town Report and she reminds the Board that the selectman's report and the dedication are due.

Selectman Blier attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting where they are trying to utilize town land for community events. This would give our community a place to gather for different events. This is still in the idea stage.

Selectman Blier also attended the Budget Committee meeting. Following the meeting he had a lengthy conversation with the committee members concerning the Salary increase with the department head. Selectman Blier apologized to the committee for not notifying them of the increases.

Selectman Blier stopped in to see Steven Reynolds, owner of Big Moose Harley Davidson. He was concerned with the decision to not bring Big Moose to Buxton. Mr. Reynolds clarified it was the construction costs projected to be four million dollars. It made more sense financially, to stay in Portland.

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Selectman Poitras dealt with an incident at Eldon's Store where someone had backed into the granite retaining wall. He worked with the Public Works Department and it's all back together.

Selectman Santolucito worked on budget issues and with the technology vendors. He met with Officer Camire and Chief Cline on the re-modification of the existing Police Department. They hope to be moving into the new addition within the next sixty days.

Selectman Santolucito stopped into Public Works on Friday afternoon, they are shifting into spring and he added what a great job they did this winter.

Old Business

None

New Business

News Release for April 4, 2018

For Immediate Release

For More Information, Please Contact:

Ted Talbot, Maine DOT Press Secretary – 215-9297

Emergency Culvert Repair Will Close Route 25 in Gorham

Gorham – Route 25 in Gorham near 333 Ossipee Trail will be closed beginning at 5:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 7th. Motorists will be detoured approximately 10 miles utilizing Route 112 to Route 22 to Route 35. It is anticipated the road will reopen on Sunday, April 8th by 8 p.m. All businesses will remain open and accessible.

On Friday, April 6th from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., there will be alternating one-way traffic controlled by flaggers as equipment is mobilized to this location in advance of the closure. Emergency repairs include removing the failing culvert and installing a temporary structure. Later this year, crews will return to install a permanent structure at this location. Shaw Brothers of Gorham will perform this \$170,000 project.

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Executive Orders

E.O. 171804003 – An order to appoint Henry W. Huntley to the Comprehensive Plan Committee to be effective until December 31, 2018
Approved 5-0

E.O. 171804004 – An order to approve 32 hours of vacation leave for Tom Kennie
Approved 5-0

E.O. 171804005 – An order to approve Krystal Dyer to attend 2018 Health Trust Administrative Workshop
Approved 5-0

E.O. 171804006 – An order to approve Krystal Dyer to attend Harassment in the workplace workshop
Approved 5-0

E.O. 171804007 – An order to appoint Peter C. Gordon to the position of Code Enforcement Officer, effective until April 30, 2019
Approved 5-0

E.O. 171804008 – An order to appoint Peter C. Gordon to the position of Building Inspector, effective until April 30, 2019
Approved 5-0

E.O. 171804009 – An order to appoint Peter C. Gordon to the position of Plumbing Inspector, effective until April 30, 2019
Approved 5-0

E.O. 171804010 – An order to appoint Bob Cyr to the position of Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, effective until April 30, 2019
Approved 5-0

E.O. 171804011 – An order to appoint Bob Cyr to the position of Deputy Building Inspector, effective until April 30, 2019
Approved 5-0

E.O. 171804012 – An order to appoint Bob Cyr to the position of Deputy Plumbing Inspector, effective until April 30, 2019
Approved 5-0

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Executive Orders by Initiative

*E.O. 171804013 -- Approve a liquor license Renewal and Special Amusement Permit for Julie Grant-Hagerman and R. Shiloh Hagerman dba Chaps LLC
Approve 5-0*

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

*E.O. 171804001 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #86
Approved 5-0*

The amount was \$88,639.57

*E.O. 171804002 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #85
Approved 5-0*

The amount was \$53,147.10

Next Meeting of the Board

Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, April 5 at 6:00PM

Planning Board Meeting Monday, April 9 at 7:00PM

Budget Committee workshop Tuesday, April 10, at 6:00PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00PM

Other Business

Nomination Papers Available – Due back by Friday, April 13 by 4:30pm

Public Comments and Questions

Rich Streeter questions the warrant article regarding marijuana, according to his conversations with Don Marean, the legislature has it so everyone is automatically opted out and if a municipality wants to allow recreational marijuana then they opt in. The Select Board will check in with Don Marean for clarification. Selectman Harman explained that the same question will be on the ballot as was last year.

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Mr. Streeter also discussed last week's budget advisory meeting. He agreed with Selectman Harmon that the numbers were not sustainable. This is a trickledown effect from the Governor's office with the DOE. We need to keep an eye on the Frye Island issues issue, it's putting a lot on our town.

Mr. Streeter was surprised to hear SAD6 Superintendent, Paul Penna, say they do not have decreasing enrollment. He explained that students are enrolling in other districts for non-educational reasons. This has an impact on our budget count.

Ellen DeCotiis explained that some of the new positions being requested are because of the pre-k mandate coming down from Augusta. She encourages residents to contact their legislature with this concerns. There was further discussion on the mandating issue. Selectman Harmon suggests utilizing more parental volunteers.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 8:07PM
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