

Town of Buxton  
Minutes for May 2, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting

*Recorded by Krystal Dyer*

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

*Members not in attendance: Clifford L. Emery attended the York County Budget Committee meeting*

*Others Present: SAD 6 Superintendent Paul Penna, SAD 6 Business Manager Bill Brockman, Henry W. Huntley, Rich Streeter, Tia Streeter, Ellen H. DeCotiis, Julie Gamelson, Peter Burns, Robert Lowell, from The American Journal, Arthur Payeur and David Harmon*

*Call to Order*

*The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*The Selectmen recited the pledge.*

*Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes*

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2018  
Approved 4-0-1*

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

*The Board reviewed and signed the warrant prepared by Selectman Harmon. There was a brief discussion on the idea of clearing land behind the town hall allowing for parking and, community events that Selectman Blier will speak about this under Projects and Issues. Chief Cline shared a complimentary thank you note he received from a resident they had been assisting. It was very much appreciated by the Officers involved.*

*Review of Correspondence*

- *Email from Robert Hunt – Re: Weekly Legislative Report*
- *Email from MMA – Re: legislative Bulletin*
- *Email from Don Marean – Re: Legislative update where the house and senate overturned the Governor's veto on the marijuana legislation.*
- *Letter from Maine DOT – Re: awarded the state road crack sealing contract to Coastal Road Repair, LLC*

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- Letter from MMA – Re: Nominations to MMA's 2018/2019 Legislative Policy Committee
- Town of Gorham Planning Department Agenda -- Re: includes a 12-lot residential subdivision being proposed for a parcel of land that borders Buxton. It will have an impact on Buxton roads. It is just a complimentary notice.
- Email from Maine Centers for Disease Control announcing "May Is Lyme Disease Awareness Month"

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Harmon finalized the warrant. It will now go to the town report printers and we will be receiving a proof soon. Because we have printing deadlines to meet and being unsure of what the Governor and the legislature would do with the marijuana issue, we had to create a marijuana article in the event the Governor's veto was not overturned by Legislature. We could not remove the article from the ballot, it has already been sent to the printers. Each Town will now have to opt in if they want to allow retail marijuana in their town.

Selectman Harmon explained that the town's budget is up approximately \$176,000.00 from last year. The Board is hoping to offset any increase with undesignated surplus, which will make any tax increase be due to the school budget.

Selectman Blier attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting. On Monday the Comprehensive Planning Committee walked the area behind the town hall that could be used as a place for the community to gather. The Committee and the Select Board were all in favor of doing something. The next step is to prepare a site map to submit for DEP approval.

Selectman Blier also has written a letter to a resident in the Bar Mills area concerning land to be used as open space. He also worked with Patriot Mechanical Services concerning heating cost to the town. Being proactive knowing the current air conditioning system will soon be obsolete, he is looking for system options for the future.

Selectman Poitras has been working on the fire retention pond project, requesting an easement from the land owners. This will provide additional fire support in this area in the event of a fire.

Selectman Santolucito has been involved in the installation of surveillance cameras. They will be installed on Monday. The furniture arrived this week. Conrad Jellison will be reconfiguring the dispatch area. It's really coming together. He also attended the Maine Association of Assessor's workshop. He has turned the ratio analysis over to Selectman Harmon to review. He has also been working on the homestead exemption this needs to be submitted to State by June 1<sup>st</sup>. the Town will receive 62% back from the State.

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Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

E.O. 171805003 – An order to approve 4 hours of vacation leave for Krystal Dyer  
Approved 4-0-1

E.O. 171805004 – An order to approve 8 hours of vacation leave for Tom Kennie  
Approved 4-0-1

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 171805001 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable  
Warrant #94  
Approved 4-0-1

The amount was \$ 48,440.87

E.O. 171805002 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #93  
Approved 4-0-1

The amount was \$ 50,737.37

Next Meeting of the Board

Next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Thursday, May 3 at 6PM for Public Works interviews.

The Buxton Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on the Secret Ballot Articles for the June 12, 2018 Annual Town Meeting at the Buxton Municipal Building 185 Portland Road, Buxton, Maine, on Wednesday May 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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*The Selectmen's Meeting will follow immediately after*

*Other Business*

*Leavitt's Mill Free Health Center will hold its 3rd Annual Spring Fun Run/Walk 5K on Saturday, May 5. Registration opens at 8:00 AM in the ITS, Inc building next to the Bar Mills Post Office at 63 Main Street in Buxton. Kids run at 9:00 AM and the 5K Teen and Adult Run is at 9:30 AM, cost is \$15/students and \$30/adults. There is no charge for children age 0-10 or adults over age 65.*

*Public Comments and Questions*

*Paul Penna, Superintendent of SAD 6 and Bill Brockman, Business Manager presented the 2018/2019 school budget.*

*The Board of Selectmen invited Superintendent Paul Penna to the podium to present the school budget. Mr. Penna thanked the Board, gave an overview of the challenges facing the district, and talked about the projected impact on the school budget of less revenue expected to come in from the State. The Superintendent and Bill Brockman, the Business Manager, then went through the proposed school budget in detail and explained the process for how it gets to the final vote in June.*

*The proposed school budget for 2018/19 is \$49,581,850.00. Buxton's share of that will be 28.3% or \$7,375,063.00. On a property in Buxton valued at \$200,000, it will amount to an average tax increase of about \$69.*

*After the Superintendent and Mr. Brockman finished the presentation, the Board thanked Mr. Brockman and asked if there were questions from the public.*

*The vote will be Thursday, May 31 at 7pm at Bonny Eagle Middle School. The document is available on the SAD6 website.*

*Having no questions from the public, the discussion ended around 8:29 PM. The Selectmen thanked the school officials and continued on with the Selectmen's meeting.*

*Executive Session*

*None*

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Adjournment

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 8:30 PM*  
*Approved 3-0-2*

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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 Kyle Durkin*