

*Town of Buxton
Minutes for May 9, 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 in attendance: Representative Don Marean, Linda Fuller, William Fuller, William Jefferson and Ellen DeCotiis

*Selectman Santolucito read the following posted notice and opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 PM
The Buxton Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on the following Secret Ballot Article 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.*

Selectman Harmon read the Secret Ballot Articles on the proposed Charter amendments and the Marijuana Ordinance.

Ellen DeCotiis requested clarification on Article 3. Selectman Harmon said it is unnecessary because the legislature has worded LD1719 so that all municipalities who want to allow retail sales in their town, have to opt in. Due to required posting and printing timelines, we had to send the language to the printers. Since then the Governor vetoed the bill. This marijuana ordinance if passed will do nothing, the Town will just have a marijuana ordinance on the books.

Representative Don Marean gave an overview of LD1719 saying it is law as of May and added that the adult marijuana is overseen by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS), but the medical marijuana portion is overseen by Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS).

The following are the strict State guidelines for Adult Marijuana:

- 21 years of age*
- A Maine resident and have paid taxes for the past four years*
- No disqualifying drug offences within the last 10 years*
- Not employed by a State agency*
- Pass a back ground check*
- Must submit security, facility and cultivation plans to the State and Municipality*

The following are controlled by local municipalities:

- Municipalities will have full control of Adult Marijuana facilities within their town.*
- Municipalities may adopt their own standards for licensing*
- Set specific locations for marijuana facilities*
- Limit the number of facilities in their town*
- Or enact a ban or moratorium on marijuana facilities*

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- *Municipalities may write ordinance to regulated home cultivation but may not ban the practice*

Changes to personal use of home cultivated marijuana:

- *21 years of age*
- *Allowed to have 2 1/2 oz. of marijuana or marijuana product.*
- *Allowed plants are reduced from 6 to 3 plants per patient and the current grower has six months to comply.*
- *Allocated money for child prevention and education*
- *Allocated money for law enforcement training*
- *Prohibited internet sales and drive through windows*

For further information reference LD 1719 on the Legislatures page of the State website.

Selectman Santolucito thanked Representative Marean for the update. Having no other comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:33PM and the Selectman's meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM.

Approved 4-0-1

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selectmen recited the pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2018

Approved 4-0-1

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

A resident was concerned with this past winter's snow plowing issue on his street. This will be passed on to the Public Works Director in the morning.

Resident Bethany Miller spoke with the Board on fund raising for the Tri-For-The-Cure at the end of July

Chief schools updated Selectman Harmon and Selectman Blier on a personnel issue. They did not go into executive session.

The Board toured the police station. It looks fantastic!

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Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Robert Hunt – Re: Weekly Legislative Report*
- *Email from Garrett Corbin – Re: Legislative update, marijuana Law Enactment*
- *Email from Drummond Woodsum – Re: Fields of Green, preparing town for Cannabis*
- *Email from EMA Directors Meeting, May 9 at 1:00PM (attended by Chief Schools)*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Harmon had a conversation with a resident concerning signs being placed on the lawn of the Korean War Monument in Groveville. The resident stated "It's disrespectful". Currently there are no ordinances that prohibit this activity. Selectman Harmon will look into this closer.

Selectman Harmon and Chet Ouellette have been dealing with a couple issues at the Berry Library and she also reviewed the Sales Analysis with Selectman Santolucito. It will be revised and sent the off the state.

Selectman Blier attended the Public Works laborer position interviews on Thursday night and has been working with Chet Ouellette and Patriot Mechanical Services on the furnace.

Selectman Blier also worked with Kandice Talbot on an aerial map of the town hall complex to submit to DEP for approval. He also worked on a letter for the land swap in Bar Mills and spoke with Lance Lemieux from MMA to reevaluate this property.

Selectman Poitras had nothing to report other than he had talked with a few residents.

Selectman Santolucito talked with Tom Kennie, Public Works Director about paving town roads. Berry and Cornfield Roads have just been paved and they look great. People sometimes ask what we're doing to invest in the town. Selectman Santolucito said we invest in the core of our town, our Police Department, our Fire Department, which is now at an ISO five rating. We also invest in our Recreation Department and Transfer Station and it works well for the town.

Selectman Santolucito submitted the Homestead Exemption form, adding the town will receive a reimbursement check from the State in August. The annual audit to reconcile the fishing and hunting licenses are reported to be at 100%, great job to the front office.

We received a phone call from a resident on Atkinson Road who wanted to thank and express his gratitude to Tom Kennie, Mike Pulsoni and the Public Works Crew. He was hoping they could help, but never expected the prompt attention he received. Thank you for a great job!

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On June 2nd Saco River Dentistry is having a grand opening from 11am to 5pm. Governor Paul LePage will be the guest speaker at 1pm.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Orders

*E.O. 171805007 – An order to approve the revised Buxton EMA Emergency Operations Plan with Disaster Event SOG effective May 9, 2018
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 171805008 – An order to approve 16 hours of vacation leave for John Myers
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 171805009 – An order to approve the hire of Thomas J. Torno as a full time Laborer/Equipment Operator effective May 7, 2018 at a rate of \$18.00/ hour.
Approved 4-0-1*

Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

*E.O. 171805005 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #98
Approved 4-0-1*

The amount was \$50,030.95

*E.O. 171805006 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrants
#95 in the amount of \$957.13
#96 in the amount of \$55,283.36
#97 in the amount of \$152.45
Approved 4-0-1*

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Next Meeting of the Board

York County Budget Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30PM

MSAD 6 Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, May 10 at 6:00PM

Planning Board Meeting Monday, May 14 at 7:00PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00PM

Other Business

None

Public Comments and Questions

Ellen DeCotiis questioned the process for the operating budgets and the Capital items. Selectman Harmon explained that the Board meets with the auditor annually and he guides them as to what targets to meet. He informed the Board that our undesignated surplus is healthy and where it should be. We are very fortunate that our undesignated is very healthy. Typically there should be enough money to be able to pay bills for 90 days. Selectman Harmon and Selectman Poitras continued to explain the departmental budget process to Ms. DeCotiis.

Don Marean explained the education funding for the SAD6 budget. He feels it is important and the community needs to know, Mr. Penna and Mr. Brockman are saying in their presentation that the district lost a million dollars.

- Decrease in enrollment which the state pays money for the number of students we have. Making the state pays the district a percentage determined by the number of students.*
 - A decrease in debt service, (which is a good thing, because we don't owe as much).*
 - Town valuations of all towns except Frye Island have increased.*
 - Reduction in administration allocation. The State took \$800,000.00 away from SAD6 and gave it directly to Portland and Westbrook Vocational Schools.*
- They actually only lost \$200,000 dollars from the State.*

The state paid 100% of the Essential Programs and Serviced (EPS), the state is not the cause of all the problems. Don Marean continued to answer questions from the Board and the public.

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Executive Session

None

Adjournment

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

Approved 4-0-1

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