

*Town of Buxton  
Minutes for October 17, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting*

*Recorded by Krystal Dyer*

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

*Others in attendance: Nathan Carlow, Art Payeur and Ellen DeCottiis, SAD6 Buxton School Board members and Cheryl Huntley.*

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

*The Selectmen recited the pledge.*

*Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes*

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2018  
Approved 5-0*

*Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 PM*

*Police Chief Troy Cline came in to review Dispatch and Police Department applicants with the Board.*

*The Board read through the carryforwards, Selectman Harmon will type up and pass on to the Treasurer.*

*Emery O'Ranch, is a tax acquired 78-acre parcel located on Chicopee Road. Selectman Blier will contact Pine Tree Waste for a quote to demo the dilapidated dwelling and report his findings next week.*

*The Board also discussed the number of political signs posted around town*

*Review of Correspondence*

- *Email from Don Marean, Re: Weekly update included information regarding Citizens Guide to Referendum questions*
- *Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission, Re: Monthly Newsletter*

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*Review of Projects and Issues*

*Selectman Santolucito has been working on the Municipal Evaluation Return that is due November 1<sup>st</sup>. He finally contacted Spectrum and will have a lengthy discussion with them.*

*Selectman Santolucito attended the Fire, Rescue and Fire Police Awards Banquet held at Flanagan Farm last night, adding how nice it was to recognize the officers.*

*Selectman Harmon said it was nice to attend the awards banquet of the Fire, Rescue and Fire Police personnel. It's nice to recognize the dedicated group of people who have been with the department for many years and we appreciate being involved.*

*Selectman Harmon has been in everyday working on little projects, assisted John Myers with personal property questions and added the front office has been very busy with absentee ballots.*

*Selectman Poitras continues to work with the Code Officer Peter Gordon, they look after the health and welfare of residents in town. He also attended a Halloween event that Carl Churchill and Mac McLaughlin host on Carl Road. They had guided tours through the woods with cider at the end. It will continue this Friday, Saturday and Sunday night from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. It was a good fun evening.*

*Selectman Blier attended the site walk at Emery O'Ranch, he will be looking into the cost for clean-up. He spent some time with Kandice Talbot regarding the open space in back of the town hall. Selectman Blier is currently comparing the estimates for the fire station heat pumps, once he receives a final number, the Board will be moving forward for voter approval.*

*Selectman Emery collected the paper work for the new Public Works Director, which will be announced next Wednesday.*

*Selectman Emery also attended the awards banquet, adding it was truly an honor to stand in front of that group of individuals. It was a really good time. He thanked Gail Landry for the use of her beautiful building and Eric & Barbara Low of Low's Store for the beautiful 3-season coats for all the Fire/Rescue personnel. The Board is thankful for the outstanding contributions and Community support from both.*

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*Old Business*

*The Carry Forwards will be finalized and voted on next week.*

*New Business*

*None*

*Executive Orders*

*E.O.181910012 – An order to approve Nicole Welch to attend the Northern New England Recreation & Parks Conference*  
*Approved 5-0*

*E.O.181910013 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map 1 Lot 138A]*  
*Approved 5-0*

*Executive Orders by Initiative*

*None*

*Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants*

*E.O. 181910010 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #35*  
*Approved 5-0*

*The amount was \$741,225.93*

*E.O. 181910011 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #34*  
*Approved 5-0*

*The amount was \$60,138.57*

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*Next Meeting of the Board*

*The next Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 PM*

*Planning Board meeting Monday, October 22 at 7:00PM*

*Other Business*

*There will be a Special Town meeting once a final amount on the heat pumps is received.*

*Public Comments and Questions*

*Ellen DeCotiis, SAD6 School Board member said the teaching staff has been attending the School Board meetings and reporting on the progress of the programs and how the School budget money is being used. She stated that there are 691 students identified as requiring special education out of 3,600 in the district. There are also 200 additional students in need of access to the Gifted and Talented Program, English Language Learners and the Section 504 Program. The Buxton Elementary school introduced the Compass Program, which is designed for children with significant behavioral, social, emotional, life skill needs and Autism.*

*New on the horizon is where SAD#6 and the Morrison Center are collaborating on starting a three to five year old program, because the State Child Development Services will be moving the responsibility to each public school district. Ms. DeCotiis will be visiting the programs and reporting back.*

*Nathan Carlow SAD6 School Board Member shared measures that are being implemented into the district's various ongoing initiative and services, for instance departmental needs, school security and proficiency based education. Most recent accomplishments for 2018/2019 are the Science Lab update and renovations. The high school had reduced the tardiness and non-attendance rate by fifty percent, security cameras, installed new one-sided windows and law enforcement grade radio equipment. Goals to improve are: communication between the school and the community, improve school culture and climate, improve student support systems, improve formative instruction and expand teacher leadership.*

*Art Payeur SAD6 School Board member is on the financial, Wellness and Policy Committees asked the Board to check out the SAD#6 website, all the financial information is located on a dashboard.*

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*Mr. Payeur welcomes the community to attend the Budget Advisory Committee meetings and are asking for input. The following items will increase the school budget next year; three to five year old program (not fully funded), Special Education program (people are moving in the district due to the program), free and reduced lunch program, Science Labs. They will create a 20-year plan, grants and switching from diesel to propane busses and increase the Step Program, which is a pathway to college.*

*Executive Session*

*None*

*Adjournment-*

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:44 PM*  
*Approved 5-0*

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*Clifford L. Emery, Selectman*

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*Jean C. Harmon, Selectman*

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*Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman*

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*Mark J. Blier, Selectman*

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*Chad E. Poitras, Selectman*

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