

Town of Buxton
Minutes for February 3, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting

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*Members Present: Clifford L. Emery, Jean C. Harmon, Dennis P. Santolucito, Chad Poitras
Peter E. W. Burns was absent.*

*Others Present: David Harmon, Julie Gamelson, Ellen DeCotiis, Patrick Hanna, Brad Garand,
Melinda Garand, Scott Warchol*

Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes January 27, 2016
Approved 4-0-1*

4. Discussion held between 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

The Board had the Recreation Director in to talk about a Community Day celebration. Selectman Emery said the Board decided not to do anything this spring. They are considering moving away from having it in the spring when there are so many other events going on, and moving toward having the event nearer to the end of August or just before school starts.

Selectman Poitras said the Board is looking for suggestions and for people who are willing to assist with this.

Selectman Emery mentioned some other options such as a bicycle ride instead of a road race that might allow more family members to participate.

The Board also went over some issues on several different budgets, had some people in to talk about an issue in the motor vehicle department, discussed a poverty abatement application they had been given, and agreed that they need to decide on the dedication and covers for the Town Report.

5. Review of Correspondence

- *Legislative Bulletin, Vol. No. 3, from Maine Municipal Association*
- *Email from 12 Town Group – Re: Meeting Monday, February 8, at 6:30 PM*

Selectman Emery talked about the meeting and said the 12 Town Group meeting is going to be about bringing together a plan on how to best move forward in acquiring high speed broadband for communities here in southern Maine. He also mentioned some other topics of discussion for that meeting.

- *Invitation from Dana W. Ryder, Committee Chairman, Boy Scout Pack 349 – Re: Annual Blue & Gold Ceremony, Saturday, February 13, at the Bonny Eagle High School Cafeteria at 5:00 PM*
- *Emails from 2 Residents – Re: Proposed Ecology School at 184 Simpson Road*

Selectman Emery said a couple of our Selectmen went to the City Council meeting in Saco last week and they will talk more about this later on in the meeting..

- *Email from Kayla White, Maine D.O.T. – Re: Buxton-Hollis Bridge Progress Meeting Minutes 1/26/2016*

6. Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Poitras said he has been in almost every day since the last meeting. On Monday night Selectman Poitras, Cliff Emery, Jean Harmon, and Julie Gamelson went to the Saco City Council Meeting in regards to the proposed Ecology School on Simpson Road. He said the meeting was very structured. The council approved the zoning change but it still has to go through the Planning Board. He said his understanding is that in Saco the Planning Board is under the City Council so it appears to be on a fast track for approval.

Selectman Santolucito reported on the SAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee meeting noting that it is too early to tell yet what the budget increase coming out of that will be. He said the Frye Island issue is going to impact the budget not this year but next; so the Board is going to do its due diligence on that and Selectman Santolucito is going to reach out to Representative Don Marean. Selectman Santolucito said Frye Island wants to remove itself from the school district which will have a significant impact for Buxton. He said there is no SAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee meeting this week; the next meeting will be on the 11th.

Selectman Harmon talked about the Saco City Council meeting last week and said even though it was a Public Hearing, the only comments they were taking were on amendments to the contract zone. There were several residents, who are opposed to the school, who got up to speak and Selectman Harmon said the Mayor quickly referred to the amendments again. She said the meeting was different than what our Board is used to seeing; there were a lot of people there and a lot who were opposed to it, especially the representative from the Saco Valley Land Trust who got up and spoke saying that they are still opposed to it.

Selectman reported that she has been reviewing budgets and is still working on the last piece of her budget items. She has also been reviewing the applications for Police Chief.

Selectman Emery reported that he has been coming in almost every day, answering questions, and reviewing applications for the Police Chief position. The Selectmen will be meeting with the Maine Chiefs of Police next Tuesday evening to go over the applications and he said at that time they will choose which applicants they want to interview, go over some other issues with them, and schedule the interviews to start moving this process along.

Selectman Emery also went to the Saco City Council meeting and said all they would let people talk about for the most part was the size, height, and square footage of the building.

Selectman Emery has also been looking at budgets from the Department Heads and said the Board will start meeting with them shortly to go through their budgets one by one.

Selectman Harmon reported that Selectman Emery spoke with the Mayor of Saco who apologized for not informing us about what was going on with the Ecology School.

7. Old Business

None

8. **New Business**

None

9. **Executive Orders**

*E.O. 151602003 – An order to approve 28 hours of time off without pay for Krystal Dyer
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 151602004 – An order to approve 24 hours of time off without pay for Carol Rico
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 151602005 – An order to approve Tashia Pinkham’s attendance at the Maine
Recreation & Parks Association Annual Conference & Trade Show
Approved 4-0-1*

*E.O. 151602006 – An order to approve an Application for a Veteran Exemption for [Map
10, Lot 110-1]
Approved 4-0-1*

10. **Executive Orders by Initiative**

*E.O. 151602007 – An order to approve a Poverty Abatement for Case No. 16-002
Approved 4-0-1*

11. **Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants**

*E.O. 151602001 – An order approving expenditures as documented in the Accounts
Payable Warrant #67
Approved 4-0-1
The total was \$102,041.35*

*E.O. 151602002 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant
#66
Approved 5-0
The total was \$46,356.03*

12. Next Meeting of the Board

12 Town Group Meeting Monday, February 8, Waterboro Town Hall, at 6:30 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Tuesday, February 9, at 6:00 PM with Chiefs from Bath & Kennebunk to review resumes for the Police Chief position

Buxton Budget Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 PM

Planning Board Meeting Monday, February 8 at 7:00 PM

13. Other Business

The York County Republican Party Caucus will be held Saturday, March 5, at the Biddeford Middle School. Doors will open at noon.

The Democratic Party Caucus will be held Sunday, March 6, at 1:00 PM, at the Buxton Town Hall.

The Board received a notice from John Myers that the local Republican Party has asked for permission to use the Town Seal on their advertising. They have been using it and just found out from the State that they need to have permission from the municipality.

The Board agreed they should not allow it because it is Town property. Selectman Harmon will get back to John on that request.

14. Public Comments and Questions

Patrick Hanna went to the podium and introduced himself. He said he went to the Town website and it looks good but there may be an issue with getting the email updated. He subscribed but has not received any notices.

Selectman Harmon responded to Mr. Hanna's concern saying that Bev Gammon will look into why he is not getting the emails.

Scott Warchol went to the podium and introduced himself. He also signed up for emails but has not received any. He made some positive comments about the website but said he has not had time to go through all the information yet to see how it compares with the old site. Mr. Warchol asked if there could be separate emails for each of the Selectmen.

Selectman Harmon said some of the Selectmen have them and we can check into putting them on the website as well.

Mr. Warchol is serving on the SAD #6 Budget Advisory Committee. He said so far it seems like a very open dialogue; he has asked questions, and they have been reviewing information. He said there is still a seat open for someone from Buxton to sit on if anyone is interested. Mr. Warchol said this is a \$46,000,000 budget and it is a good time to have an opinion.

Selectman Emery asked Mr. Warchol how his first meeting on the Buxton Budget Committee went.

Mr. Warchol said it went well and he is looking forward to learning more about the town.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:31 PM
Approved 4-0-1*