

Buckland Finance Committee Minutes
January 18, 2016

Meeting called to order at Buckland Public Library at 7:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Ben Murray, Karen Blom, Cynthia Caporaso, Bill Knittle, Paula Consolo (arrived 7:13), Michael Turley (arrived 7:15).

Others present: selectman Rob Riggan, town manager Andrea Llamas

Ben moved that the minutes from Dec. 21, 2015 be approved. Bill seconded. Unanimously approved.

Karen moved to accept the January 14, 2016 minutes. Bill seconded. Unanimously approved.

Signed previously approved November 16, 2015 minutes.

Discussed school budget. Paula will ask the school business manager in writing what are the fixed costs and which of the cuts are from last year's budget.

Members assigned to cover town departments:

- Karen — libraries, senior center, recreation
- Paula — highway
- Ben — police
- Michael — special accounts
- Bill — wastewater
- Cynthia — FRCOG

Discussed the pros and cons of FRCOG.

All members are to find out all they can about the budget for the department to which they are assigned (above) and report back to the full committee at a February or March meeting.

Reviewed the Revenue/Expense analysis sheet, which is still very preliminary.

Town Garage. Discussed the needs of the town garage. Noted that as soon as we spend \$100,000 the code requirements will change. Closing is set for February 29, 2016. Wonder if longevity of town vehicles will be positively affected by having them housed indoors.

No COLA yet. No Franklin Tech School budget. No Mohawk budget.

Will invite the Shelburne Finance Committee to come at 6:30 to our Feb. 15 meeting.

[Rob leaves at 8:42 pm]

Andrea reports that she and others are writing the financial policies for the town.

Next meeting is Feb. 15, followed by meetings on March 19 (town hall) and March 21 (Buckland library).

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Paula Consolo