

Buckland Finance Committee Minutes
March 20, 2017

Meeting called to order at Buckland Public Library, 7:15 p.m.

Committee members present: Karen Blom, Michael Turley, Ben Murray, Cynthia Caporaso, Bill Knittle, Paula Consolo

Unfortunately, Cynthia's term is up and she has decided not to run again. We will miss her calm and well-reasoned contributions to the committee. We are seeking another member.

Read and discussed minutes from meeting on March 13. Discussed use of Google Docs and whether we should share them with each other and make public as a view-only document. No one is sure of how the open meeting laws apply to this.

Buckland Recreation budget was discussed in the context of the minutes. The Johansmeyers, who had run the summer camp at Buckland Rec for more than 20 years, have announced that they are retiring and won't run the camp this summer. At this point, the Buckland Recreation Committee is planning to hire a director for the camp and the town's Rec Manager may supervise the camp director. Because of this, the rec manager's salary is not being lowered as much as we would have expected given the closing of the pool.

Paula questioned whether the town should take on this new role in managing the camp director and paying directly for that management. In the past, we don't think the town supervised the Johansmeyers, although the camp bills were paid with revolving funds. Finance Committee feels that we need to discuss this with the selectboard. Ben would like a breakdown of the Rec manager salary to show which portion is for the Rec management and which for Cricket Field and which for the camp supervision.

Karen motions to accept the minutes from March 13. Bill seconds. Approved. 5 yes, Paula abstains because she was not at that meeting.

Karen is working on the memo to the town; it is a Google Doc. We decided that we can each work on the document but we cannot make comments so that we are not "meeting." Any discussion will have to be at our next meeting. Questions can be asked of a single committee member if need be.

Memo Discussion

Town Hall: line was adjusted to explain an increase within the category that is larger than the overall increase. This is a flaw of showing townspeople only the condensed budget.

Buckland Rec: we need to ask the selectboard how much the town will be involved in the management of the camp. We want to see a \$2,000 decrease in the Buckland Rec line: \$1,000 from the manager and \$1,000 from expenses.

Questions for Andrea:

- How much does the camp pay for rent?
- Retirement: why an \$8,000 increase?
- Article Nine is missing.
- Enterprise Fund (Wastewater treatment): Numbers don't match the full budget (see line 74). There are no formulas in the previous-year budget handout, which may be the problem.
- Technology Update: need explanation of "other."
- Senior Center Capital Fund: need to know selectboard's position on this.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next meeting is Monday, April 17, at 7 pm, at Buckland Public Library.
Karen will post the meeting before she leaves on vacation.

Respectfully submitted by Paula Consolo