

BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Buckland Town Hall
September 26, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

Kevin P. Fox

Zachary J. Turner

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Kevin Fox, Zachary Turner, Dena Willmore, Diane Broncaccio (*The Greenfield Recorder*), Steve Daby, Walter Earle, David Grader, Ricky Halloran (*Shelburne Falls and West County Independent News*), Tom Heinig, Chief Jim Hicks, Lynne Kelsey, Bill Lattrell (Lattrell Ecological Consulting, LLC), Dana McNay (Falls Cable), Helen O’Gorman, Laura Rodley, Janet Sinclair, Mark Stinson (Mass DEP)

Dena Willmore opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m..

1. Appointments

5:30 p.m., Sewer Commissioners Meeting – Dena Willmore opened the Sewer Commissioners Meeting at 5:30 p.m.. Zack Turner moved to authorize Dena Willmore to sign the contract with David Prickett Consulting for \$39,021, for the first task; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. At 5:31 p.m., Kevin Fox moved to close the Sewer Commissioners Meeting; Zack Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

5:35 p.m., David Grader – Drainage, East Buckland Road – David Grader indicated in the past, a former highway supervisor had broken through a stone wall on his property and pitched drainage into his property. The water is dumping on a potential building site. Mr. Grader indicated Steve Daby said they were abandoning the culvert. Mr. Grader asked if he could fill it in, which he did, saying later the crew cleaned the culvert to get it functional again. Mr. Grader asked for a solution. Steve Daby indicated that East Buckland Road would be a highway project in about three-plus years. Mr. Grader indicated that if this was addressed then, he would be satisfied.

Chief Hicks entered the meeting at 5:36 p.m.. David Grader left the meeting at 5:56 p.m.. Walter Earle, Tom Heinig, Alex Meade, Bill Lattrell, Janet Sinclair, and Mark Stinson entered the meeting at 5:56 p.m..

3. Documents to Sign

a. **Prioritization Agreement with FRCOG** – Kevin Fox moved to sign the Prioritization List for the FRCOG; Zack Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

b. **Parade Permit – Mohawk School Booster Day Parade** – Zack Turner moved to sign the Parade Permit for Booster Day; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

c. **Time Off Request** – Zack Turner moved to sign the vacation request; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

6:00 p.m., Buckland Conservation Commission – Enforcement Order – Crittenden Hill Road and Cemetery Road – Dena Willmore indicated the Conservation Commission was asked to discuss the Enforcement Order; she read a statement (attached). Bill Lattrell (Lattrell Ecological Consulting) expressed concern about work that was completed by the Highway Department. Mark Stinson responded to regulatory questions. Dena Willmore indicated a need to communicate with each other for the best interest for the Town and the citizens. Janet Sinclair indicated it is the Conservation Commission’s charge to investigate wetlands violations and to enforce the Wetlands

Act. Zack Turner suggested the Conservation Commission identify areas on Town roads, mark such areas on a map for potential wetlands concerns. Mark Stinson indicated he would send a sample of a bundled Notice of Intent used in another town. Discussion about remedy for Cemetery Road. Bill Lattrell volunteered to meet with Steve Daby next week to look at the work done on Crittenden Hill Road and Cemetery Road. Dena Willmore indicated the goal is to work for the betterment of the town environment and citizens.

Helen O’Gorman indicated she felt the homeowner should be asked about the ramifications. Laura Rodley spoke about the remediation of dirt that has been dug back; both submitted pictures to the Board.

Diane Broncaccio, Walter Earle, Tom Heinig, Alex Meade, Bill Lattrell, Helen O’Gorman, Laura Rodley, Janet Sinclair, and Mark Stinson left the meeting at 7:15 p.m..

5. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting – Signs Request** - Chief Hicks spoke about parking issues on William Street; ‘no parking’ signs will be installed up to the Moffatt address to alleviate the congestion on a blind corner. Lynne Kelsey spoke in support of this solution. A resident on School Street would like a sign installed – not a through way. Kevin Fox moved to install the signs as requested; Zach Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Bank Note Renewal – Zach Turner moved we approve the Bank Note Renewal for the Highway Truck; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Chief Jim Hicks left the meeting at 7:24 p.m..

4. **Town Administrator Updates** – Highway Department Work Log – Board reviewed the form; to be submitted every two weeks; will review in a year. Community Compact – Attended meeting. Capital Planning – can be a Best Practice; we can ask DOR for help with this; set up the spread sheets. Kevin Fox noted the hard part is paying for this; adding Financial Forecast is critical. Andrea Llamas is pursuing a grant to bring in someone to help make the Town website more robust. Kevin Fox suggested getting input from people who work here. UMASS Assistance – there is an offer to have a consultant through UMASS help us with energy efficient measures. Comcast – They are not the hold-up; Verizon is; call your legislators.

6. **Public Comment** – Lynne Kelsey appreciated the new signage for William Street

7. **Volunteer Recognition** - The Recreation Committee; Bill Lattrell for volunteering his time.

At 7:52 p.m., Kevin Fox moved to adjourn the meeting; Zack Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m..