

**BUCKLAND SELECT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Buckland Town Hall  
December 12, 2017, 5:30 p.m.**

Kevin P. Fox

Zachary J. Turner

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Kevin Fox, Zachary Turner, Dena Willmore, Mark Amstein, Brandon Boucias, Diane Broncaccio (*The Greenfield Recorder*), Dan Fleuriel, Ricky Halloran (*Shelburne Falls and West County Independent News*), Lynne Kelsey, Peter LaPointe, Kristy Moore, James Sullivan (*Falls Cable*)

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

**2. Agenda Items**

a. **Review and Acceptance/Rejection of Bid for Highway Garage – Architect/Engineer** – Bid is \$83,050 for all three phases of project. Does not include fee for clerk of the works as the Building Committee prefers to bid that out to independent firm. There is some “softness” in the fee as the amount of environmental testing at this point is not clear. Also, the number of in-person meetings during construction is set at 12 – if it is necessary to have more then the fee is \$550 per meeting. Kevin Fox moved we accept the fee proposal from Roy S. Brown Architects contingent upon Town Meeting approval to move \$83,050 from the General Stabilization account to the Highway Garage Expense Account. Zack Turner seconded. **Voted** unanimously in favor.

Peter LaPointe entered the meeting at 5:46 p.m.. Kristy Moore entered the meeting at 5:55 p.m..  
Brandon Boucias entered the meeting at 5:57 p.m..

b. **Board of Selectmen/Select Board – Board Title** – Dena Willmore indicated her wish to formally change the name of the Board to Select Board. Dena Willmore moved this Board will be called the Select Board; Zack Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

c. **Policy Regarding Internet Wiring of Private Roads** – Andrea Llamas indicated a private road is essentially a driveway. Dena Willmore indicated a letter from Comcast included private roads. Andrea Llamas indicated everyone would get 200’.

Dan Fleuriel entered the meeting at 6:02 p.m..

**1. Appointments**

**6:00 p.m., Recreation Committee Re: Pool Update** – Peter LaPointe indicated he is doing a study for the pool; two different scenarios – one is to replace where it has always been; another is to move the pool away from that area and build a new pool house. The existing pool house has been a good base for the summer camp program; it has acted as a closed structure; existing pool house would have to be renovated and add on a small addition. A site survey identified the river set back and within the setback on the river front; looking at a reconstructed road, enhanced parking, and enhanced amenities for the pool. Mr. LaPointe indicated Elizabeth Morgan did a design for a new pool structure. Renovation *vs.* new is about \$70,000 difference. Amenities would be approximately another \$750,000, and \$50,000 for the design of a new septic system as the existing one is about sixty-five years old. Fees would be about 10% of construction costs; another 5% for chairs for the deck, refrigeration, necessary pieces of equipment. Approximate cost for a new pool is \$1.73million. The Recreation Committee is preparing to present this information and seek public input at a community meeting on January 22, 2018. Mr. LaPointe indicated new construction makes sense for

a long-term investment. Kevin Fox suggested looking at a four-season facility. Zack Turner felt the project was a good one saying, "We really want that pool to come back."

Mark Amstein, Brandon Boucias, Dan Fleuriel, Peter LaPointe, and Kristy Moore left the meeting at 6:33 p.m..

d. **Establishment of Cemetery Commission – Oversee Care and Maintenance of Old**

**Cemetery #1** – Dena Willmore indicated the cemetery is next to the public green in front of Mary Lyon Church. The Town pays for mowing. Have begun repair of stones in the cemetery. Dena Willmore felt the Town should take ownership of this with a more organized group. Many stones are down and need to be repaired; public/private sources of funding are available. Andrea Llamas indicate we need to look at committee *vs.* commission; may need to vote on at Town Meeting. Kevin Fox agreed; may need to be on Annual Town Meeting Warrant to establish a commission.

e. **CDBG – Green Street Engineering** – Andrea Llamas said Green Street is our current project. Engineering is done; proposals due Thursday. Need to establish a committee to review and qualify them. Would like to bid in late January/early February for good pricing. We have some funding from the North Street project that can be repurposed - \$33,400.00. Zack Turner volunteered to be part of the review committee.

f. **December 21, 2017 Special Town Meeting – Articles Vote** – Kevin Fox moved we recommend approval of all three articles; Zack Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

g. **Fiscal Year 2018 Select Board Budget** – Andrea Llamas gave the Board a first draft of the budget. Most is level funded. Recommended dropping Veterans line item to \$40,000. Send questions and comments to Andrea Llamas by Monday.

3. **Documents to Sign**

a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2017, November 27, 2017** – Zack Turner moved to approve the Meeting Minutes; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

b. **Third Party Inspection – Transfer Station** – Kevin Fox moved we sign the Inspection Report; Zack Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

c. **2018 Licenses** – Kevin Fox moved we approve the licenses for 2018; Zack Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

5. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – Andrea Llamas reported on the grant for the compactor at the Transfer Station; we received funds from recycling dividends that can be put toward the project; could use Stabilization for \$24,000; project to be done in the spring. Wait until Annual Town Meeting if we need to use Stabilization. Kevin Fox moved we accept \$7,500 for the compactor grant; Zack Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

5. **Public Comment** – Lynne Kelsey cited various project such as the Senior Center and the Pool which seem like a want; the Highway Facility is a need. How will these projects impact our taxes in the future. Kevin Fox indicated his appreciation of volunteers, especially for their ideas.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Recreation Committee.

At 7:13 p.m., Kevin Fox moved to adjourn the meeting; Zack Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m..