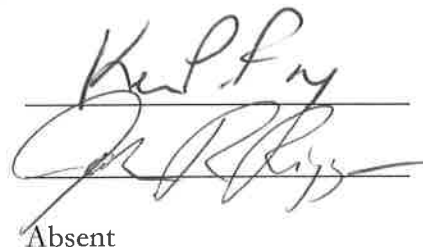


**BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Buckland Town Hall
April 11, 2017, 5:30 p.m.**

Kevin P. Fox

John R. Riggan

Dena G. Willmore



Absent

Attendees: Kevin Fox, Rob Riggan, Sam Bartlett (Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum), Andrea Llamas, James Sullivan (Falls Cable)

Rob Riggan opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m..

1. **Appointments**

5:30 p.m., Sam Bartlett – Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum – Sam Bartlett expressed his concern about being unable to permanently barricade what he considers Depot Street so that they might take it out of service from time to time to do maintenance on the tracks. They need to rebuild the car barn. Andrea Llamas indicated the Town would need notice as would FRTA; she expressed the concept of notice provision; two weeks' notice was suggested. Sam Bartlett indicated they could put up signs in advance and barricades. Andrea Llamas will forward revised language to Town Counsel for further review. Sam Bartlett will provide square footage for final language.

Sam Bartlett left the meeting at 5:44 p.m..

2. **Documents to Sign**

a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2017** – Kevin Fox moved to we approve the March 16, 2017 minutes; Rob Riggan seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

3. **Agenda Items**

a. **Fiscal Year 2018 Town Budget/Warrant** - Discussion about Warrant – Article 24 – Accept MGL Chapter 59, subsection 5, clause 54 – Assessors already doing this for small personal property accounts. Article 25 – For third Constable. Heath School Article – Kevin Fox indicated voters need the same information Heath voters have. Discussion about overlay excess; hopefully to be resolved by next year. Kevin Fox moved we approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant; Rob Riggan seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

b. **Fiscal Year 2017 End of Year Accounts – Special Town Meeting** – No action taken.

c. **Direct Local Technical Assistance Funding**- Table.

d. **Police Station - Rental** – Inquiry about use of downstairs in Police Department building. Kevin Fox suggested calling a local realtor regarding rent. Be specific about use of parking facilities. Heat and electricity should be included. Andrea Llamas will call a local realtor for professional opinion.

e. **Recreation Area/Camp Staffing**- Committee recommends \$20.00 and \$17.50 per hour for Camp Director and Assistant Director.

f. **Regional Dispatch Study – Request for Letter of Support** – Kevin Fox moved to sign the letter of support; Rob Riggan seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

g. **Appoint Large Animal Inspector** – Kevin Fox moved to appoint Martha Taft-Ferguson as Large Animal Inspector; Rob Riggan seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

4. **Town Administrator Updates** – Discussion of engineering for TIP grant – culvert by ball field – scouring under the footings is significant; sections are missing; could create a sinkhole. Will ask for engineering estimate, scope of work; it has to be a natural bottom as it is a fish way.
5. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – Andrea Llamas reviewing FEMA document; will forward to State and Federal representatives about the direness of the situation. Kevin Fox suggested contacting an attorney who specializes in FEMA situations.
6. **Public Comment** – None.
7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Sammy Purington for serving as Large Animal Inspector for so many years. Martha Taft-Ferguson for stepping forward.

At 6:24 p.m., Kevin Fox moved to adjourn the meeting; Rob Riggan seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m..