

**BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Buckland Town Hall
April 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**

Kevin P. Fox

John R. Riggan

Dena G. Willmore

Absent



Attendees: Rob Riggan, Dena Willmore, Diane Broncaccio (*The Recorder*), Andy Hufnagel (Verizon), Mary-Lee McKenna (Verizon), Andrea Llamas, James Sullivan (Falls Cable)

Rob Riggan opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m..

Appointments

6:30 p.m., Verizon Pole Hearing – Job 1ALE8V, Clesson Brook Road – Rob Riggan opened the Pole Hearing at 6:30 p.m.. Andy Hufnagel, Verizon, said they received a pole request from Eversource; Verizon is the maintaining company. The request is to place six jointly owned poles along Clesson Brook Road. There was no public comment. Dena Willmore moved we approve the request for new poles in Job #1ALE8V; Rob Riggan seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Andy Hufnagel and Mary-Lee McKenna left at 6:34 p.m..

6:45 p.m., Buckland Police Chief James Hicks Re: Camera Policies – Postponed until next meeting.

2. Documents to Sign

- a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2016** – Dena Willmore moved we approve the March 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes; Rob Riggan seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- c. **Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Plan Letter of Support** – Andrea Llamas said this is to support FRCOG going forward for the next phase. Dena Willmore moved we sign the letter of support for the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Plan; Rob Riggan seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- b. **Annual Town Meeting Warrant** – Andrea Llamas said there are two articles of note: Cricket Field is Article 21 with approved language per our Attorney. There is a request for a farmer's brewer pouring license; this is a relatively new type of ABCC license. Dena Willmore moved to sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant; Rob Riggan seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

3. Agenda Items

- a. **Fiscal Year 2017 Budget** – Andrea Llamas gave the Board updated budget sheet pages. She said the Finance Committee needs the Board's review so they can do their memo. Rob Riggan said the Town of Shelburne sent a letter in support of the Partnership. Andrea Llamas said if we don't fund it, we dissolve ourselves of the Partnership. Rob Riggan said our economic future is high-speed internet. The Partnership is for a vital downtown. Dena Willmore said she is comfortable with the Finance Committee recommendations; Rob Riggan agreed. Dena Willmore expressed appreciation for Andrea Llamas's work on the budget sheets. Dena Willmore moved to accept the Finance Committee's recommended changes to the budget; Rob Riggan seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- b. **Parent Transportation Policy/Agreement (For Smith Vocational Transportation)** – Andrea Llamas gave an update; we have two students going as far as we know. She did some

research of mileage from student's home and back, four trips a day, as she wanted to see the difference in cost for parents transporting students *vs.* using the van service. Parental transportation is far less expensive. The Board will consider the information.

c. **Public Safety Committee – Franklin Street Light** – Rob Riggan said the street deadends and it is dark. Chief Hicks pointed out the current signage is poor; we'll put in new signs (Steve Daby may have to wait until Fiscal Year 2017 due to his budget).

d. **Cheryl Dukes Resignation** – Cheryl Dukes resigned from the Emergency Management Team. Andrea Llamas will write Cheryl a letter.

7:15 p.m., Sewer Commissioners Meeting Re: Billiel Request for Abatement, 11 Homestead Avenue – Rob Riggan opened the Sewer Commissioners Meeting at 7:17 p.m.. Andrea Llamas said this is a request for an abatement. Due to work constraints the contractor could not connect the home to the system yet; the homeowner was charged for a service they have not yet received. Dena Willmore moved we grant an abatement of the full bill to Beverly and Geoffrey Billiel; Rob Riggan seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Rob Riggan closed the Sewer Commissioners Meeting at 7:20 p.m..

4. **Town Administrator Updates** – Andrea Llamas said she is submitting the FEMA response tomorrow. Will send copies to the Board when it is submitted.

5. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – Andrea Llamas said due to a delay in the closing of the Mayhew site, we will need a Reserve Transfer to cover rent for March and some days in April 2016. The closing is tomorrow, April 13, 2016. Signing Extension for CDBG-R contract for Breezeway Consulting – no change in cost or funding.

6. **Public Comment** – None.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Dan Fleuriel for fixing exterior light, interior door. The Highway workers put together some shelving for Town Hall and moved boxes of documents. Andrea Llamas planted pansies and tulips in the flower boxes.

8. **Announcements** – Annual Election and Town Meeting coming up the first week in May.

At 7:26 p.m., Dena Willmore moved to adjourn the meeting; Rob Riggan seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m..