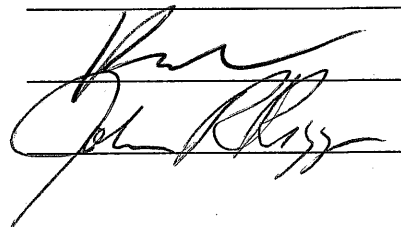


**BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 28, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Buckland Town Hall**

Cheryl L. Dukes

Kevin P. Fox

John R. Riggan



Attendees: Cheryl L. Dukes, Kevin Fox, Rob Riggan, Glenn Cardinal, Chief Jim Hicks, Bill Knittle, Andrea Llamas, Martha Thurber, Mary Vilbon, Don Wheeler (Falls Cable)

Kevin opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m..

**2. Documents to Sign**

a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes: March 24, 2015** – Rob moved to sign the Meeting Minutes; Kevin seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

b. **Chapter 90 Request – Chip Seal Projects** – Andrea said this is our routine request - \$84,200. Rob moved to approve the Chapter 90 Request for the Chip Seal Projects; Kevin seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

c. **Street Use Permit – Northampton Cycling Club** – Discussion about incidents that occurred during last year's bike race; will contact the Northampton Cycling Club's organizer to attend the May 12, 2015 meeting.

d. **Street Use Permit – The Pain in the Mass Tour/Tyler Foundation, August 23, 2015** – Rob moved to approve the Street Use Permit for The Pain in the Mass Tour on August 23, 2015; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

e. **Parade Permit – GSFABA Annual Frog & Flower Parade, June 6, 2015** – Rob moved to approve the Parade Permit for the Frog and Flower Parade on June 6, 2015; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

f. **Sidewalk Use Permit – GSFABA – River Fest, June 6, 2015** – Rob moved to sign the Sidewalk Use Permit for River Fest on June 6, 2015; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

g. **GSFABA Request to Use Town Hall – 20th Anniversary of the Partnership, June 11, 2015** – Rob moved to approve the use of Town Hall for the 20th Anniversary of the Partnership on June 11, 2015; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

h. **GSABA Request to Use Town Hall – River Fest Performance – June 6, 2015** – Mary Vilbon said she was not positive if they will use the space; this is a back-up plan. Rob moved to approve the use of Town Hall for a River Fest Performance on June 6, 2015; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

i. **Time Off Request** – Rob moved to sign the Time Off Request; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

**1. Appointments**

**6:45 p.m. – Mary Vilbon – Public Restroom Signs** – Mary said per an earlier conversation, we agreed to put a sign on the corner of the building to direct people to the restroom via the William Street entrance. Also one on the outside door on William Street entrance. Would like to set parameters for a six-month pilot program, May 1 – October 31, 2015. Kevin said we were talking about if the sign made the situation unmanageable. Mary said let us know if there are issues. Cheryl

said there is a point of consideration as there is no changing table. Rob felt a 10" x 7" sign would be good.

Martha Thurber entered the meeting at 7:00 p.m.. Mary Vilbon left the meeting at 7:03 p.m..

### 3. Agenda Items

a. 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant – Vote Motions – Kevin said our School Committee representatives are here. Articles 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 are Mohawk School District related articles. Martha said you have divided the Mohawk Operating Budget into two parts. Do you have a letter from the Town's attorney? Andrea said we have spoken to Judy Willis and will get the letter to her. Kevin said we received notification that the District wants to pass over the article to bring Rowe into the district. Remove the articles? Martha said there were issues from DESE; they have concerns and we don't want to revote it; postpone until DESE is happy with the language. Rob said doesn't it need legislative approval before the towns can vote? Andrea said the Selectmen can move to remove the article from the warrant. Kevin said if we vote on it, it would give us the pulse of the community. Cheryl said if we want to take a poll, there are different ways to take a poll and not do it on Town Meeting floor. Rob said phrase it as a non-binding question. Kevin said we can do this again next year. Rob said it is going to come up again next year. It should not be presented as a warrant item. Martha said we would be happy to move it.

Martha said we are going to move to amend Article 7 to combine the general operating budget. Kevin said we would have to pass over Article 8. Martha said we are willing to look at the two opinion letters from the attorneys. As of this moment, we are pressing ahead. Rob moved to support Article 7 as written; Cheryl seconded. Kevin said our share for the preschool comes to about \$45,575.00. Rob – no, Kevin – no, Cheryl – abstain. Rob moved to approve Article 8; Cheryl seconded. Kevin – no, Rob – no, Cheryl – abstain. Rob moved to approve Article 9; Cheryl seconded. Kevin – yes, Rob – yes, Cheryl – abstain. Rob moved to approve Article 10; Cheryl seconded. Kevin – no, Rob – yes, Cheryl – abstain. Rob moved we take no action on Article 11; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin moved we approve Article 12; Cheryl seconded. Kevin said this is contingent on the debt exclusion vote. Rob – yes, Kevin – no, Cheryl – abstain. Kevin said Article 13 – borrow \$90,500 for a bus subject to debt exclusion. Rob moved to approve the article; Cheryl seconded. Kevin – no, Rob - no, Cheryl - abstain. Kevin said Article 14 is for Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School capital repairs subject to the debt exclusion. Rob moved to approve Article 14; Cheryl seconded. Kevin – no, Rob – no, Cheryl – abstain. Kevin said Article 15 is for heating system repairs at Sanderson Academy. Rob moved to take no action on Article 14; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Glenn Cardinal and Martha Thurber left the meeting at 7:41 p.m..

b. Police Detail Policy – Rob said I met with Chief Hicks to discuss change in the detail policy. I accepted Chief Hicks's recommendations. Reports policy – one change. Jim and I are adding a change, under Section B, required reports – Jim is trying to set up a computer report for a monthly report – date, time, type of call. Jim is prepared to begin it the first of June. See it on a bi-monthly basis. Jim said we do our schedule every two months. Kevin said on the private detail, number 1, what about outside of town? Jim said it is from another town requesting. Kevin said number 5 – nine hours? Rob said it is existing policy. Kevin said number 8, is it practical – approved by the liaison instead of a full Board approval? Rob said that would be a special case. Kevin said authorize it will be delegated to the liaison. Don't want to handcuff Jim in any instance. Jim said line 2, line 3, covers us for the Town of Buckland. I am already in charge; has to be approved by me – your Strong Chief situation. Would like to put Shelburne back in there. Rob said I heard many complaints about our cruiser being in the south end of Shelburne Falls. Shelburne does not let their cruiser go to other towns for off duty details. Kevin said my concern is streamlining this so it will not have to be run by the whole Board. Rob said a correction – detail use as approved by the

liaison. Kevin said streamline this process; satisfies everyone. Rob said correction to any other detail use. Covers parades and extenuating circumstances. Kevin said bring it back in the edited form. Rob said Deerfield is billing out \$5.00 for the use of vehicles. If a private company wants to use our vehicles, they should pay the Town. Money coming back to the Town for the cost of an idling vehicle. A fee has not been implemented. Jim said I am against charging contractors. It is up to me for the officer's safety for using the vehicle. This has not been an issue in the past; why bring it up now? A private company does not request a cruiser. Rob will work on clarification.

Jim Hicks left the meeting at 8:25 p.m..

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a. **2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant – Vote Motions** – Kevin moved we approve Article 2 which includes Articles 3, 21, 22, 25, 26, and 27; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin moved we recommend approval of Article 4; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin moved we recommend approval of Article 5; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin moved we recommend approval of Article 6; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin moved we recommend approval of Article 16, Tech School operating budget; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin moved we recommend approval of Article 17 with regard to the Wastewater Treatment Facility; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin moved we approval Article 18 for the capital expense for the Wastewater Treatment Facility; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin moved we recommend Article 19 to amend the Sewer By-Laws; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin moved we recommend Article 20; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin moved we recommend Article 21 for the potential highway facility; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin moved we recommend the various capital projects in Article 23; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin recommended we approve Article 24; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin said Article 25 is a consent vote.

c. **FRCOG Fuel Bid Opening** – Andrea said they ask permission to respond for Steve's diesel fuel; go with FRCOG lowest bid. Andrea will take care of this.

4. **Town Administrator Updates** – Andrea said she went to an MBI update about underserved communities. They will release a bid to bid out for underserved communities. Comcast may be the only responder. Bring them to the state average – receiving draft proposal in May. They want to get back by the end of the summer. Hope to award in the fall and start building next year. Request from Shelburne Farm and Garden – they are asking for an increase in funding (\$200.00) for the garden. Cheryl said it makes a really big difference. The Board agreed. Draft Response to Newspapers – Response to School Committee representatives' letter to the editor. Rob said we need to send it out tomorrow. Kevin moved we sign the response to the Representatives to the School District's letter on our stance on town Meeting to *The Recorder*; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

5. **Items Not Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – Cheryl said there is a table top exercise on anti-terrorism. Recommend the Board to attend.

6. **Public Comment** – None.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Cheryl L. Dukes for planting the flower boxes.

8. **Announcements** – Budget Subcommittee at Mohawk tomorrow night.

At 8:51 p.m., Rob moved to adjourn; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m..