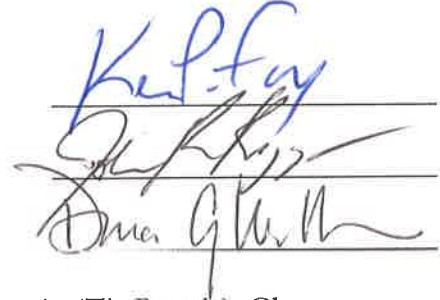


BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Buckland Town Hall
August 23, 2016, 5:30 p.m.

Kevin P. Fox

John R. Riggan

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Kevin Fox, Rob Riggan, Dena Willmore, Diane Broncaccio (*The Recorder*), Glenn Cardinal, Todd Ford (Hampshire FRCOG), Braden Johnson (*Shelburne Falls West County Independent News*), Ellen Kaufmann, Andrea Llamas, Eric Misvach (NEXAMP), Margaret Olin, Harvey Schaktman, Vivek Sharma (Amsoni, Inc.), James Sullivan (Falls Cable), Martha Thurber

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

2. Documents to Sign

- a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes: July 26, 2016** – Kevin Fox moved to sign the Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2016; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- b. **Street Use Permit – School Street Block Party, Saturday, September 10, 2016** – Kevin Fox moved to sign the Street Use Permit for the School Street Block Party on September 10, 2016; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- c. **Chapter 90 Reimbursement - Bray Road Project** – For Phase I and Phase II; a little under budget and further along than anticipated. Kevin Fox moved we approve the two Chapter 90 Reimbursement Requests; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Chapter 90 Request for TIP Engineering – Conway Street, Conway Road, South Street – Phase I is almost complete; Phase II is the wetlands delineation; the Phase III, 25% design is underway now. Kevin Fox moved to approve the three Chapter 90 Reimbursement Requests for the TIP; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Eric Misvach entered the meeting at 5:35 p.m.. Todd Ford and Harvey Schaktman entered the meeting at 5:43 p.m.. Vivek Sharma entered the meeting at 5:45 p.m..

- d., e. **MOU – FCSWMD – Transfer Station Inspection; MOU – FCSWMD – Household Hazardous Waste Collection** - Kevin Fox moved we sign the two MOUs; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Appointments

5:45 p.m., ABCC Hearing – Amsoni, Inc., d/b/a/ Shelburne Falls Neighbors – Change of Sunday Hours from 12:00 noon to 10:00 a.m.. – Rob Riggan opened the Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m.. Dena Willmore moved we approve Amsoni, Inc., doing business as Shelburne Falls Neighbors application to change the Sunday hours from 12:00 noon to 10:00 a.m.; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Rob Riggan closed the Public Hearing at 5:47 p.m..

Vivek Sharma left the meeting at 5:47 p.m..

3. Agenda Items

- a. **Payroll Services** – Andrea Llamas said we received two proposals; will wait for Checkwriters proposal; put on next agenda.
- b. **Part-Time Police Officer Appointment** – Board will review.

c. **Treasurer/Tax Collector Position – Screening Committee** – Pam Guyette will serve on the Committee as this person works closely with the Assessors Office.

4. **Town Administrator Updates** – Police Policies – Will wait until it is in place for an update – in a month or so. 69 ½ Conway Street Building – Jim is on the list to get the Jail to paint and put the sign back up.

Ellen Kaufmann entered the meeting at 5:58 p.m.. Margaret Olin entered the meeting at 6:00 p.m..

6:00 p.m., Energy Committee – Electricity Program – Harvey Schaktman indicated NEXAM offers an energy program that may be beneficial to the Town and residents. Eric Misvach, NEXAM, indicated through net metering of the grid, one can get a credit on Eversource bills. He said they put electricity on the grid during peak usage hours selling them to electric users; NEXAM is the generators; they sell at a discount and guarantee a 15% discount to participants. Todd Ford, Hampshire COG, wants to bring savings to municipalities and residents saying NEXAM is a Massachusetts company, there is no opt in or opt out charges, has the highest discounts, all this while trying to keep energy dollars local. Mitsubishi has a stake in the company. Hope to expand to other states; not publicly traded, funded by venture capitalists. HCOG will get a finders fee of \$50.00 per household that signs up. The time is now to enroll in a solar-friendly environment.

Todd Ford, Ellen Kaufmann, Eric Misvach, Margaret Olin, and Harvey Schaktman left the meeting at 6:30 p.m..

6:30 p.m., School Committee Representatives – Update BEST Planning – Martha Thurber and Glenn Cardinal relayed some good news - Transportation costs came in \$64,000 under what was budgeted; will use that money to reduce assessments in coming year. She said operation expenses were less for fuel oil and plowing due to the mild winter. Enrollment gained 34 students up about 3%; includes PreK. Surveying students coming into the District. Will talk to students leaving the district. Heath saw a dramatic decrease in enrollment. Heath Task Force is looking at options and hope to make a decision for Fall 2017. BEST Committee looking at various strategies; waiting for input from School Staff – hope to have recommendations to the Towns by the end of November. Transportation costs is key at looking at any of the scenarios. Kevin Fox suggested bidding out routes to get smaller companies.

Glenn Cardinal – MBI Update – He reported Comcast signed a contract on August 17, 2016. Comcast said residents be seeing trucks on the streets within a week looking at areas unserved. Will work on every of the nine partially services towns. Regarding the question of what happened to the million dollars from 5 million dollars originally budgeted, it was used to make this contract come together. Four million dollars will get all of the nine communities to a minimum of 96%. The Town will get accurate maps when trucks are out rolling in about 180 days. Towns need to know how much to bring towns up to 100%. Towns have to request this of Comcast. Kevin Fox moved we now request this amount; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Glenn Cardinal and Martha Thurber left the meeting at 7:07 p.m..

5. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – None.

6. **Public Comment** – None.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Dan Fleuriel for taking care of Town Hall plumbing issues.

8. **Announcements** – Hazardous Waste Collection on October 1, 2016, at GCC.

At 6:26 p.m., Kevin Fox moved to adjourn the meeting; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m..