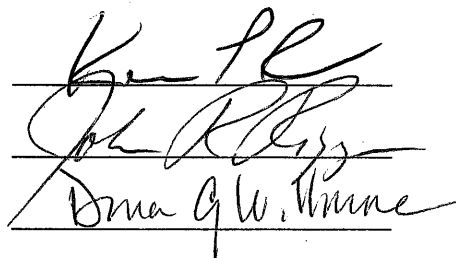


**BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
August 27, 2015, 6:30 p.m.  
Buckland Town Hall

Kevin P. Fox

John R. Riggan

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Kevin Fox, Rob Riggan, Dena Willmore, Diane Broncaccio (*The Recorder*), Jim Cutler, Chief Jim Hicks, Ellen Kaufmann, Andrea Llamas, Thomas Miranda, Michael Novak, Penny Novak, Margaret Olin, James Sullivan (Falls Cable), Brian Summers, John Williams

The regularly scheduled Tuesday meeting was held on Thursday to accommodate the Special Town Meeting. Rob opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m..

**Appointments**

**6:30 p.m., Buckland Energy Committee Re: PLAN-NE** – Margaret Olin said we are concerned that resident concerns are not being heard at the state and federal levels. On July 28, 2015, the Board did not vote on our request for the Town of Buckland to join PLAN-NE. A ‘yes’ vote shows solidarity with other towns; it does not cost any money. Shelburne voted to oppose the pipeline. Dena said it is a complicated issue. Kevin said our responsibility as Selectmen is the business of the Town; we should not obligate the Town to join a private group. Dena said our constituents have spoken and that vote (in Town Meeting) stands as is; I am not comfortable in joining that group for the Town. Michael Novak asked if the Board was willing to take a stand on the pipeline itself. Do you want a Special Town Meeting on this? Ellen Kaufmann said it has been voted on. Dena moved to reaffirm the vote taken at a Special Town Meeting on June 19, 2015, that the people of Buckland, Massachusetts, hereby call on our Selectboard to stand in opposition to TGP’s high pressured pipeline and not allow it within our town borders; oppose said pipeline, and any pipeline carrying natural gas obtained through hydraulic fracturing, within the borders of our Commonwealth or our Nation, and hereby instruct our state and federal legislators and executive branch officials to enact legislation and take such other actions as are necessary to disallow such projects that go against our commitments to life, the environment, our economic well being and our bodily safety, and instead, to legislate more stringent energy efficiency and further exploration of and subsidies for renewable energy sources; Rob seconded. Dena – yes, Rob – yes, Kevin - abstain.

Diane Broncaccio entered the meeting at 6:37 p.m.. Jim Cutler, Ellen Kaufmann, Michael Novak, Penny Novak, Margaret Olin, and Brian Summer left the meeting at 6:58 p.m..

At 6:58 p.m., took a recess to attend Special Town Meeting. Back in regular session at 7:16 p.m.. Thomas Miranda and John Williams entered the meeting at 7:16 p.m..

**6:45 p.m., Police Chief Jim Hicks – Police Detail Policy and Timesheet** – Jim said I oppose the changes. Kevin expressed concern as to what the issue was, a concern about co-mingling vacation and personal time, and that there are no restrictions in our personnel policies on the usage of vacation time, saying it is trying to apply a standard to one class of employees and not all. Rob said his concern was about taking time during regular shift hours and using State Police as part of policing for us, saying we have regular shifts; get it covered by a local and it is okay. Jim said a lot of communities rely on the State Police for coverage when they are in court, training, or on vacation. You have never provided me with 100% coverage. We cannot cover every shift. Kevin asked if the

policy could be changed to “make every attempt”. We are putting an undue restriction on an employee that we are not putting on another employee. Dena said they are special employees. Other employees do not have the safety component. Table until next meeting.

Dena moved to appoint Jeffrey M. Belanger, Christopher MacDougall, and Robert DeBlois as Reserve Officers; Rob seconded. Kevin said he would abstain as he is acquainted with one of the applicants. Dena – yes, Rob – yes, Kevin – abstain.

Andrea said Linda Marcotte will work with Jim on updating timesheets using Excel. Chief Hicks left the meeting at 7:41 p.m..

**7:30 p.m., Franklin Community Cooperative Corporation (McCusker’s) – Liquor License Hearing** – Rob opened the hearing at 7:41 p.m.. Thomas Miranda, Miranda Law Offices, introduced John Williams, the manager of the Franklin Community Cooperative Corporation. Thomas gave a brief overview saying this will be a small operation with a small rack of wine and a section in the cooler with local craft beers. The inventory will be kept in a locked closet. All employees have taken Alcohol Awareness training. There is no financing involved to stock the inventory. Alcohol sales will be accounted for separately with no discount for Coop members. Dena moved we approve the request for a Package Store Wine and Malt Beverage to the Franklin Community Cooperative Corporation; Kevin seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Dena moved to approve John Williams as the Manager of the Franklin Community Cooperative Corporation; Kevin seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Rob closed the hearing at 7:52 p.m..

Thomas Miranda and John Williams left the meeting at 7:52 p.m..

## 2. Documents to Sign

a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2015 Executive Session Minutes; July 28, 2015 Minutes; July 28, 2015 Executive Session Minutes, Session One, Session Two** – Kevin moved to approve the Meeting Minutes; Dena seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

## 3. Agenda Items

a. **Vote to Award Highway Truck Bids** – Dena moved to award the Cab and Chassis Equipment to Stoneham Motor Company, in the amount of \$44,444.00; Kevin seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Dena moved to award the Truck Body, Plow, and Related Equipment to Zwack, Inc., in the amount of \$54,925.00; Kevin seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

b. **Mohawk Regional School District Proposed Regional Agreement Change** – Andrea said you got a response acknowledging your letter. Dena said we have a meeting scheduled with the School Committee, Finance Committee, and Select Board; it is a process.

c. **Green Street – Public Safety Committee Recommendations** – Andrea said the Public Safety Committee felt people should be warned with a sign to slow down and use a reasonable speed. Have Steve see what is available.

4. **Town Administrator Updates** – Andrea said a new resident on Elm Street wants to pursue a “Quiet Zone” with regard to trains, from 10:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.. She said it only applies where there are gates. The infrastructure is not adequate to qualify for a Quiet Zone – would cost the Railroad about \$100,000 per intersection.

5. **Items Not Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours Prior to Meeting** – None.

6. **Public Comment** – None.

d. **Cricket Field (Possible Executive Session) under M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Section 21, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, as open meeting might have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town** – At 8:12 p.m., Rob moved to go into Executive Session under M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Section 21, to consider the purchase,

exchange, lease or value of real estate, as opening meeting might have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town; Kevin seconded.

Roll Call: Rob – yes, Kevin – yes, Dena – yes.

Rob announced at the conclusion of Executive Session, we would go into Executive Session for: e. **Town Highway Facility Purchase (Possible Executive Session) under M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Section 21, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, as open meeting might have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town.** Rob announced at the conclusion of the Executive Sessions, we will return to regular session to adjourn the meeting.

Entered Executive Session at 8:12 p.m..

At 8:32 p.m., exited Executive Session. At 8:32 p.m., entered Executive Session. Exited Executive Session at 8:37 p.m.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Dena recognized Cindy Fisher for the beautiful mosaic at the Buckland Public Library; John Sendelbach did the frame.

At 8:37 p.m., Dena moved to adjourn the meeting; Rob seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m..