

BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Buckland Town Hall
August 8, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

Kevin P. Fox

Zachary J. Turner

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Kevin Fox, Zachary Turner, Dena Willmore, Tyler Bourbeau (Falls Cable), Diane Broncaccio (*The Greenfield Recorder*), John Gerry-Karajanes, Patricia Gerry-Karajanes, Hank Livingston, Joan Livingston, Zach Livingston, Andrea Llamas, David Parella, Holly Sontag (*The Blue Rock Restaurant*), Martha Thurber, Jim Wagener

Dena Willmore opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m..

1. Appointments

5:35 p.m., Jim Wagener – Apple Valley Area Broadband – Andrea Llamas reported there is a request to Comcast for cost estimates regarding additional build-out; it is not part of the MBI program. Andrea Llamas spoke to the Ashfield Town Administrator; they are not involved with Comcast, rather they are engineering and designing broadband with Westfield Electric. We could help their take rate, however, there may be potential legal issues with the municipal light plant issue; controlled by state telecommunications and cable. Kevin Fox indicated it is a complicated issue which involves such towns as Colrain and Shelburne. Jim Wagener asked if Buckland was committed to all getting broadband in Buckland; Dena Willmore indicated it may have to go to Town Meeting to pay the extra costs.

David Parella entered the meeting at 5:35 p.m.. John Gerry-Karajanes, Patricia Gerry-Karajanes, and Jim Wagener left the meeting at 5:45 p.m..

2. Agenda Items

a. **Cultural Council Appointment** – Kevin Fox moved to appoint Karen Sheaffer to the Cultural Council through June 30, 2020; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

b. **Fence Viewer Appointment** – Kevin Fox moved to appoint Ed Grinnell as Fence Viewer; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

3. Documents to Sign

a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2017** – Kevin Fox moved we approve the Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2017; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

b. **Complete Streets – Prioritization Plan Contract** – Kevin Fox moved we sign the State Contract for the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

c. **South Street Culvert Engineering Contract** – Kevin Fox moved to sign the South Street Culvert Engineering Contract with Nietsch Engineering; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

d. **Street Use Permit – School Street Residents** – Kevin Fox moved we sign the Street Use Permit for the September 9, 2017 School Street annual block party; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

e. **Street Use Permit – Shelburne Falls Firemen’s Association** – Kevin Fox moved we sign the Street Use Permit for the Shelburne Falls Firemen’s Association Boot Drive; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

- f. **Annual Animal Control/Dog Warrant** – Kevon Fox moved approve the Annual Animal Control/Dog Warrant; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- g. **DHCD – Clesson Brook Road Bridge CDBG Project Closeout** – Kevin Fox moved to sign the Clesson Brook Road Bridge CDBG Project Closeout sheet; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Martha Thurber entered the meeting at 5:55 p.m.. Zachary Livingston entered the meeting at 5:56 p.m..

4. **Town Administrator Updates** - Andrea Llamas reported the MassWorks Grant for upper North Street was submitted. Will be meeting with contractor for energy improvements to the Police Building. Alan Nicholson, Assistant Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, is retiring in October. Will begin the search for a new assistant.

6:00 p.m., Public Hearing – Farmer Series Pouring Permit, Floodwater Brewing Company, LLC, Zachary Livingston – Dena Willmore opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.. Zachary Livingston received the required State Farmer-Brewer license; Public Hearing properly posted, advertised, abutters notified via Return Receipt Requested mailing. No public comment. Kevin Fox moved we issue a prorated Farmer Series Pouring Permit to Floodwater Brewing Company, LLC; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. At 6:06 p.m., Zachary Turner moved to close the Public Hearing; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

6:15 p.m., Martha Thurber, School Committee – Update on BSE Capital Improvement Program – Martha Thurber reported there was a significant problem replacing the asbestos floor tile; the floor tile was not easy to remove as the subflooring came off with it, which is very unusual. Had to resurface the floor before putting down new tile, and could only do the south wing; due to costs, the north wing and administrative offices could not be done. Martha Thurber indicated we will have to plan for the rest of the project.

Diane Broncaccio entered the meeting at 6:12 p.m.. Holly Sontag entered the meeting at 6:24 p.m.. Hank Livingston, Joan Livingston, Zachary Livingston, David Parella, and Martha Thurber left the meeting at 6:25 p.m..

5. **Items Not Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – Andrea Llamas indicated we had an unanticipated request for a one-day liquor license for the Blue Rock Restaurant as the Berkshire Brewing Company donated beer to serve to the runners for the Saturday Bridge of Flowers Road Race. Kevin Fox moved we approve the temporary liquor license for the Blue Rock Restaurant for Saturday, August 12, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

6. **Volunteer Recognition** - David Parella and Martha Thurber.

At 6:28 p.m., Zachary Turner moved to adjourn the meeting; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m..