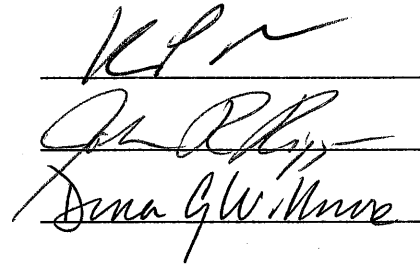


**BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Buckland Town Hall  
December 22, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Kevin P. Fox

John R. Riggan

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Kevin Fox, Rob Riggan, Dena Willmore, Ellen Kaufmann, Andrea Llamas, Margaret Olin, James Sullivan (Falls Cable), Brian Summer

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

**2. Documents to Sign**

- a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2015, November 24, 2015; Executive Session Minutes: November 24, 2015 (Two Executive Sessions)** – Kevin Fox moved to sign the November 19, 2015 and November 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes, and the November 24, 2015 Executive Session Meeting Minutes, two sessions; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- b. **Time Off Request** – Kevin Fox moved to sign the Time Off Request; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- c. **Agreement between Town and Nitsch Engineering for Engineering Services for Conway, South, Summer Streets and Conway Road** – Kevin Fox moved to allow Rob Riggan to sign the Memorandum Agreement regarding use of Chapter 90 funding for the engineering contract; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- d. **Notice to Proceed – Nitsch Engineering Services for Conway, South, Summer Streets and Conway Road** – Kevin Fox moved we approve the Notice to Proceed for engineering services with Nitsch; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Dena Willmore moved we empower the Chair to sign on behalf of the entire Board; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- e. **Liquor License – The Blue Rock Restaurant and Bar LLC** – Kevin Fox moved to approve the liquor license and the common victuallers license for 2015 and 2016 for the Blue Rock Restaurant and Bar LLC; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

**3. Agenda Items**

- a. **2017 Budget** – Andrea Llamas gave the Board their budget books. She said there are budgets not yet submitted and lots of assumptions, i.e., 2.5% on the Cherry Sheet. Discussion about new growth and local receipts. Discussion about free cash as a funding sources, veterans benefits, health insurance numbers.
- c. **Mohawk Preliminary Budget Discussion** - Rob Riggan reported the budget is down to 4.5% from 7.2%.
- d. **New Voting Equipment Purchase and Acceptance Vote** – Kevin Fox moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the purchased DS200 Digital Image Scanner to be used effective the first Annual Town Election on Monday, May 2, 2016, and at all future elections until further notice; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- e. **Local Technical Assistance Request** – Andrea Llamas gave the Board a list of priorities; they will submit comments.
- f. **Complete Streets Policy** – Andrea Llamas said we were doing this because there is money coming down the pipeline to help upon completion. Andrea Llamas attended a Complete Streets

workshop. She said we can get a professional with funding for a lot of projects – would like to apply for North Street as a prime target once we get a policy and prioritization finished. She asked for comments from the Board by January 12, 2016.

Took a break at 7:24 p.m.. Back in session at 7:30 p.m..

### Appointments

**7:30 p.m.: 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** – At 7:33 p.m., Rob Riggan 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 open meeting might have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town; Kevin Fox seconded.

Roll Call: Rob Riggan – yes, Kevin Fox – yes, Dena Willmore – yes

Entered Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.. Returned to regular session at 8:28 p.m..

**8:30 p.m.: Energy Committee Re: Solarize PAB Wrap-Up; January 6, 2016 Deadline – Possibility of Buckland Filing Motion to Intervene in FERC Docket #CP16-21-000 (Re: NorthEast Direct Pipeline)** – Rob Riggan said his new solar system failed inspection by the Electrical Inspector. He suggested having the Solarize PAB Wrap-Up in January. The Energy Committee members present felt this was a good idea.

Regarding Intervener Status, Margaret Olin asked if the Board was already working on this. She said with intervener status, you don't have to take a stand for or against the pipeline; Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Pipeline has filed their application and it was accepted. She said towns and individuals are filing as interveners. She said if the pipeline was built, it would affect heavy load traffic on our roads thereby affecting the roads. It was felt by the Board that FRCOG (already filed as intervener) would best represent our towns.

Ellen Kaufmann, Margaret Olin, and Brian Summer left the meeting at 8:40 p.m..

b. **Chapter 70 Aid to Town Formula Discussion** – Kevin Fox said he went to the FRCOG conference about foundation money. He said the percentage of people and property used in the Buckland formula was determined by the 01338 zip code; 279 people, property located in Upper Buckland. Andrea will send a letter to the State to see how this is done and how the projection is made. If it is wrong, it needs to be adjusted.

4. **Town Administrator Updates** – Andrea Llamas said GCG is doing the engineering for North Street. They will make a presentation to residents. We need to line up a few meetings; one at the January 12, 2016 meeting, and a Public Hearing at the January 26, 2016 meeting. North Street residents need to attend!

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

6. **Public Comment** – None.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Kevin Fox recognized the Energy Committee.

At 9:07 p.m., Dena Willmore moved to adjourn the meeting; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m..