

**BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Buckland Town Hall
February 23, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**

Kevin P. Fox

John R. Riggan

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Kevin Fox, Rob Riggan, Dena Willmore, Larry Baird, Diane Broncaccio (*The Recorder*), Marilyn Kelsey, Paul LaBelle, Andrea Llamas, Karen Morse, Mike Santos, James Sullivan (Falls Cable), Deborah Yaffee, Marty Yaffee

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

Appointments

6:30 p.m., Eversource Pole Hearing Job 6A521447, Clesson Brook Road – Rob Riggan opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.. Mike Santos, Eversource Representative, said there will be twelve mid-span poles along Clesson Brook Road between existing poles where there have been problems; will be using poly-coated tree wire. Kevin Fox moved we approve Eversource Job 6A521447; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Larry Baird, Paul LaBelle, Karen Morse, and Mike Santos left the meeting at 6:37 p.m..

2. Documents to Sign

- a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2016** – Kevin Fox moved to approve the Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2016; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- b. **Acceptance of Deed – Mayhew Facility** – Andrea Llamas said we hope to close on this property in early March. Rob Riggan moved to sign the Acceptance of Deed for the Mayhew Facility; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- c. **Western Mass Intergovernmental Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement** – Kevin Fox moved we sign the Western Mass Intergovernmental Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- d. **GSFABA Requests to Use Town Hall** – Dena Willmore moved we sign the GSFABA Requests to use Town Hall and waive the fees; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

3. Agenda Items

- c. **Highway Facility Project – Draft Request for Owners Project Manager** – Andrea Llamas gave document to Board for their review for the March 8, 2016 meeting.
- d. **MBI – Comcast Cable Broadband Project** – Andrea Llamas gave the Board a draft letter to Governor Charlie Baker urging the release of funding. Kevin Fox moved we approve the letter to the Honorable Charlie Baker; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

7:00 p.m., Salmon Falls Marketplace Building Parking Lot Lighting – Andrea Llamas met with Eversource who made some suggestions for lighting for the public parking lot which is quite dark. Deborah and Marty Yaffee entered the meeting at 7:18 p.m.. Rob Riggan explained that the lighting will shine and focus downward. It will come from the existing pole and straight across. Andrea Llamas will try to have it staked out so the Yaffees can see the layout. She will also urge Eversource to install a timer for the lights. Deborah and Marty Yaffee left the meeting at 7:44 p.m..

7:30 p.m., Public Meeting – Complete Streets Policy – Kevin Fox moved we accept the Complete Streets Policy; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

a. **2017 Town Budget** – Rob Riggan asked how are we going to assess Pre-K. Kevin Fox said we need to look at assessment with regard to the enrollment. I think we should do this now than to wait a year. Rob Riggan's letter deals with the assessment data. We will recommend the ability to run a Pre-K program and put it on a separate article. Andrea Llamas said Pre-K is a charge. It is not in the agreement. Special Pre-K is in the law. Kevin Fox said follow the same practice we did last year. Dena Willmore said she will re-draft Rob Riggan's letter. Post a Board meeting for Friday, February 26, 2016, at 7:00 a.m..

Marilyn Kelsey entered the meeting at 8:15 p.m..

e. **DLTA Project – Housing Plan** – Andrea Llamas said this is from FRCOG regarding technical assistance; maybe look at housing components and address needs that might arise. There are four – six meetings; looking for volunteers if this is accepted. Kevin Fox moved we accept the DLTA Project, with Dena Willmore as the Selectboard member, and ask for volunteers; Rob Riggan accepted. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

4. **Town Administrator Updates** – FEMA – Nothing new; Representative Neal's office called. No response from FEMA or MEMA. Community Compact – This should give us \$7,000 for us to do an assessment for Town Cyber Security.

5. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – Light on Franklin Street – Andrea Llamas received a call from a Franklin Street resident. Eversource turned off a light which was paid for by the previous owner, and new owner does not want to pay the monthly bill. Resident said it is near the dead end. There is some cost to do this, about \$125.00 per year. Andrea Llamas will talk to Bob Dean about the history of shutting off some of the street lights to save money. Resident Request Regarding Street Parking – Got a request to park on the street when roofer comes to do re-roofing. Andrea Llamas said she will be very clear that one does not park on the street when there is precipitation; would be a good idea to notify the Police and Highway departments. Wood Pellet Bag Collection MOU – Dena Willmore moved to sign the MOU for Wood Pellet Bag Collection; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Police Chief Request to Appoint New Part-Time Officer – Kevin Fox moved to appoint Christopher Miner as a part-time Reserve Police Officer; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

6. **Public Comment** – Marilyn Kelsey said she had been watching our broadcast earlier, and the school discussion was chaotic; suggested a code of etiquette.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Kevin Fox recognized Marilyn Kelsey for coming to our meeting.

8. **Announcements** – License your dogs; rabies clinic Saturday, February 27, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – noon, at the Shelburne Falls Veterinary Clinic. Dog Nail Trim Clinic at Regional Dog Shelburne on Saturday, February 27, 2016.

At 8:38 p.m., Kevin Fox moved to adjourn the meeting; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m..