

**BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Buckland Town Hall
January 10, 2017, 5:30 p.m.**

Kevin P. Fox

John R. Riggan

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Kevin Fox, Rob Riggan, Dena Willmore, Diane Broncaccio (*The Recorder*), Lynn Kelsey, Larry Langford, Carmela Lanza-Weil, Linda Overing, James Sullivan (Falls Cable)

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

1. Appointments

5:30 p.m., Linda Overing, Breezeway Farm Consulting – Community Development Block Grant – Linda Overing indicated there are changes in the 2017 program. Buckland could apply for up to \$600,000 to build, create, and administrative costs. There are no more regional application points. There is a different metric to measure poverty, the percentage of lower and moderate income in the community. To continue to partner with Shelburne would not be advantageous; to do so would bring down Buckland's score; the maximum score is 10, and Buckland's score is 9. We can look at streets which are multipurpose which border part of the down town district. It would be a benefit to do Green Street as their pipes, etc., are old and new pipes set into it. Drainage and street surface need attention. Need to get engineering underway. We should continue to support the Food Pantry; perhaps partner with Colrain and keep the Housing Rehab program going. Two towns together can partner for up to \$1million. The grant is due in March.

3. Agenda Items

a. **2017 Community Development Strategy** – Board will send comments to Andrea Llamas for compilation. Linda Overing suggested removing “neighborhood”.

Linda Overing left the meeting at 5:48 p.m..

c. **Zip Code Issue Discussion** – Resident Larry Langford indicated he was in favor of one zip code for the Town of Buckland. Dena Willmore noted the letter posted on the website. She noted the difficulties of Clesson Brook Road residents are having receiving their mail. Another issue is how the zip code is being used by other government entities. The number of households using 01338 is limited. Larry Langford indicated the issue is getting mail considerably late. Dena Willmore suggested that residents in the south of the intersection of North Street and Route 112, and Route 2 South and East become 01338. The other part of town would be 01370. Rob Riggan indicated there was a problem with mail sorted at the Ashfield Post Office. Larry Langford suggested getting a housing count because there are not that many people currently in the 01338 area. Kevin Fox suggested getting to a proposal that could possibly be considered by the Post Office. Dena Willmore will edit the letter on the website; put up the map recently published in *The Recorder*. Will discuss next meeting.

Larry Langford left the meeting at 6:06 p.m.. Carmela Lanza-Weil entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m..

2. **Documents to Sign**

a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2016, December 13, 2016; Executive Session: December 13, 2016** – Kevin Fox moved to sign the Meeting Minutes; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

b. **Local Technical Assistance – FRCOG** – Carmela Lanza-Weil asked the Board to consider making a Placemaking Project at Salmon Falls parking lot a priority; it is a methodology in which community members and artists have a place at the table; she is pursuing a grant which is highly competitive; demonstrate people coming together in community meetings, and have artists at the table; look at the design as a whole. Discussion about ranking of various projects for Local Technical Assistance from FRCOG (attached). Board will review before submittal next week. Carmela Lanza-Weil indicated the Cultural District designation expires in 2017; will be working on this with Shelburne and Buckland Town Administrators.

Lynn Kelsey entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.. Carmela Lanza-Weil left the meeting at 6:39 p.m..

4. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – Dena Willmore spoke about the failure of residents clearing the sidewalks; it's not only snow and ice but vegetation in the summer, forcing people to walk in the roadways. Possible article for Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

5. **Public Comment** – None.

6. **Volunteer Recognition** – Emma Guyette for her assistance to the Town Clerk in sending out the annual Street Listing.

7. **Announcements** – Town Offices are closed on January 15, 2017, for MLK Holiday.

At 6:50 p.m., Dena Willmore moved to adjourn; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m..