

**BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Buckland Town Hall
July 11, 2017, 5:30 p.m.**

Kevin P. Fox

Zachary J. Turner

Dena G. Willmore



Handwritten signatures of Kevin P. Fox and Dena G. Willmore, each on a horizontal line.

Attendees: Kevin Fox, Zachary Turner, Dena Willmore, Diane Broncaccio (*The Greenfield Recorder*), Andrea Llamas, James Sullivan (Falls Cable), James Wagener

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

1. **5:30 p.m., Reorganization – Board of Selectmen Appointments**

Kevin Fox moved to elect Dena Willmore as Chairman; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Zachary Turner nominated Kevin Fox as Vice Chairman; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin Fox moved that Zachary Turner be the Highway liaison, Dena Willmore the Town Hall and Library liaison, and Kevin Fox as Police liaison; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

The Board accepted Select Board appointments as attached.

James Wagener entered the meeting at 5:32 p.m.. Diane Broncaccio entered the meeting at 5:35 p.m..

6. **Public Comment** - Dena Willmore recognized James Wagener from the audience; James Wagener expressed his concern about lack of broadband on Apple Valley Road. Andrea Llamas indicated Buckland is being built out by Comcast, and part of the problem with Apple Valley Road is that Comcast would have to go through the town of Ashfield which is not part of Comcast's build-out; Comcast would need legal permission from Ashfield to go through Ashfield to wire Apple Valley Road. Andrea Llamas indicated she will contact a Comcast representative to give us an estimate to wire Apple Valley Road, and then it would be up to the Town to fund it. Andrea Llamas will also contact Ashfield's Town Administrator about extending the build-out.

James Wagener left the meeting at 5:54 p.m..

3. **Agenda Items**

- a. **Highway Facility Committee Update** – Dena Willmore spoke of a recent letter from the Building Inspector about vacating the Highway Facility. She indicated the Building Committee is making real progress; they advise demolishing the old buildings and building a new 10,000 square foot facility. The Committee is getting hard numbers for this work and will meet again on July 31, 2017.
- b. **Electric Contract Renewal** – Zachary Turner moved we go with a three-year contract with Constellation; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- c. **Grants** – i. PARC Grant – Submitting a grant for a new playground at the Buckland Recreation Area. Zachary Turner moved we approve the PARC Grant for the playground; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. ii. MassWorks Grant – Andrea Llamas said this is for the last portion of North Street; will incorporate engineering. She is asking for pricing to include sidewalks. Waiting for numbers from engineers.

d. **Mohawk Trails Woodlands Partnership** – Janet Sinclair had concerns about this Partnership. Kevin Fox indicated he had concerns about the procedure. Dena Willmore indicated she looked at the materials and it did not change her support. Let the Town make the decision whether we opt in or not at the next Annual Town Meeting.

e. **Tropical Storm Irene Damage Reimbursement Update** – Andrea Llamas indicated we got a letter from MEMA; letting our legislators know about this piece, and the State is acknowledging we are entitled to some kind of money.

4. **Documents to Sign**

a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2017** – Kevin Fox moved to sign the Meeting Minutes; Dena Willmore seconded. Kevin Fox and Dena Willmore – Yes.

b. **Chapter 90 Request – Engineering South Street Culvert** – Kevin Fox moved we approve the Chapter 90 Request; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

4. **Town Administrator Updates** – Zip Code Issue – Dena Willmore volunteered to be the point person for this issue. Regarding revenue issues – begin to talk about a bed tax for revenue enhancement (Air BnBs and B&Bs), and local option (meals tax).

5. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting**- End of Year Transfers – Legal Expense – over because of animal control issues, PARC grant real estate issues; take from Refuse Collection budget line. WPAT Loan Fees – the loan for Transfer Station Landfill which not in the budget line; there is a year or so left on this loan; take from the Veteran Benefits line. Kevin Fox moved we approve the two End of Year Transfers as presented; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – the Recreation Committee; the Camp received an “A+” by the Health Agent. Dan Fleuriel is helping the Camp with a Harry Potter program. Also – many thanks to Rob Riggan for all of his work as a Select Board member.

At 7:03 p.m., Kevin Fox moved to adjourn the meeting; Zachary Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m..