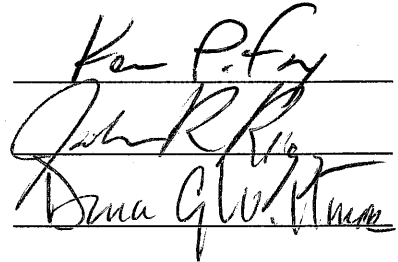


BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Buckland Town Hall

Kevin P. Fox

John R. Riggan

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Kevin Fox, Rob Riggan, Dena Willmore, Diane Broncaccio (*The Recorder*), Ben Bosco (*Shelburne Falls Independent News*), Glenn Cardinal, Sandy Cardinal, Paul Davis, Don Fish, Andrea Llamas, Karen Shippee, Mark Shippee, Martha Thurber

Rob opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m..

2. Documents to Sign

a. Selectmen Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2015 – Dena moved to approve the May 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes; Kevin seconded. Rob – yes, Kevin – yes, Dena – abstain.

b. Street Use Permit – Block Party on School Street – Kate Snyder submitted the Street Use Permit for a Block Party on Saturday, August 1, 2015, 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. – anyone can come! Dena moved to sign the Street Use Permit; Kevin seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

3. Agenda Items

a. Selectmen's Appointments - Kevin agreed to be the ADA Coordinator, Veterans Service Center Representative, and Senior Center Consortium Member; Dena agreed to be the Franklin County Solid Waste District Alternate, Hazardous Waste Coordinator, and to serve on the Screening Committee. Rob agreed to be the FRCOG Representative, and Housing for the Elderly representative.

Glenn Cardinal entered the meeting at 7:34 p.m.. Paul Davis entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Ben Bosco entered the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Sandy Cardinal entered the meeting at 6:37 p.m.. Diane Broncaccio, Karen Shippee and Mark Shippee entered the meeting at 6:42 p.m..

1. Appointments

6:40 p.m., Public Hearing – Verizon Petition for Join #1A1BY4E, Hog Hollow Road – Rob opened the Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m.. Paul Davis said off East Buckland Road there is a right-of-way where services go through the woods. It goes up to Hog Hollow Road house 57 where the service wire is low. Will place poles on Hog Hollow Road to reroute the service. He said I believe electric company wants to get service on the new poles. Glenn Cardinal said they will make the pole by my place sturdier. He asked that space be left for cable to come in. Paul David said there will be plenty of space. Mark Shippee said it is now pretty much a safety hazard. Kevin moved we approve the Verizon Petition # 1A1BY4E; Dena seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Rob closed the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m..

Sandy Cardinal, Paul Davis, Karen Shippee, and Mark Shippee left the meeting at 6:50 p.m..

b. TIP Engineering Request for Proposals – South, Summer, Conway Streets and Conway Road – Andrea said this is the scope of the RFP in general terms. The RFQ; negotiate fee; do sections of the work. This is a very large project. We are not on the three-year TIP. To get to 25% is a lot of work. Complicated project with sewer and water.

Don Fish entered the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

c. **Outreach Message Protocol** – Kevin this is a result of negotiations and I think it is working very well. Dena said I would like to see a message go out for Annual Town Meeting but I would bring the request to the Board before ATM. I am quite comfortable with it.

7:00 p.m., Public Hearing – Eversource – Charlemont Road – Rob opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.. Don Fish, Eversource, said we are on a campaign in the Upper Buckland region to improve reliability. Charlemont Road is the first road, then Avery and Clesson Brook Road. 300' north of Maynard Hill Road to a portion of Avery Road is our first step. Verizon has agreed to set all of the poles except two where the span is too great; conductors are heavier and more height is needed for the process. Those poles need to be upgraded; improved conductors. One 630' on the west side of Maynard Hill Road and Charlemont Road; one 320' south of east side of Charlemont Road and Avery. Need a pole and guy anchor at Dena's. No guy anchor at Colin Scott's property. We will take care of the dead trees now while we can. Kevin moved we approve the Eversource petition to replace two poles on Charlemont Road; Dena seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Rob closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m..

Don Fish left the meeting at 7:07 p.m..

d. **TransCanada Property** – Rob said we are not officially involved with this. It is about the canal below the Lamson property. In the last six months to a year, it has become overwhelmed. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., with TransCanada. The reasons they gave is there is a need to study all of their properties. The Town has no official status; this is a place to hold their forum.

e. **Railroad Intersection of Ashfield Street and Green Street** – Dena said I met with Tony Jewell who has concerns. Tight access when train is on the tracks. There is more traffic in Buckland than one hundred years ago. When the trains are there, people turn left and then go down Sears Street. It is a very tight corner. Refer to Public Safety Committee. Rob said it is like the overpass on North Street. Kevin moved we refer this to the Public Safety Committee; Rob seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Martha Thurber entered the meeting at 7:19 p.m..

f. **School District Request For Input On Regional Agreement Revisions** – Martha said the School Committee was discussing the Agreement.; dissatisfaction with it. Send a letter out to Town Select Boards and Finance Committees to say we are looking at this, see what people are unhappy about, and what people want changed. How would you change it if you were able to change it? Different perspectives. Come together with different ideas. Kevin said I want to pitch an idea. A big opportunity for input in our destiny. Have a series of meetings and not just town governing - Select Boards, Finance Committee, and School Committee Reps at the meetings. Certain people can research different sections of the Agreement and report back to the group. Some established with legislation. Martha said DES would have to approve the whole thing. We have two Towns that are 7 - 12; special legislation to allow for the mechanisms to vote. Kevin said there is no definition of capital in the agreement. Martha said a lot of it is outdated. You have to get down to the level of detail. Glenn said orchestrate how we are going to pull people together. Rob said you don't want it too big. Kevin said set up a schedule. Martha said this will be discussed on July 27, 2015. Kevin said start after Labor Day and wrap up by Christmas. Dena said start in August. Monday, August 10, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Buckland Regional Study Group. Glenn said the capital agreement for BSE - you will be meeting with Shelburne. Andrea said if the projects change, I am not sure if it will have to be re-voted. Glenn said get it moving now. Nothing will be done this summer.

Glenn Cardinal and Martha Thurber left the meeting at 7:43 p.m..

g. **Energy Committee Recommendation – PLAN-NE** – Andrea gave the Board copies of articles for review; Energy Committee coming in on July 28, 2015.

4. **Town Administrator Updates**

a. **CDBG-DR Clesson Brook Road Bridge** – Andrea said I have not heard back yet. b. **Guard Rail on Depot Road** – Chapter 90 on this; some work done last year; we have a new vendor this year; will be here in August. c. **FEMA – Small Projects Review Update** – Andrea said I am working on a response. There are several things I have a problem with. Will have to correct some of their numbers. For instance, South Cemetery is paved, not a gravel road. Working on a response. It is riddled with inaccuracies. Will cc our legislators.

5. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – Andrea said Linda needs to do a revenue anticipation borrowing. She borrows against Stabilization and then puts it back. Kevin moved we approve the Stabilization borrowing of \$250,000; Rob seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Special Town Meeting Article – Kevin moved we approve recommending the Article for Special Town Meeting on Monday; Dena seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Time Off Request – Kevin moved we approve the vacation request for the Town Administrator; Dena seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

6. **Public Comment** – None.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – P.J. Herbert for coming in early to post the Special Town Meeting Warrant. We miss you out on our streets!

At 8:03 p.m., Kevin moved to adjourn; Dena seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m..