

**BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Buckland Town Hall
March 16, 2017, 5:30 p.m.**

Kevin P. Fox



John R. Riggan

Absent

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Kevin Fox, Dena Willmore, Sam Bartlett, Andrea Llamas, Mike McCusker, David Parrella, Janet Sinclair, James Sullivan (Falls Cable)

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

1. **Appointments**

5:30 p.m., Sam Bartlett, Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum – Sam Bartlett said the Town and the Trolley Museum are considering an easement for the loading platform and for all of the grassy flat area. He said their tracks are where the non-road area crosses the tracks; would allow them access to do work on the tracks that is needed. He indicated he could provide warrant article language to be considered at Annual Town Meeting. Kevin Fox indicated we need to be careful about the effects on Depot Street now and long-term. Dena Willmore called for citizen comments and concerns. Kevin Fox recommended a survey. Andrea Llamas will forward information to Town Counsel and let them know a survey will be coming

Sam Bartlett left the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

2. **Documents to Sign**

a. **Letters of Support to MassDOT for GSFABA – Road Race, Bridge Dinner, Moonlight Magic** – Kevin Fox moved to sign the Letters of Support to MassDOT for the Road Race, Bridge Dinner, and Moonlight Magic; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Kevin Fox moved to sign the One-Day Liquor License for the Bridge Dinner; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

3. **Agenda Items**

a. **Fiscal Year 2018 Town Budget** – i. Andrea Llamas gave the Board updated spreadsheets along with Finance Committee recommendations. Discussion about Town Hall siding and repair work for rotted corner of the building. Will invite Finance Committee to next meeting. ii. COLA – Dena Willmore moved to approve a 2.5% COLA for Fiscal Year 2018; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Andrea Llamas said the Town Treasurer needs training to be certified and new software to correspond with new software coming from the Town Accountant.

David Parrella entered the meeting at 5:53 p.m..

Dena Willmore recognized David Parrella from the audience. Mr. Parrella has offered to fill the remainder of Glenn Cardinal's term on the School Committee. Mr. Parrella indicated he had a career in health care and is running as a write-in candidate for the School Committee.

b. **Board of Assessors – Resignation and Appointment** – Sammy Purington resigned from the Board of Assessors. Elizabeth Cerone was appointed to fill the rest of his term. She is also on the Annual Election ballot for the Board of Assessors.

- c. **Appoint Large and Small Animal Inspectors** – Kevin Fox moved we appoint Sammy Purington as the Large Animal Inspector and Ed Grinnell as the Small Animal Inspector; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- d. **Appoint Part-Time Police Officer – Zackery Caloon** – Kevin Fox moved appoint Zackery Caloon as a Part-Time Police Officer provided that he obtain a firearms certification in a reasonable amount of time; Dena Willmore seconded. Discussion about diversity in the Police Department. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- e. **EOC Generator** – Nothing new to report.

Janet Sinclair entered the meeting at 6:17 p.m..

- f. **Winter Roads Budget Recap** – Andrea Llamas reported the net deficit to date is \$19,000; could potentially total \$40,000.
- g. **Zip Code Update**; h. **Strategy Regarding Zip Code vs. Census Data for Revenue/Income Recognition** – Andrea Llamas reported receiving a letter from Senator Warren's office. Nothing from Mr. Mastroianni. The DOR is supposed to have new mapping in place next month.
- i. **Request to use Town Hall by Historical Society to Glaze and Paint Windows for Historical Museum and Wilder Homestead (Work to be done by Sheriff's Department Inmate Crew)** – Kevin Fox moved to grant the Historical Society the use of the basement of the Police Department Building for two weeks; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Dena Willmore recognized Janet Sinclair from the audience. Janet Sinclair provided an update regarding the Woodlands Partnership Committee. Janet Sinclair expressed concern about the potential of a wood pellet factory as a project being pursued by the Committee. One of their goals is to increase forest conservation – about 90 acres and put in Conservation Restriction. They also want to have a visitor's center for locally produced wood products. Felt the Town should be careful about supporting the projects. Concern about Buckland's representative not be allowed to speak at these meetings.

Mike McCusker left the meeting at 6:49 p.m.. Janet Sinclair left the meeting at 6:54 p.m.. David Parrella left the meeting at 6:57 p.m..

- 4. **Town Administrator Updates** – FEMA - Andrea Llamas said she spoke to Steve Kulik and Adam Hinds about the 25% match; they are putting together something for Conway, too. Highway Facility Building Committee – Meeting on Tuesday, March 21, at 6:00 p.m.. TIP – No new TIP meeting yet. Hope to have 25% design to MassDOT at the end of March. The Water District is considering applying for a grant for their project.
- 5. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – Planning Board Zoning Bylaw changes are available on the Town website and at Town Hall for review.
- 6. **Public Comment** – None.
- 7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Janet Sinclair for attending the Woodland Partnership meetings.
- 7. **Announcements** – Happy St. Patrick's Day!

At 7:08 p.m., Kevin Fox moved to adjourn; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m..