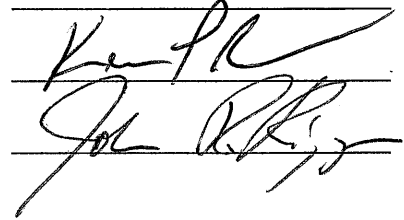


BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Buckland Town Hall

Cheryl L. Dukes

Kevin P. Fox

John R. Riggan



Attendees: Cheryl L. Dukes, Kevin Fox, Rob Riggan, Tim Cary, Peter Crowley, Chrisofer de Haha, Andrea Llamas, James Sullivan (Falls Cable), Dena Willmore

Kevin opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m..

2. Documents to Sign

- a. Selectmen Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2015, April 17, 2015 – Cheryl moved to approve the Meeting Minutes; Rob seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- b. Sidewalk Use Permit – Kailash Kitchen – Rob moved to sign the Sidewalk Use Permit; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- c. Parade Permit – Cub Scouts Pack 85 Fourth of July Parade – Rob moved to sign the Parade Permit; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

1. Appointments

6:45 p.m., Tim Cary – Northampton Cycling Club Representative Re: July 18, 2015 Road Race –

Tim Cary said we have a lead car and a follow car for the race. Participants are advised of the rules three times. They are told to be nice to townspeople. Tim gave the Board a copy of the safety rules. Chris de Haha said racers are accounted for and warned; there is an escalating series of discipline; could result in disqualification. Kevin said he saw a lot of yellow line infractions last year. Chris said the longer races string out a lot. Tim Cary will take care of publicity. Kevin moved to approve the Street Use Permit; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Tim Cary, Peter Crowley, and Christofer de Haha left the meeting at 6:50 p.m..

3. Agenda Items

- b. Fiscal Year 2015 Snow and Ice Deficit – Andrea gave the Board the most recent expense report; about \$48,000. There is \$27,000 in the Reserve Fund. Will have to see how this plays out. The question is how much and how far do we want to pull? By June 30, we will have a very clear picture. The rest could go on the recap. Dena said if we need to put something into next year, just do it. Kevin said I am not a fan of paying operating costs over three years. Dena said I would not do it beyond Fiscal Year 2016.
- c. Police Detail Policy – Rob said I am proposing we approve with the exception of 8 and 9 and police reporting. Rob moved we approve the Town of Buckland Section E, private details, 1 – 7; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

4. Town Administrator Updates - Andrea said we received a resignation from Bob Howson as Constable. He did a great job for us for all of these years. Janice Purington recommends Paul Herbert as Constable until our next Annual Election. Rob moved to appoint Paul Herbert as Constable until June 30, 2016; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Rob moved to accept Robert Howson's resignation as Constable; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Tech School Articles – Kevin is looking into debt exclusion. Kevin said it is their ballot; there is no

debt exclusion language. We are so close to the levy limit it would be crazy not to do debt exclusion. Debt is for fifteen years. Estimated \$7,400 to the Town of Buckland.

5. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – Andrea said our employee passed his hoisters license test. Rob moved we remove David Hodges from probationary status effective May 11, 2015; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Cheryl said Mary Vilbon was talking to Lamson folks about putting out a sandwich sign; go before the ZBA. State Geologist Steve Maye put in for a hazardous mitigation grand for managing the river. FEMA denied the application. He is appealing it. Deerfield and Hawley are writing letters of support. His project is looking at the river as a living organism. It impacts the town stream; a flowing entity. Opportunities to do things differently – a tool for us. Kevin wanted to see the denial letter. Cheryl will provide it. Wants to send out by June 1, 2015, and Cheryl will draft a letter of support.

6. **Public Comment** – None.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Cheryl planted the beautiful window boxes. The Guerilla Gardeners are making the flower wells beautiful again this year.

7:15 p.m., Sewer Commissioners Meeting Re: Request to Connect Kratt Avenue Residence – Kevin opened the Sewer Commissioners Meeting at 7:17 p.m.. Rob moved we approve the application to connect the Kratt Avenue residence; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Rob moved to close the Sewer Commissioners Meeting at 7:20 p.m.; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

At 7:21 p.m, Rob moved to adjourn; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m..