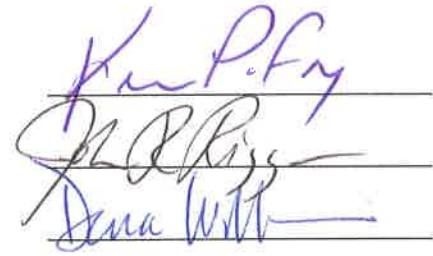


**BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Buckland Town Hall
May 9, 2017, 5:30 p.m.**

Kevin P. Fox

John R. Riggan

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Kevin Fox, Rob Riggan, Dena Willmore, Diane Broncaccio (*The Recorder*), Lynne Kelsey, Andrea Llamas, Diane O'Connell, Michael O'Connell, Ginny Ray (*West County Independent News*), James Sullivan (*Falls Cable*)

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

1. **Appointments**

Parking Ticket Appeal – Diane O'Connell – Diane O'Connell received a ticket on April 30, 2017, for parking on the grass at Mohawk Trail Regional School; she felt the area was not clearly delineated with proper signage. The Select Board agreed and dismissed the ticket.

Diane O'Connell and Michael O'Connell left the meeting at 5:36 p.m..

2. **Documents to Sign**

a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2017, April 11, 2017; Executive Session – April 11, 2017** – Dena Willmore moved to sign the Meeting Minutes; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

b. **MOU – Franklin Regional Council of Governments for Energy Coordination Services** – Dena Willmore moved to sign the Memorandum of Understanding; Kevin Fox seconded. Andrea Llamas indicated it is for assistance in administrating Green Communities program. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

3. **Agenda Items**

a. **Town Meeting Follow-Up** – The Board thanked Andrea Llamas for all her work in preparation of Annual Town Meeting. Thanks also go to the Finance Committee. Lynne Kelsey spoke about an encounter with a committee member after Town Meeting; it will be addressed by the Town Clerk.

Lynne Kelsey left the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

b. **Zip Code Issue Discussion** – Andrea Llamas indicated the State is working on the local matter. It is not only Buckland with this problem, especially with the funding issue. Dena Willmore indicated the people in the village want to keep the 01370 village zip code. There is a big part of the rural area not getting their mail. Dena Willmore will get the census maps and decipher what the questions might be.

c. **Tropical Storm Irene Reimbursements** – Andrea Llamas said spoke with Steve Kulik and Adam Hinds. Mr. Kulik is looking into a supplemental appropriation. He is looking for follow-up letters from MEMA for supporting evidence for House Ways and Means. Will keep Adam Hinds appraised, too.

d. **McKnight Scholarship Award** – Dena Willmore moved we award the McKnight Scholarship to Hunter Gibson in the amount of \$300.00; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

e. **New Recreation Field Name** – Voters selected Cricket Field with Veterans dedication as the name of the newly acquired Town field. Dena Willmore moved we name the field Cricket Field

Dedicated to Veterans who served honorably in the United States armed forces; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

f. **Update on Cemetery #1 Repair and Renovation** – Dena Willmore reported that New England Gravestone Services are starting with Taylor Cemetery then moving on to Cemetery #1 which is next to the Town Commons, in front of Mary Lyon Church.

g. **Heath School Agreements** – Our letter sent about one-time payment will be discussed at the Budget Subcommittee Meeting.

4. **Town Administrator Updates** – Police Station Rental – Prospective tenant looking at another site; will try to get the downstairs painted and ceiling tiles replaced. Special Town Meeting – Possibly June 7, 2017.

5. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – MVP Program – opportunity for the Town; possible funding source to look at resiliency. Open Space, Natural Hazard Mitigation – look at culvert inventory. Forward information to FRCOG, gather letters of support. Gave draft letter to Board to review. Consultant will lead us through the planning process. Dena Willmore moved we sign the letter in support of our MVP Program; Kevin Fox seconded. Andrea Llamas indicated we are committed to an eighty-hour timeframe. We have to demonstrate we have significant staff. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

6. **Public Comment** – None.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Floyd Scott and our election workers.

h. **Possible Executive Session – Under M.G.L. c30A, Section 21, 2 – To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel – Town Administrator’s Contract** – At 6:24 p.m., Dena Willmore moved we go into Executive Session, under M.G.L. c30A, Section 21, 2 – To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel; Kevin Fox seconded.

Roll Call: Kevin Fox – yes, Rob Riggan – yes, Dena Willmore – yes.

Rob Riggan announced we would reconvene in public session only to adjourn the meeting.

Exited Executive Session at 6:52 p.m..

Dena Willmore moved to adjourn the meeting; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m..