

**BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Buckland Town Hall
October 24, 2017, 5:30 p.m.**

Kevin P. Fox

Zachary J. Turner

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Kevin Fox, Zachary Turner, Dena Willmore, William Green, Ricky Halloran (*Shelburne Falls and West County Independent News*), Dana McNay (Falls Cable), Martha Thurber

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

3. Documents to Sign

- a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2017, August 31, 2017, September 12, 2017, September 26, 2017** – Zack Turner moved we approve and sign said Minutes; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
- b. **Street Use Permit – VFW Rag Shag Parade, October 31, 2017** – Kevin Fox moved to sign the Street Use Permit for the Rag Shag Parade; Zack Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

1. Appointments

5:40 p.m., Buckland School Committee Representative – MTRSD 2019 Budget – Martha Thurber indicated the budget process begins on November 8, 2017; Fiscal Year 2017 ended up in the black. She indicated the desire to keep assessments low. \$245,000 from last year's Transportation line went directly to lower assessments. Closing of the Heath School saved more than anticipated due to lower unemployment assessments. Capital Expenses in the north wing of Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School will not be done this year but will be done in the future as the same problem most likely exists as discovered in the south wing. Funding of OPEB so as to begin to fund this a little at a time. Kevin Fox felt this should be done to the greatest extent possible.

Martha Thurber left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

4. Town Administrator Updates – Andrea Llamas reported the Nilman Bridge is considered 6" too short to qualify for a bridge repair grant. Looking at a bridge on Apple Valley Road which could qualify. Andrea Llamas met with FRCOG consultant regarding Complete Street prioritization of plans. Looking at places in Town where there are gaps in accessibility. FRCOG will walk our sidewalks and meet with Steve Daby; have a public meeting with residents and get their input.

6:00 p.m., Bill and Catherine Green Re: PanAm Track Crossing Closure – Mr. Green indicated his children were one-half hour late to school due to the closure of the Conway Road railroad track crossing near his home on Conway Road; they were not personally notified. He felt it would have been a good use of the Reverse 911 system. He indicated he wanted a procedure to get the word out. Discussion of use of Reverse 911 system; this situation would have called for four calls to residents due to many updates from the Railroad while the work was being done. Andrea Llamas will draft a letter to the Railroad asking for more notification of projects in the future.

William Green left the meeting at 6:45 p.m..

2. Agenda Items – None.

6:20 p.m., Sewer Commissioners Meeting – Assistant Operator Position – Zack Turner moved to open the Sewer Commissions Meeting; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Andrea Llamas updated the Board about the position; our candidate had to decline the position. Andrea Llamas amended the requirements of the job, and Dan Fleuriel is willing to work with the candidate to get proper licensing. Alan Nichols will fill in a few shifts a week so Dan Fleuriel will not have to work seven days a week. Kevin Fox suggested looking at the salary range. Andrea Llamas indicated she will do some outreach. At 6:55 p.m., Zack Turner moved to close the Sewer Commissioners Meeting; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

5. Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting – None.

6. Public Comment – Kevin Fox expressed frustration with people interrupting the speaker, and debating with members of the audience, saying, “We need more order and respect at these meetings.”

7. Volunteer Recognition – Dan Fleuriel for fixing the Public Restroom which gets lots of use during foliage season.

8. Announcements – Personal and Real Estate Taxes due November 1. Mail them early - mail is sorted in Boston; use the lock box at William Street entrance.

At 6:59 p.m., Kevin Fox moved to adjourn the meeting; Zack Turner seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m..