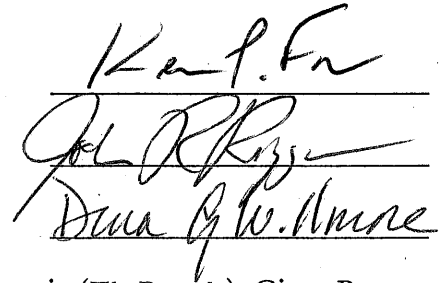


BUCKLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Buckland Town Hall

Kevin P. Fox

John R. Riggan

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Kevin Fox, Rob Riggan, Dena Willmore, Diane Broncaccio (*The Recorder*), Ginny Ray (*West County Independent*), Brandon Kibbe (*TransCanada*), Michael Buoniconti, Molly Cantor, Glenn Cardinal, Ed Grinnell, Marilyn Kelsey, Michael Kochiela, Andrea Llamas, Roy Nilson, Linda Rollins, Gary Shaw, Pat Smith (FRCOG), Towner Smith, Janice Sorenson, James Sullivan (*Falls Cable*), Martha Thurber

Mr. Riggan opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m..

Appointments

6:00 p.m., Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee and Superintendent – Budget

Preparations – Mr. Riggan said this is an effort by the School to listen to our concerns before the budget season gets underway. Martha Thurber indicated we are trying to get input from all of the Towns. Michael Buoniconti handed out a spreadsheet regarding the capital budget; he anticipates borrowing less than \$245,000. Mr. Buoniconti said \$775,000 was the ballpark proposal for Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School last year. He said they have been working on what is the highest priority which is asbestos removal; this was knocked down to half of what was presented last year, about \$350,000. Eliminated a lot of the pointing on the south side of the building. Mr. Buoniconti indicated no major new programs; he said he appreciates the pressures on the Towns, and will try to have an austere budget. He noted entering into negotiates with the paraprofessionals.

Ms. Llamas handed out Town budget spreadsheets. Mr. Riggan indicated the Town is facing the expense of a highway garage. He noted that we are potentially going over a fiscal cliff in 2017. He said we are seeing a declining population in the rural towns and not a huge new growth in any of the districts. Mr. Fox indicated we could be looking at overrides for the next ten years. Mr. Riggan thanked Martha Thurber for facilitating this meeting. Mr. Buoniconti said they will have something meaningful in December. He also noted Emergency Sheltering, and that he didn't see any issues.

Michael Buoniconti, Glenn Cardinal, Michael Kociela, and Martha Thurber left the meeting at 6:30 p.m..

6:30 p.m., Towner Smith/Roy Nilson – Dog Hearing – Mr. Riggan opened the Dog Hearing at 6:30 p.m.. Mr. Riggan swore in the participants. Ed Grinnell said this is a hearing pertaining to Towner Smith and Roy Nilson's loose dogs; multiple complaints such as not staying in their yard. Mr. Grinnell testified Roy Nilson's two dogs eat cat food off people's porches and pee in neighbor's yards. Mr. Grinnell said I would like to require Towner Smith put up a fence. Mr. Grinnell indicated that Roy's two dogs were unlicensed. Mr. Grinnell said he would like to ban Mr. Nilson's dogs from Buckland. Kevin Fox indicated the Select Board voted to ban them from Buckland at the previous meeting. Mr. Nilson said he felt there was not due process. He said he and Ms. Smith have a neighbor who is creating an attractive nuisance by feeding stray cats, saying it is one neighbor who is being very sensitive. Mr. Nilson indicated one of the dogs is too fragile for the rabies vaccine. He said we thought we moving from Buckland on November 15, 2015, but that was

postponed until spring 2016. He said he thought the dogs were previously licensed in Athol. Mr. Riggan asked if a fence had been put up. Ms. Smith said we were going to put one up last summer; we put up a line because we could not afford a fence. She indicated they would now put up a fence. Mr. Grinnell said if a fence goes up before the next Select Board meeting and the dogs property licensed, that would satisfy him. If the fence is not put up, Mr. Grinnell will get the dogs. He indicated Towner's dog is exempt. The dogs need to be licensed.

At 6:55 p.m., Mr. Riggan closed the Dog Hearing. Dena Willmore moved to rescind the notice of order dated October 13, 2015, banning the dogs owned by Roy Nilson from Town, and to review the situation at the next meeting, pending the erection of the fence around Ms. Smith's residence at 87 State Street or some portion thereof, and for the two dogs owned by Roy Nilson to be licensed; Kevin Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Molly Cantor, Ed Grinnell, Roy Nilson, Linda Rollins, Gary Shaw, Towner Smith, and Janice Sorenson left the meeting at 6:58 p.m..

7:00 p.m., Cricket Field (Possible Executive Session) under M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Section 21, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, as open meeting might have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town – At 7:00 p.m., Rob Riggan moved to go into Executive Session under M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Section 21, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, as open meeting might have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town; Kevin Fox seconded.

Roll Call: Rob Riggan – Yes, Kevin Fox – Yes, Dena Willmore – Yes

Mr. Riggan announced that at the conclusion of Executive Session, we would return to open session to resume the meeting.

Back in open session at 7:39 p.m.. Took a five-minute recess. Back in session at 7:45 p.m..

7:30 p.m., Pat Smith, FRCOG – Regional Emergency Shelter – Pat Smith said I am here to talk to you about a regional sheltering project; started work on this in 2011 to identify five primary sites for a regional shelter based on Incident Command systems. Mr. Riggan asked if this puts a financial burden on the host community. Ms. Smith will work on a grant so we can be comfortable with it. She said her next step is to work with the Mohawk Regional School District Superintendent and to inspect the facility; come up with a site plan, work on the plan to serve the shelter and do the record keeping. Mr. Fox said most of the costs will be borne by the school (supplies). Ms. Smith will get a copy of the agreement devised by the Town of Wilbraham.

Pat Smith left the meeting at 8:10 p.m..

8:00 p.m., George Glick, Parking Ticket Appeal – Mr. Glick, a resident of William Street, said it is a desolate little street where no one parks, saying we need a warning before getting ticketed. Mr. Riggan said the Police Officer was fine with this; it is a warning. Kevin Fox moved we waive the parking ticket fee for George Glick issued on October 19, 2015; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

2. Documents to Sign

a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2015, September 8, 2015, September 19, 2015; Executive Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2015** – Mr. Fox moved we approve the meeting minutes as read; Ms. Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

b. **Cultural Council State Contract** – Ms. Llamas said this is the annual State formula grant. Mr. Fox moved we sign the Fiscal Year 2016 Cultural Council State Contract; Ms. Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

c. **Parade Permit – VFW Rag Shag Parade** – Ms. Willmore moved to sign the VFW Rag Shag Parade Permit for Halloween; Mr. Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

d. **Brownfield Program Referral Letter** – Ms. Llamas said this is a request from Glen Ayers, Health Agent, to look at a potential site on a foreclosed Buckland property. This is for phase I of the site assessment. Ms. Willmore moved we sign the letter; Mr. Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

e. **Time Off Request** – Ms. Willmore moved we sign the Time Off Request; Mr. Fox seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

George Glick left the meeting at 8:28 p.m..

3. **Agenda Items**

a. **Engineering Bids – Conway, South, Summer Streets Engineering** – Mr. Fox moved to authorize Andrea Llamas to enter into negotiations with Nitsch Engineering; Ms. Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

b. **CDBG Engineering – North Street Phase II** – Ms. Llamas said we are starting on the next phase of the North Street project as it makes sense to continue North Street (a large project) at this point. Our next application requires engineering. We have funds left from the Prospect Street CDBG project and they can be reprogrammed to do engineering as in the past. Ms. Llamas suggested bidding Phase II and III engineering contingent upon receiving funding as recommended by our grant administrators. Colrain is working on a qualifying project. Shelburne does not have an infrastructure project. Ms. Llamas will continue to work with Linda Overing on that direction.

c. **CDBG 2015 Grant Administration RFP Award** – Ms. Llamas said this has been bid.

4. **Town Administrator Updates** – Ms. Llamas gave a quick update on MBI – Comcast is the only bidder for the Town of Buckland. Now they have to do the actual plan. Are we negotiating as a group?

5. **Items Not Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours Prior to Meeting**

6. **Public Comment** – Mr. Fox spoke about speeding on North Street; Chief Hicks recommends a blind drive sign. Mr. Fox moved we direct Steve Daby to place a blind drive sign on North Street; Ms. Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Lynn Kelsey asked about the Officer who wrote the ticket on William Street. She said she would like to thank Officer Gilmore saying she thought it was fair, and that she was glad it was resolved.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Ed Grinnell – he handles the job well.

e. **Town Highway Facility Purchase (Possible Executive Session) under M.G.L. Ch. 30A Section 21, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, as open meeting might have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town.** At 8:57 p.m., Mr. Riggan moved to go into Executive Session under M.G.L. Ch. 30A Section 21, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, as open meeting might have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town; Ms. Willmore seconded.

Roll Call – Mr. Riggan – yes, Mr. Fox – yes, Ms. Willmore – yes.

Mr. Riggan announced at the conclusion of Executive Session, we would exit Executive Session, only to adjourn the meeting.

Out of Executive Session at 9:22 p.m..

At 9:22 p.m., Ms. Willmore moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Fox seconded. VOTED unanimously in favor.