

**Buckland Select Board
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2023 5:30 p.m.
Buckland Town Hall**

Listing of Topics

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- > Dog Hearing - Charles Patenaude, 60 Purinton Road

Agenda Items

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- > Annual Election, position approval, Board of Health
- > FY20 Community Development Block Grant, contract extension & budget transfer
- > Comcast Cable HD Connection, Cable Advisory Committee recommendation
- > Municipal Aggregation Request for Proposal Signatory Authorization
- > Highway Salt Shed Design & Location
- > FY24 Budget
 - Regional School Assessment
 - Shared Policing Cost Sharing
 - Proposition 2 1/2 Override Discussion

Documents to Sign

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- > Permits & Licenses -
 - Cooperative Public Health Service, Health Training
 - Traffic Light Control Box Painting
 - Bridge Dinner
 - Marlboro Morris Men
- > Minutes

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Town Administrator's Report

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Volunteer Recognition

Announcements & Upcoming Meetings

Attendees

Barry Del Castilho - Select Board Chair
 Clinton Phillips - Select Board Vice-chair
 Lawrence Wells - Select Board Member
 Heather Butler - Town Administrator
 Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk
 Dana McNay - Falls Cable
 Dena Willmore - Finance Committee
 Larry Langford - Finance Committee
 Paula Consolo - Finance Committee
 Martha Thurber - School Committee
 Greg Bardwell - Police Chief
 Charles Patenaude - Resident, Dog Owner
 Kyle Dragon - Animal Control Officer, FCSO
 Naureen Collins
 Cheyenne Lincoln
 Terri Haire
 Brian Cook
 Brain Frampton

Meeting

Mr. Del Castilho opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Appointments -

> Dog Hearing - Charles Patenaude, 60 Purinton Road - Mr. Charles Patenaude was sent a letter (by certified mail and hand delivered) informing him that at the request of Animal Control Officer Kyle Dragon the Buckland Select board would hold a public hearing to determine whether he is in violation of a nuisance dog order issued on July 26, 2022. Mr. Patenaude was present for the hearing on this date, March 21, 2023.

Mr. Dragon stated the dogs have not caused personal injury .

Mr. Dragon swore in all witnesses present. He stated that the order of testimony would be witnesses, then dog owner.

Witness Brian Cook - Lived on property of Mr. Patenaude. Stated dogs not dangerous, but do jump on people and stop plows. Dogs are not controlled but should not be put down (euthanized).

Witness Naureen Collins - Visits daughter and her boyfriend who live on Purinton Rd. Mr. Patenaude's dogs chased Ms. Collin's car and she was too frightened to exit her vehicle until daughter's boyfriend came out to help her. She is terrified to go down that road and stopped visiting after fourth trip. Neighbors are afraid of retaliation; dogs do the same to other vehicles. Caused damage to her car. Accused dogs' owners of laughing when dogs chase vehicles and intimidate drivers.

Witness Cheyenne Lincoln - Has witnessed dogs attacking neighbors that live in area who have to travel in vicinity of Patenaude residence; addressed fear and intimidation experienced by neighbors.

Witness Brain Frampton - Lives on Mr. Patenaude's property. Spoke in favor of the dogs' behavior; not aggressive or dangerous.

Witness Diane Terrill - Stated that dogs are curious when she visits property and referred to them as sweet, gentle giants.

Witness Terri Haire - Wife of Charles Patenaude. Denied that dogs are free 24/7 as implied by witnesses. They (she and Mr. Patenaude) have employed electric shock collars, dogs are walked on leashes one at a time and are restrained in their yard. If people did not yell at dogs when loose, the dogs could hear owners when they issue a recall. She did admit that the dogs did get loose on occasion and when they were, they chased vehicles, especially those that were unfamiliar to them. Ms. Haire stated that the dogs "got loose" not were purposely allowed to roam unrestrained. She also disputed allegations of laughing when dogs chase other people's cars.

Mr. Patenaude - Dog owner. Does let dogs loose occasionally in fenced in area, also one at a time with radio tracking collar (not physical restraint), but not on a daily basis. He also admitted to letting dogs loose (unrestrained) one at a time under his supervision, stating that is the only way to evaluate training. He stated that the dogs do not approach neighbors with chickens. Other times, when dogs are outside with him, they are on 50' leads. He has continuous tracking data since last July to document the dogs' whereabouts when using the radio tracking collars.

Naureen Collins - Doesn't not agree with Mr. Patenaude's statements regarding his dogs.

Cheyenne Lincoln - Stated dogs were under Mr. Frampton's supervision when they killed a deer.

Ms. Lincoln stated she has videos, which Mr. Patenaude questioned because they were taken without his permission. Because videos were taken from roadway and on property on which Ms. Lincoln was allowed to live, videos are allowable. Mr. Del Castilho asked for some input from Mr. Dragon who added that chasing vehicles is in violation of the leash law. Road boss had admitted to dogs chasing plows. Mr. Patenaude would like copies of videos, and Mr. Wells stated he would like to view videos.

Mr. Phillips stated he did not need to see videos because at the last hearing last year, Mr. Patenaude was given his final chance to keep the dogs under his control and on his property. Mr. Phillips further stated that in that meeting Mr. Patenaude and Ms. Haire admitted the dogs were running down the road chasing vehicles; therefore, in Mr. Phillips' opinion, Mr Patenaude has failed to control his dogs as ordered and should not own them, but he also felt that the dogs should not be euthanized.

Mr. Del Castilho asked Mr. Dragon if he had dealt with any similar situations, and if so, what were his recommendations. Mr. Dragon said that a corrective measure could be taken, and the dogs could be removed from the owner. Mr. Dragon proceeded to read verbatim from MGL Ch.140 Sec 157A.

After further discussion, and hearing from witnesses and dog owner, it was decided to table any further action until the next meeting so the Board could review the minutes from the July 2022 meeting. Mr. Del Castilho moved to continue the hearing to March 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Wells seconded and vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Agenda Items

> *Appointments: Board of Registrars, Jim Picardi* - Mr. Phillips moved to appoint Jim Picardi to the Board of Registrars to serve a three year term, seconded by Mr. Wells. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

> *Annual Election, position approval, Board of Health* - Mr. Phillips moved to add a three year BOH position to the available positions for election at the June 6th Annual Town Election at the Town Clerk's request. Mr. Wells seconded the motion and vote in favor was unanimous.

> *FY20 Community Development Block Grant, contract extension & budget transfer* - Mr. Phillips moved to request DHCD to extend the FY20 CDBG to June 30, 2023 and to reprogram funds to the Food Pantry and administrative costs. He also moved to authorize the Select Board Chair to sign the extension and budget amendment requests. Mr. Wells seconded the motion and vote in favor was unanimous.

> *Comcast Cable HD Connection, Cable Advisory Committee recommendation* - We signed the Comcast Cable Contract several months ago and shortly after received a letter from Comcast stating they wanted a separate side agreement for building the HD Channel referenced in the contract. They originally provided us a quote that included fiber to the police station as well as the Town Hall. Not knowing the future of that building Ms. Butler asked for a revised quote for just Mohawk and the Town Hall. Our Comcast Advisory Committee had recommended to move forward with the connection to Mohawk and to hold off on any additional connections for cost and service considerations. It is anticipated the cost of this work would be at the expense of Falls Cable. Mr. Phillips moved to accept the recommendation of the Cable Advisory Committee and confirm that agreement to Comcast in a letter from the Town. Mr. Wells seconded, and vote favor of the motion was unanimous.

> *Municipal Aggregation Request for Proposal Signatory Authorization* - Ms. Butler explained that Franklin County's current contract with Dynegy ends in January 2024 and gave the Board an overview of the timeline and process for the next RFP.

This agenda item was informational only, no action was taken. Ms. Butler asked Board members to please review information and options to revisit at a later meeting.

> *Highway Salt Shed Design & Location* - Ms. Butler reported that progress is being made on the salt shed project and a decision must be made on which of the 2 Sears Street parcels to site the shed. Handouts were given illustrating the choices, noting that Option One allowed the town to partner with the business owner next door. Following discussion, Mr. Del Castillo moved to site the new salt shed in accordance with Option 1, seconded by Mr. Wells. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

> FY24 Budget

Regional School Assessment - Ms. Thurber reported, citing cost drivers being transportation and special education expenses. She emphasized that great effort is made to provide the same level of education our students could receive elsewhere, and that 70% take advanced coursework via wither AP or Honors Classes. With dwindling enrollment, it is a balancing act. Paula Consolo of the Finance Committee added that it is a "totally reasonable budget". Discussion followed on transportation and the plight of rural schools.

Shared Policing Cost Sharing - Mr. Langford addressed the training costs constraints of fully trained officers and gave an overview of the circumstances leading to the shared services collaboration. He then turned the floor over to Chief Bardwell who presented the shared police services budget, a projected budget for a Buckland Police Department without the shared services, including direct and indirect costs for both scenarios. He also presented comparative statistics for Buckland and Shelburne for data such as demographics, call data, crash data, comparative land area, and property classifications. Chief Bardwell expressed his appreciation for cooperation from both towns.

Proposition 2 1/2 Override Discussion - Buckland is facing a \$200K deficit due to operating increases which may result in a Proposition 2 1/2 override or cuts in budget that impact services or positions. An override would eliminate the deficit and provide a cushion; the last Prop 2 1/2 override was in 2007 for \$100K which in today's dollars would be about \$150K. Discussion followed regarding what could be cut from the budget to avoid the override, and how much an override would add to a property owner's tax bill; the answer was approximately \$1 per \$1000.

Documents to Sign

> Contract & Grant Documents - n/a

> Permits & Licenses -

Cooperative Public Health Service, Health Training - Train the Trainer (Narcan Training) for BOH's & municipal staff in CPHS district. Hall Fee Waived. May 26, 2023, 9 am - 3 pm. Mr. Phillips moved to approve town property use and to waive fee, seconded by Mr. Wells. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous.

Traffic Light Control Box Painting - Submitted by Missy Ashton. Funded by a Cultural Council Grant to paint the traffic light control box by the Iron Bridge. Painting to be in keeping with Bridge of Flowers motif, and the Select Board would like a rendering before painting begins. Mr. Phillips moved to approve contingent on rendering, seconded by Mr. Wells. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous.

Bridge Dinner - Jennifer Pease submitted a street use permit on behalf of the Mohawk Trail Athletic Association to close the iron Bridge on August 20, 2023, from 2 pm to 9 pm for a Bridge Dinner. Discussion followed. Mr. Phillips moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Wells. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Marlboro Morris Men - Parade/Street use Permit for May 13, 2023. About 40 Morris dancers and musicians will perform in 2 -3 parking spaces in front of McCusker's from approximately 4 -5:30 pm. Dancers also stand in alley between Mo's Fudge and McCusker's. Mr. Phillips moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Wells. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous.

> *Minutes* - Mr. Phillips moved to approve Select Board minutes of February 28, 2023, seconded by Mr. Wells. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Mr. Del Castilho moved to approve Executive Session minutes of January 24, 2023, seconded by Mr. Wells. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Mr. Del Castilho moved to approve the Executive Session minutes of December 13, 2022, seconded by Mr. Phillips. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting - No items not reasonably anticipated.

Select Board Member Concerns - No concerns expressed.

Town Administrator's Report - Ms. Butler hopes everyone has enjoyed Conway Road being open. The construction crew is coming back on March 27 and will try to keep one lane open. Need to discuss sidewalk and riverwalk.

Will bring Ch.90 review to next meeting.

Gave an overview of the Upper North Street Public Hearing and other options to obtain that information; it is all on website.

Public Comment - No public comment.

Volunteer Recognition - Recognition given to all the good deeds done during the snow storm of March 14, neighbors helping neighbors.

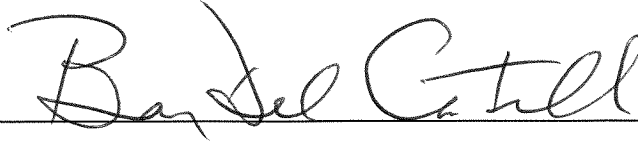
Announcements & Upcoming Meetings - Annual Town Meeting May 6, 10 a.m.; next Select Board meeting March 28; Finance Committee meeting on March 27; Upper North Street Reconstruction Public Hearing, March 23, 6 p.m.

With no further business, Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wells. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, April 18, 2023

Signed:

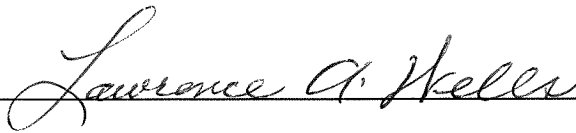
Barry Del Castilho



Clinton Phillips



Lawrence Wells



TOWN OF BUCKLAND
MASSACHUSETTS



March 6, 2023

Charles Patenaude
60 Purinton Road
Shelburne Falls, MA 03170

Delivered: By Hand and By Certified Mail

Dear Mr. Patenaude;

This letter is to inform you that at the request of Animal Control Officer Kyle Dragon the Buckland Select Board will hold a public hearing regarding a complaint of an attack(s) by your dog.

Pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140, Section 157, the Buckland Select Board has scheduled a hearing for **Tuesday, March 14, 2023** to be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Buckland Town Hall located at 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370.

You have the right to bring witnesses and to be represented by legal counsel. If the charges are proven, the Board of Selectmen may make such order concerning the restraint or disposal of your dogs as may be deemed necessary.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at the Town Hall.

Sincerely,

Heather Butler
Town Administrator

Cc: Police Chief Gregory Bardwell
Animal Control Officer Kyle Dragon

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SUPERINTENDENT

02/16/2023



Heather Butler, Town Administrator
Town of Buckland
17 State Street
Buckland, Ma 01370



RE: Request for MGL 140/157 Dog Hearing (C23-008)



Town Administrator Butler,



My agency is requesting the Buckland Selectboard convene a dog hearing in regards to the canines which reside at #60 Purinton Road in the Town of Buckland and are owned and or kept by the residents of that address.



At this time, my office has received complaints that these dogs have been in violation of the orders put forth by the Selectboard on 07/26/2022, during which the Selectboard declared these canines as Nuisance Dog(s). Upon review of these complaints and accompany documentation. We are requesting the Selectboard hold a hearing for violations of the Dog Order governed under MGL 140/157 to hear testimony from witnesses, and the owner/keeper of the canines on this matter.



Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ky/Dragon".

Kyle Dragon
Lead Regional Animal Control Officer





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INCIDENT REPORT COVER SHEET

Case Number:
C23-008

Reporting Officer: Kyle Dragon

Assisting Officer:

Approving Officer: Leslee Colucci, Director

Reporting Officer Signature: [Signature]

Approving Officer Signature: [Signature]

Incident Type: **Complaint: Dog Running-At-Large**

Case Validity: N/A

Case Status: Closed

Case closed by: Kyle Dragon

CASE DESCRIPTION

60 PURINTON ROAD - BUCKLAND, MA 01338 Dogs Running At Large Reference: 23FCS-4-OF

VIOLATIONS / ENFORCEMENTS

ENFORCEMENTS

Type: Referred to Municipal Hearing Authority

Enforcement Number: E23-002

Fine:

Date/Time of Issue: 2/16/2023 at 1:48 PM

Officer: Kyle Dragon

Notes: Referred to Town of Buckland for alleged violations of MGL 140/157 orders

INVOLVED ANIMALS

Involvement: Subject of case

Injury: N/A

Rabies Exp:

Name: Bella

Species: Dog

Breed: German Shepherd Dog (mix)

Gender/ Altered: Female / Unknown or N/A

Age: Approx. 5 years (approx. DOB: 6/28/2017)

Color(s)/Pattern: Black Brown / Solid

License: [No current licenses]

Microchip:

Cautions:

Owner: Charles Patenaude

*Cell: (802) 380-7401

*No current e-mail addresses

* Physical: 60 Purinton Road
Buckland, Ma 01338

Involvement: Subject of case

Injury: N/A

Rabies Exp:

Name: Watson

Species: Dog

Breed: German Shepherd Dog (mix)

Gender/ Altered: Male / No

Age: Approx. 2 years (approx. DOB: 7/25/2020)

Color(s)/Pattern: Black Tan / Solid

License: [No current licenses]

Microchip:

Cautions:

Owner: Charles Patenaude

*Cell: (802) 380-7401

*No current e-mail addresses

* Physical: 60 Purinton Road
Buckland, Ma 01338

Involvement: Subject of case

Injury: N/A

Rabies Exp:

Name: Wolfie

Species: Dog

Breed: German Shepherd Dog (mix)

Gender/ Altered: Male / No

Age: Approx. 2 years (approx. DOB: 7/25/2020)

Color(s)/Pattern: Black Tan / Solid

License: [No current licenses]

Microchip:

Cautions:

Owner: Charles Patenaude

*Cell: (802) 380-7401

*No current e-mail addresses

* Physical: 60 Purinton Road
Buckland, Ma 01338


Franklin County Sheriff
Incident Report

Page: 1
03/06/2023

Incident #: 23FCS-4-OF
Call #: 23-15997

Date/Time Reported: 01/24/2023 1037
Report Date/Time: 02/03/2023 1146
Status: No Crime Involved

Reporting Officer: ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER KYLE DRAGON

Signature: 

#	INVOLVED	SEX RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
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1	PATENAUDE, CHARLES R 60 PURINTON RD BUCKLAND MA 01338-0000				
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Military Active Duty:
DOB:
LICENSE NUMBER:

PLACE OF BIRTH:
ETHNICITY:

#	EVENTS (S)
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LOCATION TYPE: Highway/Road/Alley/Street	Zone: BUCKLAND
PURINTON RD	
BUCKLAND MA 01338	

1	Animal Complaint: DOGS AT LARGE
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#	PERSON(S)	PERSON TYPE	SEX RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
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1	TOWN OF BUCKLAND 17 STATE ST BUCKLAND MA 01338	BUSINESS				
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2	CONFIDENTIAL(C1)					
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3	CONFIDENTIAL(C2)					
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INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

REF: FCR Animal Control Case: C23-008

1. On 01/24/2023 at about 1037am, I received a text message from a party whom wished to report that canines belonging to PATENAUDE, Charles where constantly loose, in the roadway and harassing motorist and walkers on the roadway. The party stated that she did not want to be part of filing a formal complaint at this time, however wanted us to be aware of the issues. At this time, this party has been identified by this department and will herein be identified as "C1".
2. On 01/31/2023 at about 541pm, I was contacted by a party whom wished to file a formal complaint about German shepherds that resided at the end of Purinton Road. This complainant has been identified by this department and will herein be identified as "C2". C2 advised the following "I have had several occasions in which, while visiting people who live on that road, two large German Shepard dogs have come aggressively running up to my car (barking and growling) forcing me to stay in my car until their attention could be drawn away. I have had to stop visiting because of the fear I have of these dogs attacking me."
3. I provided C2 a complaint form via email and requested that they complete and return the form to me. I also inquired if there was any video/photo evidence or if her friends would also complete a complaint.
4. On 01/31/2023 at 7pm, I received a signed complaint from C2. Upon review of this complaint, I noted that the last instance was reported to be in November of 2022. I confirmed this date was accurate with C2 and I was advised it was, and that they have not been their recently since they were concerned about the dogs.
5. On 02/3/2023, I sent C1 another email inquiring if they would provide me with contact information for their friend. I received an email from C2 advising that their friends feared retaliation from the dog's owner so they do not want their names involved.
6. On 02/07/2023, at about 713am, while off duty, I received a text communication from C1. C1 advised me that this time, she would like to for formally file a complaint. I confirmed an email where I could send the complaint form at 947am and C1 confirmed receipt of the form on 402pm.
7. On 02/10/2023 at about 1203pm, I received a signed complaint form from C1 via email. Upon review of the complaint form, I noted that formatting had removed some of the complaint text. I requested C1 to write a statement in regards to the text that was missing. C1 advised me at 1233pm that she would send the information via a follow up email.
8. On 02/14/2023 at about 813am, I received the write up via email from C1.
9. It should be noted that C1 also provided (4) videos which show canines belonging to PATNEAUDE, running at large harassing vehicles on the public way of Purinton Rd.
10. One of the videos depicted a Town of Buckland Highway Department vehicle plowing snow from the roadway and being chased by at least one of the canines. I will be following up with the Buckland DPW to see if there are other occurrences. On 02/16/2023, I completed a review of the recording from the dog hearing on 07/26/2022 in regards to the (3) three German Shepherds owned by PATENAUDE during which the Town of Buckland Selectboard heard testimony from PATENAUDE and complainants. At the outcome of the hearing, the Town of Buckland

Selectboard voted to require these canines to be restrained. It was noted that the motion by the board, did allow for verbal control as long as PATENAUDE was able verbally control the canines.

11. On 02/16/2023 at about 510pm, I received a reply email from Anthony with the Buckland Highway Department. A copy of this email is attached to this report. I learned from this email that the dogs have chased the plow trucks and gotten in the roadway during every storm this winter except the last one. Anthony further advised that a dog was tied up when he salted the road following the last storm and that he did not see the other dogs.
12. On 02/17/2023 at about 318pm, while on uniformed patrol and driving marked unit 53-07, I, Deputy Sheriff Kyle Dragon, Lead Regional Animal Control Officer for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office made contact with PATENAUDE at his residence. The purpose of this visit was to inform PATENAUDE that my office had received complaints that his canines were running in the roadway and interfering with motor vehicle travel on the roadway.
13. PATENAUDE stated that he knew who complained and explained that he allowed the son of a friend and his significant other stay on his property with the understanding that they would help with chores around the property in exchange for rent. PATENAUDE informed me that the couple had moved onto the property in the fall of 2022 and that they had not held up their end of the agreement. PATENAUDE also informed me that the female party has threatened him on numerous occasions and threatened to call me (animal control) as well. PATENAUDE further advised that some of the threats have been of physical harm and that he was in the process of getting them removed from the property. He also advised that they have dogs on their own as well.
14. I advised PATENAUDE that one of the complaints had come from the Town of Buckland as I had been informed that the DPW has had the dogs run into the road when plowing almost every snowstorm this winter.
15. I also informed PATENAUDE that at this time the Town of Buckland may hold a hearing to determine if there was a violation of the orders from the July 2022 dog hearing. I further informed PATENAUDE that I knew he had issues getting the documents for the hearing prior to the hearing last July and that I would personally ensure he received everything prior to the hearing so he could review it.
16. At this time, based on the fact that my office has received (2) signed complaints in regards to these dogs as well as findings of the previous uncontested hearing. I will be requesting that the Town of Buckland Selectboard hold a dog hearing to hear testimony from the complainants and establish if PATENAUDE's dogs have been in violation of the orders issued on 07/26/2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Dragon
Lead Regional Animal Control Officer,
Franklin County Sheriff's Office

TOWN OF BUCKLAND
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March 6, 2023

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Species: Dog

Breed: German Shepherd Dog (mix)

Gender/ Altered: Female / Unknown or N/A

Age: Approx. 5 years (approx. DOB: 6/28/2017)

Color(s)/Pattern: Black Brown / Solid

License: [No current licenses]

Microchip:

Cautions:

Owner: Charles Patenaude

*Cell: (802) 380-7401

*No current e-mail addresses

* Physical: 60 Purinton Road
Buckland, Ma 01338

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Injury: N/A

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Name: Watson

Species: Dog

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Gender/ Altered: Male / No

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Name: Wolfie

Species: Dog

Breed: German Shepherd Dog (mix)

Gender/ Altered: Male / No

Age: Approx. 2 years (approx. DOB: 7/25/2020)

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5. On 02/3/2023, I sent C1 another email inquiring if they would provide me with contact information for their friend. I received an email from C2 advising that their friends feared retaliation from the dog's owner so they do not want their names involved.
6. On 02/07/2023, at about 713am, while off duty, I received a text communication from C1. C1 advised me that this time, she would like to for formally file a complaint. I confirmed an email where I could send the complaint form at 947am and C1 confirmed receipt of the form on 402pm.
7. On 02/10/2023 at about 1203pm, I received a signed complaint form from C1 via email. Upon review of the complaint form, I noted that formatting had removed some of the complaint text. I requested C1 to write a statement in regards to the text that was missing. C1 advised me at 1233pm that she would send the information via a follow up email.
8. On 02/14/2023 at about 813am, I received the write up via email from C1.
9. It should be noted that C1 also provided (4) videos which show canines belonging to PATNEAUDE, running at large harassing vehicles on the public way of Purinton Rd.
10. One of the videos depicted a Town of Buckland Highway Department vehicle plowing snow from the roadway and being chased by at least one of the canines. I will be following up with the Buckland DPW to see if there are other occurrences. On 02/16/2023, I completed a review of the recording from the dog hearing on 07/26/2022 in regards to the (3) three German Shepherds owned by PATENAUDE during which the Town of Buckland Selectboard heard testimony from PATENAUDE and complainants. At the outcome of the hearing, the Town of Buckland

Selectboard voted to require these canines to be restrained. It was noted that the motion by the board, did allow for verbal control as long as PATENAUE was able verbally control the canines.

11. On 02/16/2023 at about 510pm, I received a reply email from Anthony with the Buckland Highway Department. A copy of this email is attached to this report. I learned from this email that the dogs have chased the plow trucks and gotten in the roadway during every storm this winter except the last one. Anthony further advised that a dog was tied up when he salted the road following the last storm and that he did not see the other dogs.
12. On 02/17/2023 at about 318pm, while on uniformed patrol and driving marked unit 53-07, I, Deputy Sheriff Kyle Dragon, Lead Regional Animal Control Officer for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office made contact with PATENAUE at his residence. The purpose of this visit was to inform PATENAUE that my office had received complaints that his canines were running in the roadway and interfering with motor vehicle travel on the roadway.
13. PATENAUE stated that he knew who complained and explained that he allowed the son of a friend and his significant other stay on his property with the understanding that they would help with chores around the property in exchange for rent. PATENAUE informed me that the couple had moved onto the property in the fall of 2022 and that they had not held up their end of the agreement. PATENAUE also informed me that the female party has threatened him on numerous occasions and threatened to call me (animal control) as well. PATENAUE further advised that some of the threats have been of physical harm and that he was in the process of getting them removed from the property. He also advised that they have dogs on their own as well.
14. I advised PATENAUE that one of the complaints had come from the Town of Buckland as I had been informed that the DPW has had the dogs run into the road when plowing almost every snowstorm this winter.
15. I also informed PATENAUE that at this time the Town of Buckland may hold a hearing to determine if there was a violation of the orders from the July 2022 dog hearing. I further informed PATENAUE that I knew he had issues getting the documents for the hearing prior to the hearing last July and that I would personally ensure he received everything prior to the hearing so he could review it.
16. At this time, based on the fact that my office has received (2) signed complaints in regards to these dogs as well as findings of the previous uncontested hearing. I will be requesting that the Town of Buckland Selectboard hold a dog hearing to hear testimony from the complainants and establish if PATENAUE's dogs have been in violation of the orders issued on 07/26/2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Dragon
Lead Regional Animal Control Officer,
Franklin County Sheriff's Office


Franklin County Sheriff
Incident Report

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Incident #: 23FCS-4-OF
Call #: 23-15997

Date/Time Reported: 01/24/2023 1037
Report Date/Time: 02/03/2023 1146
Status: No Crime Involved

Reporting Officer: ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER KYLE DRAGON

Signature: 

#	INVOLVED	SEX RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
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1	PATENAUDE, CHARLES R 60 PURINTON RD BUCKLAND MA 01338-0000				
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Military Active Duty:
DOB:
LICENSE NUMBER:

PLACE OF BIRTH:
ETHNICITY:

#	EVENTS (S)
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LOCATION TYPE: Highway/Road/Alley/Street	Zone: BUCKLAND
PURINTON RD	
BUCKLAND MA 01338	

1	Animal Complaint: DOGS AT LARGE
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#	PERSON(S)	PERSON TYPE	SEX RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
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1	TOWN OF BUCKLAND 17 STATE ST BUCKLAND MA 01338	BUSINESS				
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2	CONFIDENTIAL(C1)					
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3	CONFIDENTIAL(C2)					
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INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

REF: FCR Animal Control Case: C23-008

INVOLVED PARTIES

Involvement:

- Complainant

Injury: N/A

Name: Lincoln, Cheyenne

Involvement:

- Complainant

Injury: N/A

Name: Collins, Naureen

Involvement:

- Auto-added with enforcement: Referred to Municipal Hearing Authority: E23-002 dated 02/16/2023
- Owner/guardian of animal(s)

Injury: N/A

Name: Patenaude, Charles

Involvement:

- Officer assigned to case

Injury: N/A

Name: Dragon, Kyle

Involvement:

- Violator/offender
- Called for dispatch

Injury: N/A

Name: Town Of Buckland ,

Franklin County Sheriff
Incident Report

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Incident #: 23FCS-4-OF
Call #: 23-15997

CONFIDENTIAL PERSON REPORT

#	PERSON(S)	PERSON TYPE	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
2	LINCOLN, CHEYENNE (c1) 55 PURINTON RD BUCKLAND MA 01338 DOB: NOT AVAIL	PARTICIPANT				NOT AVAIL	
3	COLLINS, NAUREEN (c2) 72 YALE ST NORTH ADAMS MA 01247 DOB: NOT AVAIL	PARTICIPANT				NOT AVAIL	

** Portions of this report have been redacted **



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Franklin County Sheriff's Office
160 Elm Street
Greenfield, MA 01301

DOG COMPLAINT
G.L. c.140, §157

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Name: Cheyenne Lincoln Telephone #: (518) 801-3062
Address: 55 Purinton Road
Date and time of Incident: There are multiple... 11/28/22, 12/10/22, 12/24/22, 1/17/23, 1/24/23
Location of Incident: in front of my dwelling; Purinton Road, Shelburne Falls, MA
Description of Incident: All three dogs are vicious and not properly controlled by either of their owners. They :

DOG INFORMATION:

Dog's Name (if known): Bella, Wolfie and Watson
Description (breed, color, distinctive markings, etc.): German Sheperd/Husky Mixes

OWNER INFORMATION (if known)

Owner's Name: Charles (Chuck) Patenaude & Terri Haire Telephone #: (802) 380-7401
Owner's Address: 60 Purinton Road

COMPLAINT

I, the complainant identified above, state that the dog described in this complaint:

- ☒ Constitutes a nuisance because it (you **must** select one of the following):
- ☒ has a vicious disposition
 - ☐ barks excessively
 - ☒ causes the following disturbance (describe): They make it dangerous for the neighbor at the very end of
- ☐ By reason of its excessive barking/and or other disturbance, constitutes a source of annoyance to the following sick person (name and address)

STATEMENT

I understand that my identity will not be released during the investigation and that if the investigation results in a hearing. I will be required to attend the hearing and make my complaint before the Hearing Authority. This complaint is made under the penalties of perjury.

Cheyenne Lincoln
Signature of Complainant

2/10/2023
Date of Complaint

Return completed signed complaint to:

Franklin County Regional Animal Control
10 Sandy Lane
Turners Falls, Ma 01376

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date Received: 2/10/2023

Case No.: C23-008

Complaint form

Cheyenne Lincoln <clincoln95@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 8:18 AM

To: Kyle Dragon <kdragon@fcso-ma.us>

Description of Incident(s): All three dogs are vicious and not properly controlled by either of their owners. They are too much for them to handle, the rest of the world shouldn't have to suffer for that. They make it dangerous for the neighbors at the very end of Purinton Road to drive past their house (the only way out...), never mind if they were ever to attempt to walk their dog past. They attack countless vehicles that pass and even have had a face off with the city plow truck. Their owners have admitted they cannot control their dogs and instead, they verbally attack anyone that tries talking with them about it civilly. Terri's immediate line of defense is that "she is never home, she doesn't know what goes on with the dogs and Chuck", yet Chuck keeps in constant contact with her throughout the day, only telling her HIS version of events. The dogs have also acted out while Terri is home too, with her yellow Jeep Wrangler in the driveway, they just don't care. They just think everyone just has it out for their dogs. Their dogs aren't fixed either and have slipped their collars multiple times, have been found in neighbor Chuck Upright's "posted" property when let out to roam early in the day before Terri goes to work, and when she returns home late at night. I've had to help verbally retrieve Wolfie at 5 AM while he's barking his head off at something because Chuck's pathetic attempt to do so was not working, just as an example even with his GPS collar on. Something NEEDS to be done about these dogs already. Once and for all, their owners don't follow the rules just as much as their dogs!

Cheyenne Lincoln

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Franklin County Sheriff's Office
160 Elm Street
Greenfield, MA 01301

DOG COMPLAINT
G.L. c.140, §157

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Name: Naureen Collins Telephone #: (413) 412-0585
Address: 72 Yale St
Date and time of Incident: 10/26/22, 11/8/22, 11/24/22... not sure of times though
Location of Incident: Purinton Road
Description of Incident: As I drove down Purinton Road, two large German Shepard's charged at my car, bar

DOG INFORMATION:

Dog's Name (if known): _____
Description (breed, color, distinctive markings, etc.): German Shepard's, large and aggressive

OWNER INFORMATION (if known)

Owner's Name: _____ Telephone #: (_____) _____
Owner's Address: Purinton Rd

COMPLAINT

I, the complainant identified above, state that the dog described in this complaint:

☒ Constitutes a nuisance because it (you **must** select one of the following):

☒ has a vicious disposition

☐ barks excessively

☒ causes the following disturbance (describe): Came running out of their yard and down the road after my

☐ By reason of its excessive barking/and or other disturbance, constitutes a source of annoyance to the following sick person (name and address)

STATEMENT

I understand that my identity will not be released during the investigation and that if the investigation results in a hearing. I will be required to attend the hearing and make my complaint before the Hearing Authority. This complaint is made under the penalties of perjury.

Naureen Collins

Signature of Complainant

1/31/23

Date of Complaint

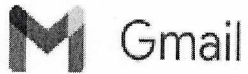
Return completed signed complaint to:

Franklin County Regional Animal Control
10 Sandy Lane
Turners Falls, Ma 01376

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date Received: 02/01/2023

Case No.: 023-008 frank



Kyle Dragon <kdragon@fcsso-ma.us>

Dogs loose on Purinton Road

Naureen <reeniecol@yahoo.com>

Tue, Jan 31, 2023 at 5:41 PM

Reply-To: Naureen <reeniecol@yahoo.com>

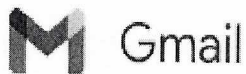
To: "kdragon@fcsso-ma.us" <kdragon@fcsso-ma.us>

Good Afternoon,

My name is Naureen Collins and I want to file a complaint against the owner(s) of two dogs at the end of Purinton Rd. I have had several occasions in which, while visiting people who live on that road, two large German Shepard dogs have come aggressively running up to my car (barking and growling) forcing me to stay in my car until their attention could be drawn away. I have had to stop visiting because of the fear I have of these dogs attacking me. Can something be done about them? I don't feel safe being on that road knowing those dogs are roaming free. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Naureen Collins
72 Yale St
North Adams, Ma 01247
413-412-0585

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android



Kyle Dragon <kdragon@fcso-ma.us>

Dogs chasing plow truck on Purinton Rd

4 messages

Kyle Dragon <kdragon@fcso-ma.us>

Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 9:53 AM

To: Highway <bucklandhwy@town.buckland.ma.us>

Cc: "Heather Butler (Buckland Admin)" <tnadmin@town.buckland.ma.us>

Good Morning,

I have been advised that on several occasions, while the DPW was plowing Purinton Road this winter, they have had issues with German Shepherd dogs running in the road, in front of the truck and chasing the truck. I am reaching out to get an idea on the frequency that this has occurred.

Thank you,
Kyle

Kyle P. Dragon
Lead Regional Animal Control Officer
Franklin County Sheriff's Office
160 Elm Street, Greenfield, MA 01301

Main: (413) 774-7340
Direct: (413) 768-0983
Fax: (413) 863-5491
Email: kdragon@fcso-ma.us

Mailing Address:
FCSO Regional Animal Control
10 Sandy Lane
Turners Falls, Ma 01376

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Town Administrator <tnadmin@town.buckland.ma.us>

Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 12:24 PM

To: Kyle Dragon <kdragon@fcso-ma.us>

Kyle

Did Anthony get back to you on this?

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Kyle Dragon <kdragon@fcso-ma.us>

Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 12:24 PM

To: Town Administrator <tnadmin@town.buckland.ma.us>

Negative

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Kyle P. Dragon, Animal Control Officer, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, 160 Elm Street, Greenfield, MA 01301, Phone: (413) 768-0983
Email: kdragon@fcso-ma.us

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Highway <bucklandhwy@town.buckland.ma.us>

Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 5:10 PM

To: Kyle Dragon <kdragon@fcso-ma.us>

Hi Kyle. I talked to my guys that plowed that road so far this winter and they said every storm but the last one the dogs would chase the trucks and get in the road. The last storm I salted that road and one was chained up, I didn't see the other 1 or 2. Hope this helps. Let me know if you have any other questions. Thank you.

Anthony

Get Outlook for iOS

From: Kyle Dragon <kdragon@fcso-ma.us>

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:53:05 AM

To: Highway <bucklandhwy@town.buckland.ma.us>

Cc: Town Administrator <townadmin@town.buckland.ma.us>

Subject: Dogs chasing plow truck on Purinton Rd

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From: [Town Clerk](#)
To: [Town Administrator](#)
Subject: election ballot
Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023 10:07:42 AM

I missed one office to go on the ballot that SB must approve – Board of Health for a 3 year term. They already approved BOH for a 1 year unexpired term but I missed the 3 year term. BOH has been a revolving door of resignations, appointments and unexpired terms for several years – easy to miss one.

Can this one office go on their agenda next week to approve to put on the ballot? Also, are you reposting a changed agenda for next Tuesday? And do you have an agenda for Fin Com on Monday? See you soon

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Karen Blom
Buckland Town Clerk
17 State St.
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
(Tel.) 413.625.6330 x4 / (Fax) 413.625.8570
twnclerk@town.buckland.ma.us

Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm or by appointment

**BUCKLAND SELECTBOARD POLICY
FOR APPOINTMENT TO TOWN BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS**

Individuals interested in being considered for appointment must complete this Citizen Volunteer Form. The only exception is for nominees from a home Committee to serve as representatives on a second Committee. If however, the chosen nominee is not on the home Committee but is a community member selected by them, then a Citizen Volunteer Form is required.

I am requesting to be appointed to: Board of voter registrars _____

Name: Jim
Picardi _____

Address: _____ 27 Rand Rd

Buckland MA
01370 _____

Email: jim
@jimpicardi.com _____

Daytime Phone: _413 625
6063 _____

Evening Phone: _____ 625
6063 _____

How long have you lived in the Town of Buckland?: _____ 31
years _____

I wish to serve on this committee/board/commission because: ____ Insuring the right for all legally qualified voters to vote is more important than ever. _____

I have the following training, experience, and/or qualifications:

_____None specifically related to the board's
work_____

I have served on the following committee/board/commission in the past:

_____Board of trustees for the Buckland public library__5
years_____

If there are no openings on a citizen's Committee(s) of your choice this Citizen Volunteer Form will be held on file for two years for consideration.

It is the goal of the Selectboard to appoint qualified and interested residents who are broadly representative of the Town. Selections are based on current Committee composition, qualifications, experience, recommendations, available space and on attendance record and previous performance, when available.

Committees shall be given copies of Citizen Volunteer Forms submitted by applicants for vacancies and shall normally be given a reasonable time to consider those

BREEZEWAY FARM CONSULTING, INC.

222 Wendell Road

New Salem, Massachusetts 01355-9525

Phone (978) 544-8505

Fax (978) 544-7958

Email ljoering@breezewayfarm.net

TO: Buckland Select Board

FROM: Linda Overing, CDBG Administration Consultant

DATE: March 7, 2023

RE: FY20 CDBG Extension Request

This request to DHCD will extend the FY2020 CDBG to June 30, 2023 (it currently ends March 31, 2023). Once the agency approves the request, I will ask you to vote on an amendment request that reprograms approximately \$4,000 in funds left over from the Depot Street and Freight Yard Parking Lot design projects to continued support of the Food Pantry. I am still finalizing the exact amount for the transfer.

I recommend the following motion:

I move to request DHCD to extend the FY20 CDBG to June 30, 2023 and to authorize the Select Board Chair to sign the extension request.

Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program
Chapter 3 Grant Management Forms
Budget and Program Revision Form

Community/Grantee: Town of Buckland	Original Award: \$ 756,798.00
Program Name/Year:	Revision #: E: #3
Grant #: CDF-G-2020-Buckland-00885	P-number (program revision)
	B-number (budget revision)
	E-number (extensions)
Contract End Date: 03/31/2023	Date Revision Submitted: 03/09/2023

This request is for the following change(s). Grantee check all "Requested" that apply; DHCD will initial those that are approved in the approved column

Grantee Requested	An X in the left column indicates the item is included by the Grantee, an X in the right hand column indicates DHCD approval of the item when the form is signed.	DHCD Approved
	Budget Amendment to increase the grant award to \$ _____	
	Budget Revision for:	
	• Change in administrative dollars _____	
	• Transfer of funds from construction to non-construction or vice versa _____	
	• Cumulative transfers among separately budgeted activities which exceed or are expected to exceed 10% of the approved grant award if the grant award exceeds \$100,000 _____	
X	Program Extension (to increase period of availability of funds/period of performance) to 06/30/2023	
	• This extension will extend period of performance beyond the end of the term of the current grant agreement _____	
	Program Revision for:	
	• Revision in scope or effectiveness of a project/program design or significant change in the accomplishment of the national objective or beneficiaries to be served. _____	
	• Changes in key personnel _____	
	• For non-construction projects, contracting out or subgranting or otherwise obtaining services of a third party to perform activities which are central to the purposes of the award if not specified in the application or grant award _____	
	• Other, specify _____	

This request is submitted and all relevant information specified on page 4 is provided in attachments. I understand that the revision or extension requested is not approved unless and until this form is countersigned as "approved" or "approved with revisions" by The CDBG Program Director and returned to me.

	3/14/2023 Barry DelCastilho, Select Board Chair
Authorized Signature for Grantee:	Date / / Print Name & Title:

**TOWN OF BUCKLAND
MASSACHUSETTS**



March 21, 2023

Ms. Christine Gicheru
Fiscal Representative
Dept. of Housing & Community Development
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Ms. Gicheru:

I certify that the Town of Buckland did not receive \$750,000 or more Federal Funds in FY2022. Therefore, no Single Audit was conducted for this period.

If you require additional information, please contact Heather Butler, Town Administrator, at (413) 625-6330 ext. 5.

Sincerely,

Barry DelCastilho
Select Board Chair

cc: L. Overing



Sent via Electronic Mail

January 6, 2023

Heather Butler, Town Administrator
Town of Buckland
Town Hall
17 State Street
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

Terry J. Narkewicz, Town Administrator
Town of Shelburne
Town Hall
51 Bridge Street
Shelburne, MA 01370

Re: HD PEG Channel Upgrade

Dear Town Administrators Butler and Narkewicz:

I am writing to you regarding the High Definition (HD) PEG upgrade at Falls Cable TV, which was discussed as part of the Cable License negotiations between Comcast and the Towns of Buckland and Shelburne. During a joint meeting between the Cable Advisory Committees of Buckland and Shelburne, representative from Falls Cable and Comcast on June 9, 2021, a request was made that the Standard Definition (SD) PEG channels be upgraded to HD format. At that time, Comcast responded that we would investigate the cost and feasibility of an upgrade and, if an upgrade were agreed upon, the cost of the upgrade would be the responsibility of the Towns or Falls Cable.

The Towns and Comcast subsequently came to an agreement on the terms of the Cable License renewal and a ten year license was signed by both Towns. Buckland signed their license on September 27, 2022, and Shelburne signed their license on October 24, 2022. Section 6.1 of both Licenses addresses the upgrade of the HD PEG channel but does not specify the cost of the upgrade or the fact that the Towns or Falls Cable would be responsible for the cost of the upgrade.

I would like to discuss the payment options with the Towns so we may proceed with the upgrade of the HD channel. I suggest a side letter between Comcast and the Towns detailing the payment agreement be drafted at the earliest convenience of all parties.

I look forward to discussing the same with you. I can be reached at eileen_leahy@comcast.com or 413-205-8403.

Very truly yours,

Eileen B. Leahy
Senior Manager, Government and Regulatory Affairs

cc: Attorney William Hewig

Non-Proprietary Information - Comcast

Version: 1.50C

PEG & I-NET PROJECT CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

\$20,945.40

Project Name	Buckland/Shelburne PEG	Network Site List
Project Description	Estimated cost to add HD PEG channel for Shelburne / Buckland. Comcast equipment to be installed at Mohawk Valley High School Studio and backhauled. Buckland/Shelburne to manage video switching before handoff to Comcast encoder. Included individual costs for single fiber (no electronics) connectivity from origination locations back to MVHS. fiber bundle BUCK01 is a 6strand fiber located in the high school.	H Studio 26 Ashfield Rd Buckland, MA 1 Buckland Town Hall 17 State Street, Buckland. 2 Shelburne Town Hall 51 Bridge Street, Buckland. 3 Shelburne Police Station 623 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne. 4 5

Project Information STANDARDS BASED ESTIMATE

Construction SOW	Date Final Estimate Completed: November 18, 2021 Final Estimate Completed By: Shane Kulsic Project Construction Type: HD/SDI Comcast Headend/Hub Location: Deerfield, MA Government Relation Manager: Franchise Authority - City & State: Buckland/Shelburne, MA License Obligation (Y/N): Project Cost Paid By: License Obligation / Time Line:
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Project Site & Distance Information

Video Design Notes	Number Of Network Site Locations: Aerial Construction Footage: Aerial Overlash Footage: Underground Construction Footage: Interior Wiring Footage: Number of New PEG Channels:
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Dark Fiber Cost

Dark Fiber Footage: Dark Fiber Cost:

Expenditure Type	Ref.	Notes/Vendor	Local Input	Linked Input	Sub-Total
Materials					
Buckland Town Hall Fiber					\$ 6,241.35
Shelburne Town Hall Fiber					\$ 4,710.69
Shelburne Police Fiber					\$ 2,761.23
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ 5,000.00
					\$ 100.00
					\$ 650.00
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					\$ 20,945.40
Contract Labor					\$ -
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Internal Labor					\$ -
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Miscellaneous					\$ -
State/Federal/Custom Taxes or Fees					\$ -
Shipping and Handling Cost					\$ -
					\$ -

Total Project Costs:	\$ 20,945.40
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Notes:

This is only a preliminary estimate, no field survey work was performed to determine actual cost. This estimate was calculated using our current construction standards. Actual cost will vary depending on the results of the required field survey work. No underground construction or other exceptions such as railroad or highway crossing, or easment rights are included, but those exceptions could vary the actual construction cost.

From: [Denise Allard](#)
To: [Town Administrator](#); [Margaret Olin](#); [administrator@townofcharlemont.org](#); [bos@colrain-ma.gov](#); [p.brooks46@icloud.com](#); [Veronique Blanchard](#); [Bob Armstrong](#); [townadmin@town.deerfield.ma.us](#); [David Keith](#); [Steve Eipper](#); [maswedlund](#); [administrator@gillmass.org](#); [Claire Chang](#); [selectman1@huntingtonma.us](#); [admin@huntingtonma.us](#); [newsalemwendell@gmail.com](#); [allamas@NorthfieldMA.gov](#); [Judy Wagner](#); [townadmin@townofshelburnema.gov](#); [townadmin](#); [Aaron Falbel](#); [David Young](#); [Kurkoski](#); [townadmin@whately.org](#); [Nathanael Fortune](#); [Nathanael Fortune](#); [Paul Newlin](#)
Cc: [Mark Cappadona](#)
Subject: RE: Franklin County Municipal Aggregation - RFP Timing / Next Steps
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 5:40:04 PM

Good evening –

We appreciate all of you joining us on 2/16 to catch up and discuss the timeline for Franklin County's next RFP.

To recap, we discussed the following with the group...

1. Current Contract / Market Overview
2. Timeline for Next RFP / Authorization to Sign
3. "New" Towns Interested in Joining the Group

Colonial had some takeaways so we wanted to provide an update.

[Current Contract / Market Overview](#)

Franklin County's current contract with Dynegy ends in January 2024.

The mild winter has pushed down natural gas prices (currently between \$2-3). Electricity prices have come down as well but not as quickly as natural gas prices. We do expect they'll follow suit though.

[Timeline for Next RFP / Authorization to Sign](#)

We'd like to issue the RFP in the next week or so. We'd ask to see **indicative pricing on Monday, 4/10** and **executable pricing on Monday, 4/24**.

Indicative pricing is simply for informational purposes but executable pricing would require a signature by 3 PM (from each municipality) if the group decided to move forward that day.

We'd set up calls for both days (likely around 1:30 or 2 PM) to review/discuss the pricing received.

[For administrative ease, ESA Signature Pages will be circulated prior to executable pricing.]

["New" Towns Interested in Joining the Group](#)

The Towns of Leverett (served by Eversource) and Wendell (served by National Grid) have DPU approved, active aggregations. Their current contracts end in January 2024 (same as Franklin County's). We've spoken to both about joining with the larger group but we don't have any final decisions at this time. We'll keep you posted.

[Takeaways/Action Items](#)

1. Ahead of issuing the RFP, we'd like to get input from the group on the product offerings we should request pricing for – please see surveymonkey.com/r/MVMTQ6G. **We ask that surveys be completed by Monday, 3/20 [EOD].**
2. On 4/10, the indicative pricing is for informational purposes only. No action is required by the communities on that day.
3. **On 4/24, the executable pricing is actionable. A signatory for each municipality will need to be available and authorized to sign a contract by 3 PM that day should pricing be favorable.**
4. On bid day, the group will need to agree on the supplier and term but each municipality may select its own product offering(s).

Please let us know if you need further clarification on anything.

Thanks,
Denise

Denise Allard

Colonial Power Group, Inc.
5 Mount Royal Avenue, Suite 5-350
Marlborough, MA 01752
508-485-5858 ext. 2



From: Denise Allard

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 7:38 AM

To: Town Administrator <townadmin@town.buckland.ma.us>; Margaret Olin <molin@crocker.com>; administrator@townofcharlemont.org; bos@colrain-ma.gov; p.brooks46@icloud.com; Veronique Blanchard <townadmin@conwayma.gov>; Bob Armstrong <bobarms@gmail.com>; townadmin@town.deerfield.ma.us; David Keith <dbgkeith@comcast.net>; Steve Eipper <seipper@gmail.com>; maswedlund <maswedlund@comcast.net>; administrator@gillmass.org; Claire Chang <claire@solargreenfield.com>; selectman1@huntingtonma.us; admin@huntingtonma.us; newsalemwendell@gmail.com; allamas@NorthfieldMA.gov; Judy Wagner <judy.wagner37@gmail.com>; townadmin@townofshelburnema.gov; townadmin <townadmin@TOWNOFSUNDERLAND.US>; Aaron Falbel <afalbel@cwmars.org>; David Young <coordinator@town.warwick.ma.us>; Kurkoski <jdauphin3@hotmail.com>; townadmin@whately.org; Nathanael Fortune <nfortune@mac.com>; Nathanael Fortune <nfortune@smith.edu>; Paul Newlin <paulnewlin@comcast.net>

Cc: Mark Cappadona <Mark@colonialpowergroup.com>

Subject: RE: Franklin County Municipal Aggregation - RFP Planning/Talking Points for 3 PM

Good morning –

Ahead of our Zoom meeting today, we wanted to circulate some high level talking points...

- Current Contract / Market Overview
- Timeline for Next RFP / Authorization to Sign
- “New” Towns Interested in Joining the Group – Next RFP + In the Future

We look forward to speaking with everyone at 3 pm – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83973669917?pwd=c2RTMmsONHo1WEhqeFBKK09HWTZrZz09>.

Thank you,
Denise

From: Denise Allard

Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 11:47 AM

To: Town Administrator <townadmin@town.buckland.ma.us>; Margaret Olin <molin@crocker.com>; administrator@townofcharlemont.org; marguerite.willis@townofcharlemont.org; bos@colrain-ma.gov; p.brooks46@icloud.com; townadmin@townofconway.com; bobarmstrong@townofconway.com; townadmin@town.deerfield.ma.us; David Keith <dbgkeith@comcast.net>; Steve Eipper <seipper@gmail.com>; maswedlund <maswedlund@comcast.net>; administrator@gillmass.org; Claire Chang <claire@solargreenfield.com>; selectman1@huntingtonma.us; admin@huntingtonma.us; coordinator@newsalemma.org; allamas@NorthfieldMA.gov; Judy Wagner <judy.wagner37@gmail.com>; townadmin@townofshelburnema.gov; townadmin <townadmin@TOWNOFSUNDERLAND.US>; Aaron Falbel <afalbel@cwmars.org>; David Young <coordinator@town.warwick.ma.us>; Kurkoski <jdauphin3@hotmail.com>; townadmin@whately.org; Nathanael Fortune <nfortune@mac.com>; Paul Newlin <paulnewlin@comcast.net>

Cc: Mark Cappadona <Mark@colonialpowergroup.com>

Subject: Franklin County Municipal Aggregation - RFP Planning

Good morning –

This email is being sent to the Towns of Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Gill, Huntington, New Salem, Northfield, Shelburne, Sunderland, Warwick and Whately.

As you know, Franklin County’s current contract with Dynegy ends in January 2024 for both the National Grid and Eversource communities.

We’ve been consistently watching the market to determine the best time for the communities to go out to RFP for their next power supply contract. Over the last six weeks or so, there has been a pretty steady downward trend. Right now, forward prices are back to where they were at the beginning of January 2022. We don’t know how long this downward trend will continue so we want to start thinking about requesting pricing in the coming months as opposed to late summer/early fall.

That being said, we'd like to schedule a Zoom meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss the overall process (for anyone who's new) and how much lead time each community will need ahead of reviewing (and potentially signing off on) executable pricing (which may or may not involve bringing new Select Board and Energy Committee members up to speed). We'll also be interested in any blackout dates anyone may have in the next couple of months that potentially need to be worked around.

One final note – there are a couple of other communities in Franklin County that have municipal aggregation programs and they may be interested in joining with the larger group. We still need to follow up with them separately but we think it'll be worthwhile to discuss if the group is open to further additions and what this may mean for pricing.


We realize everyone's schedule is fluid but **we'd like to target Tuesday 2/14, Wednesday, 2/15 or Thursday 2/16 for the Zoom meeting.** Please respond and let me know if you have a preference as to the day and morning or afternoon.

Thank you,
Denise

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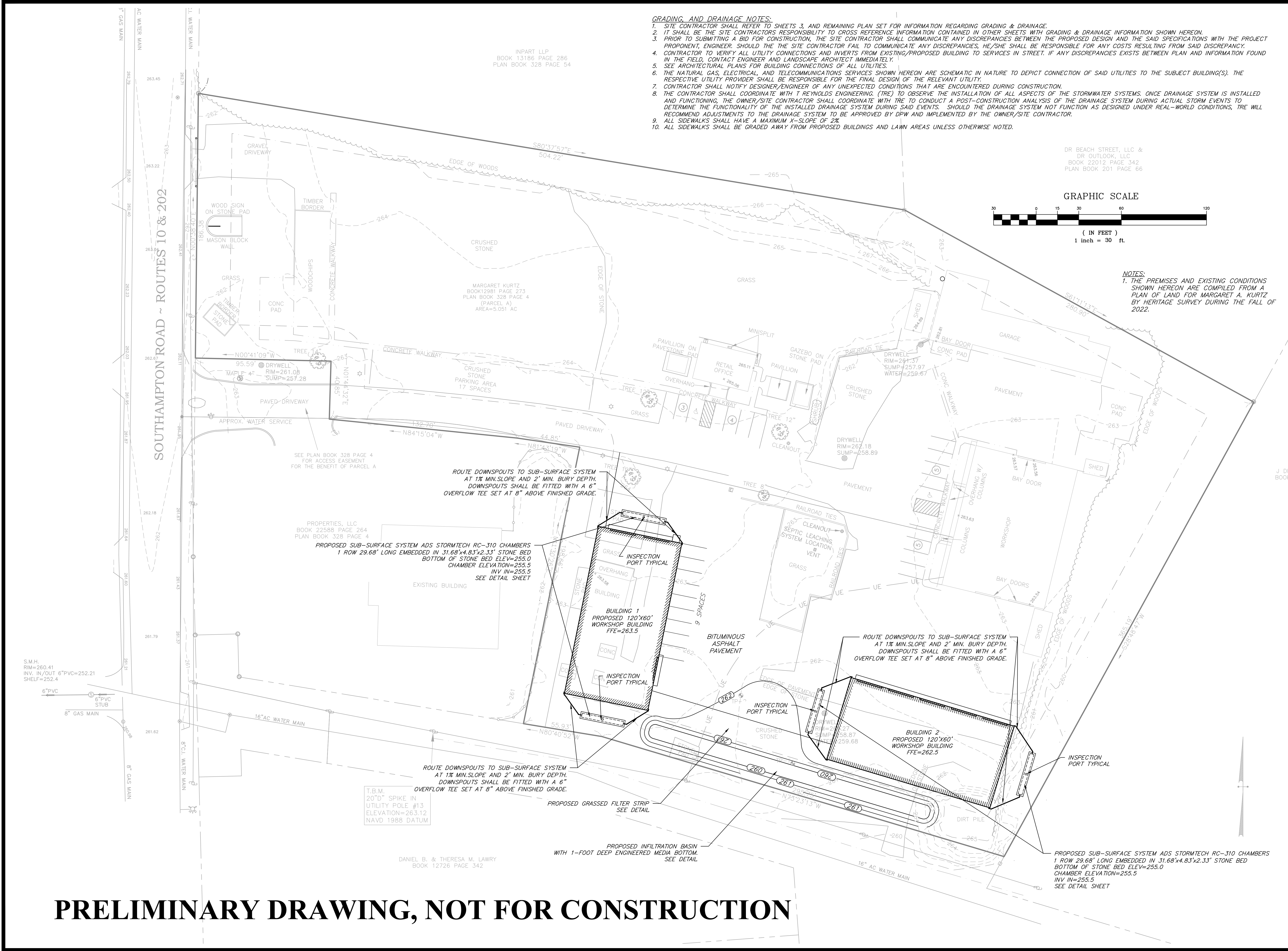
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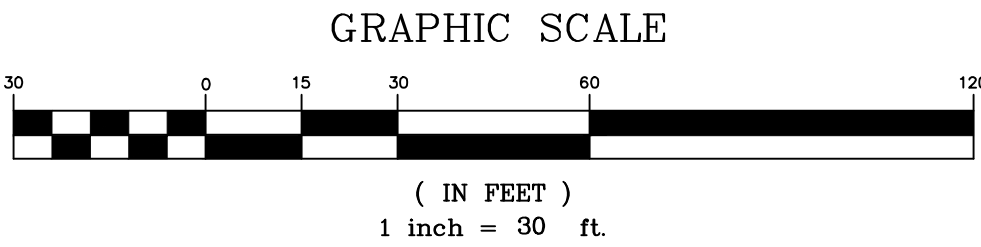
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DR BEACH STREET, LLC &
DR OUTLOOK, LLC
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NOTES:
1. THE PREMISES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS SHOWN HEREON ARE COMPILED FROM A PLAN OF LAND FOR MARGARET A. KURTZ BY HERITAGE SURVEY DURING THE FALL OF 2022.

PRELIMINARY DRAWING, NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

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**Grading, Erosion Control and
Utilities Plan**

Hometown Structures
627 Southampton Road
Westfield, MA 01085

PREPARED FOR:
Hometown Structures
627 Southampton Road
Westfield, MA 01085

REVISIONS:	DATE:

UNAUTHORIZED ALTERATION OF
THIS DOCUMENT IS A VIOLATION OF
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LAW

PROJECT NO: 22-1003
DRAWING: Eng Plan.dwg
DATE: 3/8/23
SCALE: 1"=30'
SHEET NO.

**TOWN OF BUCKLAND
MASSACHUSETTS**

APPLICATION FOR USE OF TOWN HALL

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Franklin County Medical Reserve Corps
RESPONSIBLE PERSON: Carmela Lange PHONE NUMBER: 503 750 1439
ADDRESS: 31 School St, 87 01370
PURPOSE OF USE: Reading of a new Play
DAY(S) and DATE (S) REQUESTED: Fri, May 5 ~~6:00-9:00pm~~
TIMES REQUESTED: 6:00p TO 9:30p ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE: 25
ADMISSION FEE TO BE CHARGED?: NO (yes/no)
DO YOU PLAN TO SERVE FOOD?: NO (yes/no) (Note additional fees apply-see below)
POLICE CHIEF NOTIFICATION Date: _____

RENTAL FEE SCHEDULE:

	Hall Fee	Seasonal Charge*	Serving Food	TOTAL
Buckland Indiv/Group No Admiss. Fee	\$30	\$15	Yes / No If yes + 1hr Cust.	\$30 ⁰⁰
Buckland Indiv/Group w/ Admis. Fee or Tuition	\$60*	\$25	Yes / No If yes + 1hr Cust.	
Other Entities	\$175	\$35	Yes / No If yes + 1 hr Cust.	

*Use during heating season October 1 – April 1

TOTAL FEE: \$30⁰⁰

A group is defined as a Buckland Group if the applicant is a Buckland resident *and* the event is primarily focused on attracting residents of Buckland. Town Departments may use the Town Hall upon reservation for no fee.

OR upon request of the Select Board:

2. Provide a CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE that serves as proof that the applicant carries adequate insurance and that names the Town of Buckland as an Additional Insured. (This is mandatory for approval to serve alcoholic beverages.)

OR upon request of the Select Board

3. Request SPECIAL EVENTS COVERAGE through the Town of Buckland's insurance provider.

Approval Granted/Denied

Date

Select Board Signature

PLEASE NOTE: Your approval for use is not complete until such time as you meet the insurance obligations as agreed upon with the Select Board.

It is understood that any group using the building is expected to return the area used to "as found" condition and that the *group will be held responsible for any damages incurred during the time of use*. The cost of returning the rented space to as found condition will be deducted from the renter's security deposit.

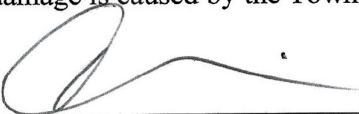
STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE:

I/We agree to abide by the Policies relating to Town Hall use as presented with this application and to pay any stipulated fee.

By signing and dating this application, I am stating that I have complied with all local, state and federal regulations and laws, that the information supplied accurately describes the proposed event and that I will pay the current fees. I agree to reimburse the Town for any expenses incurred by the Town as a direct result of my use of the Town Hall.

HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT:

I shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law, indemnify and save harmless the Town of Buckland, its officers, agents, volunteers, and employees from and against any and all damages, liabilities, actions, suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) that may arise out of or in connection with the lease or use of the Buckland Town Hall for any damage to its real or personal property that occurs in conjunction with the lease or use of the Town Hall at 17 State Street by myself, or any agent of mine, unless the damage is caused by the Town of Buckland's gross negligence or willful misconduct.



Signature of Applicant

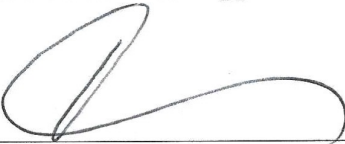
March 23, 2023

Date

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

It is the intent of the Town of Buckland to protect itself from liability arising from the use of the Town Hall by organizations or individuals using the Town Hall for private or public events. To this end the applicant must do the following:

1. Sign below in acknowledgement of having read the Hold Harmless Agreement included in the application above and in agreement the applicant understands that they are contractually accepting to assume all legal liability for themselves and other entities as they may allow to use the premises under their application.



Applicant's Signature

From: [Jennifer Pease](#)
To: [Town Administrator](#); [Town Clerk](#)
Subject: Request to close the Iron Bridge on August 20th 2023
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 9:46:53 AM

To whom it may concern;

The Mohawk Athletic Association would like to request a closure of the Iron Bridge on August 20th from 2pm until 9pm. We are resurrecting the Bridget Dinner and all proceeds will go to benefit Mohawk Trail Athletics at Mohawk Trail Regional High School located in Buckland, MA. Our organization was founded in 1990 and we are committed to keeping our athletic programs top tier. We have hired a caterer to prepare food for the event. This will run very similar to the Bridge Dinners of the past and hope to showcase our little town in this amazing way and benefit the local schools at the same time.

Thank you for your help and Attention to this matter.

Best, Jenn Pease

President, Mohawk Athletic Association

Jennifer Pease
Working virtually Wednesdays, and Fridays
ECE Administrative Officer
University of Massachusetts Amherst
100 Natural Resources Road
Marcus 201
Amherst, MA 01003
Phone: 413-545-4569
Email: pease@ecs.umass.edu

Town of Buckland
Parade Or Street Use Permit

This permit to be filled out in conjunction with the Town's written policy – see separate document.

Name of applicant or organization:

Missy Ashton

Date of Event: Spring 2023 Profit Non-Profit
as soon as weather is better

Description of activity and purpose of request: (including date, time location, etc. Use back of sheet if necessary).

Painting light Box in front of
Iron bridge to the right hand side

Melissa Ashton

413-531-1152

Print Name

Telephone Number

Signature

Bill Police Services To:

56 Vincent rd
Charlestown, MA
01339

Address

This permit must be completed in full and returned with a non-refundable \$5.00 application fee to the Town of Buckland, no later than 30 days prior to date requested for the activity.

(Town Use Only)

Date this application is received by Town _____

Fee Paid: Check # _____ /Cash _____ Recd by: _____

Police Department: Approved _____ Disapproved _____
Date _____

Recommendation of Police Department: Traffic &/or crowd control assessment:

Estimated cost to the Town: _____

Chief of Police

Date

**Town of Buckland
Parade Or Street Use Permit**

This permit to be filled out in conjunction with the Town's written policy – see separate document.

Name of applicant or organization: Mohawk Trail Athletic Association

Date of Event: 08/20/2023 Profit _____ Non-Profit xx

Description of activity and purpose of request: (including date, time location, etc. Use back of sheet if necessary). The Mohawk Athletic Association would like to bring back the bridge dinner on August 20th, 2023. We would like to close down the iron bridge from 2pm until 9pm that day. Food Service will start at 4:15. All proceeds will benefit Mohawk Trail Regional Athletics. We have a caterer who has agreed to put on the full menu. Hillside Tents is also providing all tables, lines, and table wear at no cost. We are hoping this will put a spotlight back on our town for this fun and original historic event.

Jennifer Pease

413-824-1888

Print Name

Telephone Number

Signature

PO Box 3007, Ashfield, MA 01330

Address

Bill Police Services To:

This permit must be completed in full and returned with a non-refundable \$5.00 application fee to the Town of Buckland, no later than 30 days prior to date requested for the activity.

(Town Use Only)

Date this application is received by Town 2-12-2023

Fee Paid: Check # 303 /Cash _____ Rcd by: pmg

Police Department: Approved ✓ Disapproved _____ Date 3-3-23

Recommendation of Police Department: Traffic &/or crowd control assessment:

Estimated cost to the Town: N/A

Chief of Police

3-8-23
Date

Iron Bridge Dinner Menu

"BASH" Catering

Peter M. Hadley

P.O. Box 1222

Greenfield, MA. 01302

774-216-9309

Email: bash01301@gmail.com

Website: bash-catering.com

Mohawk Trail Athletic Association Dinner

Location: The Iron Bridge Shelburne Falls MA.

Contact People :

Kristie Faufaw: 413-824-5340 Email: info@ryanandcaseyliquors.com

Jenn Pease: 413-824-1888 Email: jroyer@umass.edu

Greg Lilly: 413-628-4577 glillyad@mtrsd.org

DATE: Sunday August 20th, 2023

Estimated Number Of Guests = 250

PROPOSED ESTIMATED TIMING:

Seated Appetizer: 4:15 PM

Family Style Dinner Dinner: 5:30 PM

Dessert: Following

SITE CONTACT PERSON: All of the above

Estimated Number of Guests: 250

"FAMILY STYLE " DINNER MENU

FOOD SET ON PLATTERS ON TABLES AND PASSED AROUND BY GUESTS

All food locally sourced and organic, farm fresh and/or

wild caught:

upon availability and accessibility

First Course

**Farm Fresh Mildly Spiced Gazpacho
with Chipotle Honey Glazed Grilled Shrimp**

Second Course

**Salad of Field Greens and Radicchio
with Clementine Sections and Toasted Hazelnuts
Fresh Chive and A Wedge of Sharp Cheddar
Roasted Garlic, Basil Reduced Balsamic Vinegar**

*

Rolls

Sweet Cream Butter

DINNER

ENTREES

**Marinated Grilled Flank Steak with a Savory Stewed Plum and Herb Sauce
(HOT)**

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Poached Ginger Salmon with a Mango White Grape Vinaigrette

(ROOM TEMP)

VEGETABLES

Poached and Grilled Multi Colored Beets
Grilled Butternut Squash
and
Roasted Garlicky Brussel Sprouts
ALL WITH
Burnt Sage Lemon Butter and Sea Salt
Lemon Wedges
(HOT)

STARCHES

Sweet Potato and Cucumber Salad
Ginger Lemon and Honey Dressing

Wild Rice Blend with Fresh Herb's, Dried Cranberries and Red Wine Herb Vinaigrette
(ABOVE TWO ROOM TEMP)

Quinoa Black Bean Cakes
with a Reduced Tawny Port Mushroom and Multi Colored Pepper Sauce
(THIS IS A VEGETARIAN ENTREE; BUT FEEL IT MAY BE BEST SERVED WITH THE
STARCHES
(HOT)

DESSERT

Lemon Ricotta Cake Wedges with Blueberry Compote
and
Chocolate Pecan Ganache Wedges with Caramel
Both Served With a Minted Chantilly
(ABOVE ROOM TEMP)

FOOD COST

\$45.00 Guest x 250 Guests = \$11,250.-

Tax Exempt

Estimated Food Total = \$11,250.-

SERVICE COST

Estimated Service Hours includes Set-Up/Service and Clean Up and will be adjusted to fit the exact
needs of client (TBD)

**KITCHEN HELP/PLATING OF FOOD ECT SUPPLIED BY CATERER
SERVERS FOR SET UP/SERVING AND CLEAN UP SUPPLIED BY MOHAWK ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION**

ESTIMATED HOURS OF SERVICE = 8

2 Chefs at \$25- Hour x Estimated 8 Hours = \$400.-

8 Assistant Chefs at \$22- Hour x Estimated 8 Hours = \$1,408.-

TAX EXEMPT
Estimated Service Total = \$1,808.-

Suggested Gratuity Based on 15% of Food Cost
Suggested Gratuity = THIS BEING A FUNDRAISER GRATUITY IS UP TO THE INDIVIDUALS

(THIS IS SUGGESTED, NOT REQUIRED; THIS IS UP TO YOU, THE CLIENT)

SUGGESTED RENTALS:
Supplied BY Client/Hill Town Rentals
CATER WILL ASSIST IN ALL ORDERING AND OR DO THE ORDERING THEMSELVES:
CATERER CAN OBTAIN A MORE SPECIFIC QUOTE FOR ALL, AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE

SUGGESTIONS SO FAR BUT WILL GO OVER WITH HILL TOWN)
(1) 20 x 20 Cook Tent set at one end of Bridge to execute all food and for bussing
8? (6) Tables for Cook Tent
(1) Gas Grill or Cook Top For Heating Sauces to "Heat" Food
Silverware (Dinner Forks, Salad/Dessert Forks, Knives ?)
Linen Napkins? / (25) White or Colored Linens to cover (8) Foot Tables for 8 People Per table ?/ (25)
Water Pitchers?/ Serving Utensils..... and more

SUGGESTED PAPER/BAMBOO:
Dinner/Dessert Napkins (MAYBE LINEN DINNER???? THIS MAY BE EASIER)
Recyclable Bamboo Appetizer, Salad, Dinner and Dessert Plates
Bamboo Platters For Serving "Entrees/Veggies/Starches and Desserts"
THE BAMBOO IS RECYCLABLE AND ATTRACTIVE AND A LOT EASIER TO DEAL WITH ! I
have been seeing it used at many medium to high end events

TRASH
REMOVED BY CATERER \$100.00

BEVERAGES/ICE/BAR SERVICE
Beverages and Ice Supplied By Client Unless Otherwise Noted
Caterer Can Supply Beverages Upon Request
Caterer Suggests Pitchers of Water (Lemon Water?) On all tables
though a water source would be needed or water to be purchased!

Estimated Event Cost Food and Service: \$13,058.-
Estimate Cost PP at 250 People = \$52.23
Estimated Event Cost with Suggested Gratuity= \$UP TO COMMITTEE
Estimated Cost PP with Suggested Gratuity = \$
Deposit of 50% of Estimated Food Cost Required To Secure Date
Deposit Requested to Secure Date = \$5,625.-
RECEIVED \$5,625.- THANK YOU
Guest Count Due 10 Day's Before Event; Count can go up, (within Reason) but not down after the 10
Day's Prior head count.
Estimated Balance Due 5 Days Before Function
Estimated Balance Due If Full Deposit Received = \$7,433.-
Estimated Balance Due with Suggested Gratuity = \$Up to Committee
Make All Payments Payable to Peter M. Hadley
(In memo please put "BASH CATERING")

Peter M. Hadley Date

Client's Date

(Agreement in principle; Final determination of cost will be based on final menu, trash removal, bar, staffing needs, rentals, covid and number of guests.)

Town Administrator

From: Town Clerk
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:15 AM
To: Town Administrator; Town Assessor
Subject: FW: Request to close the Iron Bridge on August 20th 2023

Think this one's for you.

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Karen Blom
Buckland Town Clerk
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Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
(Tel.) 413.625.6330 x4 / (Fax) 413.625.8570
townclerk@town.buckland.ma.us

Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm or by appointment

From: Jennifer Pease <jpease@admin.umass.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 9:47 AM
To: Town Administrator <townadmin@town.buckland.ma.us>; Town Clerk <townclerk@town.buckland.ma.us>
Subject: Request to close the Iron Bridge on August 20th 2023

To whom it may concern;

The Mohawk Athletic Association would like to request a closure of the Iron Bridge on August 20th from 2pm until 9pm. We are resurrecting the Bridget Dinner and all proceeds will go to benefit Mohawk Trail Athletics at Mohawk Trail Regional High School located in Buckland, MA. Our organization was founded in 1990 and we are committed to keeping our athletic programs top tier. We have hired a caterer to prepare food for the event. This will run very similar to the Bridge Dinners of the past and hope to showcase our little town in this amazing way and benefit the local schools at the same time.

Thank you for your help and Attention to this matter.
Best, Jenn Pease
President, Mohawk Athletic Association

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**Town of Buckland
Parade Or Street Use Permit**

This permit to be filled out in conjunction with the Town's written policy - see separate document.

Name of applicant or organization: MARLBORO MORRIS MEN

Date of Event: MAY 13, 2023 Profit _____ Non-Profit X

Description of activity and purpose of request: (including date, time location, etc.
Use back of sheet if necessary).

SEE ATTACHED

FRED DEVECCA

Print Name

Fred DeVecca

Signature

45 SCHOOL ST
SHELBURNE FALLS, MA
01370

Address

FROGPROD@
RCN.COM

413-512-0850

Telephone Number

Bill Police Services To:

This permit must be completed in full and returned with a non-refundable \$5.00 application fee to the Town of Buckland, no later than 30 days prior to date requested for the activity.

(Town Use Only)

Date this application is received by Town check

Fee Paid: Check # _____ /Cash 45 Rcd by: Karen Blom 3/2/23

Police Department: Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Date _____

Recommendation of Police Department: Traffic &/or crowd control assessment:

Estimated cost to the Town: _____

Chief of Police

Date

Board of Selectmen: Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Date _____

_____, Chair, Board of Selectmen,

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY AND PURPOSE OF REQUEST (INCLUDING DATE, TIME, LOCATION, ETC.)

About 40 Morris dancers and musicians will dance in front of McCusker's Market from about 4-5:30pm on Saturday May 13. We usually dance in 2 or 3 parking spaces in front of McCusker's. Dancers also stand in the alley between McCusker's and Mo's Fudge Factor.

We police ourselves and make sure a lane is kept open on sidewalk so others can move by freely. We will not block doorways and will clean up after the event.

We are largely local residents. I live in Buckland. We have been doing this event for over 30 years now and as far as I know there have never been any problems.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

THANK YOU!!!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred DeVecca". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Fred DeVecca

413-512-0850

We do not object to the Morris dancers performing in front of McCusker's Market on May 13 from about 4-5:30pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'M' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that ends in a small upward flick.

McCusker's Market MAUAGER

5/1/23

**Buckland Select Board
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2023 5:30 p.m.
Buckland Town Hall**

Listing of Topics

Appointments

5:45 p.m. - Age and Dementia Friendly Initiative, Meg Ryan, RN, and Carol Foote, Life Path

6:15 p.m. - Pharmacy Opioid settlement agreement(s), Phoebe Walker, Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Agenda Items

- > Town Election - Karen Blom, Town Clerk**
- > Solid Waste Expense Management, resident outreach and education opportunities**
- > Letters of Hire, Wastewater Treatment Facility - Interim Operators**

Documents to Sign

- > Contract & Grant Documents**
- > Permits & Licenses**
- > Minutes**

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

Select Board Member Concerns

Town Administrator's Report

Public Comment

Volunteer Recognition

Announcements & Upcoming Meetings

Attendees

Barry Del Castilho - Select Board Chair
 Clinton Phillips - Select Board Vice-chair
 Lawrence Wells - Select Board Member
 Heather Butler - Town Administrator
 Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk
 Otis Wheeler - Falls Cable
 Karen Blom - Town Clerk
 Meg Ryan - RN, FRCOG
 Carol Foote - Lifepath
 Phoebe Walker - FRCOG
 Carmela Lanza-Weil - Resident, BOH Member

Meeting

Mr. Del Castilho opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Appointments

5:45 p.m. - Age and Dementia Friendly Initiative, Meg Ryan, RN, and Carol Foote, Life Path - Ms. Ryan and Ms. Foote gave a power point presentation of the results to an Age and Dementia Friendly Franklin County Needs Survey covering: demographic of respondents; housing, owned or rented, ease and/or affordability of maintaining housing, reasons for changing housing; ease of access to outdoor spaces and buildings and feelings of comfort/safety in their community; need for or availability of public transportation; social environment and opportunities; health services and community supports, including caregivers, health care professionals, wellness programs; health services and communication, addressing tele-health access and experience, and technical support needed to use tele-health; social participation, examining older adults living alone vs with others (partner, spouse, family, friend), frequency of interaction with someone outside the household, and feelings of support and sense of community belonging; communication and information, citing persons/ media that respondents identified as their top sources to stay informed; civic participation and employment, looking at volunteering opportunities, civic engagement, access to information about town updates, long term financial stability; respect and social inclusion, which indicated how those surveyed responded to availability and affordability of cultural events, intergenerational events, fitness and outdoor opportunities, and opportunities in their own language; health equity, looking at how structural inequities and racism play a role in determining health opportunities for health and well being, and considering how to use Racial Injustice to reframe questions. Ms. Ryan and Ms. Foote gave further examples and expanded on the power point from their personal experience in their given fields. The survey received 2,000 responses from the Franklin County and North Quabbin areas, 67 of those from Buckland. Ms. Ryan stated that they could have done better with data analysis with more responses, but is confident that they have useful information going forward. She added, that if life is better for people as they age, life is better for all across the age spectrum. Of those 67 Buckland respondents, 64% rated Buckland as an excellent/good place to age, with 36% rating it as fair/poor.

6:15 p.m. - Pharmacy Opioid settlement agreement(s), Phoebe Walker, Franklin Regional Council of Governments - Ms. Walker gave an overview of the opioid settlement money coming into Buckland, explaining that zip code determines the amount apportioned to communities based on the opioids prescribed in those zip codes. She explained the purposes for which the funds must be used: prevention, treatment, intervention, and recovery. These monies cannot be allocated for the purpose of general health. She cited examples of programs and services which would be covered, and noted that the Board of Health is a source for that information. Because most towns will not receive a large enough sum to fund sizable programs, FRCOG is comprising a list of programs and services for which towns can pool their funds and collaborate. She also suggested creating a stabilization fund for the opioid money because some will have to accrue before there is an amount large enough to spend; that account will have to be approved at town meeting. Ms. Walker tasked the Board with thinking about how they would like to spend their dollars; Mr. Del Castilho stated he would like to obtain input from the Board of Health. Following Board discussion, Mr. Phillips moved that the Town of Buckland “opt in” to the proposed five national settlements with pharmacies participating in the opioid settlement program and authorize the Select Board Chair to sign related documents. Mr. Wells seconded and vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Agenda Items

> Town Election - Karen Blom, Town Clerk - Ms. Blom provided the Board with an overview of the 2023 Town Election Process and submitted a list of positions and two ballot questions which she asked to be placed on the ballot. The positions are:

- 1 Select Board - 3 year term
- 1 Assessor - 3 year term
- 1 Board of Health - 1 year un-expired term
- 1 Town Clerk - 3 year term
- 1 Buckland Library Trustee - 3 year term
- 1 Constable - 3 year term
- 2 Finance Committee - (2) 3 year terms
- 1 Moderator - 1 year term
- 1 School Committee - 3 year term

The ballot questions are:

- 1) Shall the town vote to have its elected Tree Warden become appointed Tree Warden?
- 2) Shall the town vote to have its elected Constables become appointed Constables?

Mr. Phillips moved to approve the offices for election in the 2023 Annual Town Election scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th and further to approve the placement of two ballot questions on the June 6, 2023 Election Warrant. Mr. Wells seconded the motion, and vote in favor was unanimous.

> Solid Waste Expense Management, resident outreach and education

opportunities - Board members were given a packet of information regarding waste disposal/recycling data and comparison costs from other towns for price per bag disposal and cost of transfer station access stickers. Ms. Butler explained the costs of trash disposal and hauling fees have risen while recycling credits have decreased. To combat this, we are trying to be as restrictive as possible about what goes into the compactor, making sure everything is in a bag and every bag has a sticker; this has caused pushback. Ms. Butler and Mr. Del Castilho met with Jan of the FCSWMD and our district reps, Marti Ferguson and Andrea Donlon to discuss strategies. More outreach, public education and informational forums were discussed, as well as the possibility of an extra bulky waste day, or perhaps the option of residents leaving items at the transfer station to be transported to Greenfield by the town to ensure that they are disposed of properly. To increase revenue, increasing the cost of per-bag stickers if necessary was a more agreeable solution than assessing a charge for access stickers. It was also suggested that a survey be conducted by passing out questionnaires at the transfer station over a specific period of time, then collecting them in the same format to give those using the facility a voice in how to increase revenue. Following discussion by the Board, Ms. Butler asked members to look over the packet of information and give thought to the problem and solutions.

> Letters of Hire, Wastewater Treatment Facility - Interim Operators - Ms. Butler explained that The Shelburne Falls Wastewater Treatment Facility must file an updated/ interim staffing plan to maintain its compliance with the operational permit issued by the Mass Department of Environmental Protection. Further, the town must demonstrate that two operators, including one that is a Grade 4 or above are part of the staffing plan. Until the full time operator vacancy is filled, Dan Fleuriel will be able to serve as our Grade 4 operator but is unavailable for the month of March due to a previously scheduled vacation. Our Assistant Operator is a Grade 4 in training. We have contacted two operators from Greenfield, Mark Holley and Paul Zilinski, a Grade 6 and Grade 5 respectively to cover for the month of March. Mr. Phillips moved to authorize the Town Administrator to sign two letters of hire for Mark Holley and Paul Zilinski to work up to 10 hours per week and receive \$32.00 per hour for their time. This is a non-benefitted interim position. Mr. Wells seconded the motion and vote in favor was unanimous.

Documents to Sign

> Contract & Grant Documents - There were none this meeting.

> Permits & Licenses - A Street Use Permit was submitted for the Bridge of Flowers Road Race to be held on August 12, 2023. Mr. Phillips moved to approve the permit for the 2023 Bridge of Flowers Road Race event, seconded by Mr. Wells, Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

> Minutes - Mr. Del Castilho moved to approve the February 14, 2023 Select Board Meeting Minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Phillips. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting - There were no items not reasonably anticipated.

Select Board Member Concerns - There were no concerns expressed.

Town Administrator's Report -

> Heating Oil Bid Results - Ms. Butler reported that the bids were received in a format she could not translate, so reached out the the LPVEC to reformat and resend the information. She will have at a future meeting

> Wage & Comp Survey - The Collins Center, part of UMass Boston, conducted a wage and comp survey of 12 municipal positions for the Town of Buckland. The employees whose positions were included in the survey completed a questionnaire and were interviewed regarding their job descriptions and actual duties. The Collins Center compared the job titles/descriptions with comparable communities and submitted to Buckland revised job descriptions and salary schedules. As Ms. Butler expected, some were on target, and others were not; those that were not need to be increased to align more closely with our employees' counterparts in other municipalities. She particularly referenced our assessor who has been contacted by other towns offering more money, and the fact our treasurer/collector could travel to Deerfield for more than she is making in Buckland. At some point, Ms. Butler admonished, employees' loyalty may weaken if we cannot offer a competitive wage. Because the report from the Collins Center was so comprehensive, she forwarded a link to Board members and asked that they look it over.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Volunteer Recognition - When there is a storm, people reach out to help other people. That volunteerism is valued and recognized.

Announcements & Upcoming Meetings:

March 4 - Battle of Badges Basketball at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Tip Off is at 3:00 p.m. Come cheer on your Firefighters and Police Officers.

March 6: Shared Police Services Public Forum. The meeting is at the Buckland Town Hall and starts at 6 p.m. A zoom link will be posted to the Town's website the day before the event.

March 15: Warrant articles to be submitted by March 15th. Please note any articles to amend the Zoning Bylaws must be submitted in time for public hearing by the Planning Board.

March 23: Mass DOT Public Hearing for Upper North Street road reconstruction. At the Buckland Town Hall starting at 6 p.m.

With no further announcements or business, Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wells. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, March 21, 2023

Signed:

Barry Del Castilho_____

Clinton Phillips_____

Lawrence Wells_____