

## **Buckland Finance Committee Minutes**

April 15, 2019

Meeting called to order at Buckland Public Library 7:05 p.m.

**Committee members present:** Karen Blom, Ciara Hayden, Ben Murray, Larry Langford (joined remotely), Raymond Lanza-Weil, Paula Consolo (arrived 7:12 pm).

**Others present:** Bob Markel, interim town administrator; Dena Wilmore, selectboard; Marilyn Kelsey, community member.

**Karen moves that we accept the revised minutes from April 8. Ben seconds.**

**Unanimously approved.**

Truck loan has been paid off, which was a \$12,000 annual expense, so we moved this amount plus \$3,000 for a total of \$15,000 into road repaving, since residents have made clear that keeping up our roads is a priority.

Highway will need to reduce the Upper St TIP project that came in at \$1.2 million down to \$1 million, which is the amount of the grant. The town can't afford \$200,000 out of any operating budget to pay the difference.

We need to add a warrant article to cover the Wastewater Treatment facility audit, which is a rollover account.

Recommend that the select board will divide the warrant into two warrants: one to call the town to vote and one for the town budget and result of elections.

Dena left at 8:15 pm

As budget stands, tax rate at \$19.34 will rise by 71 cents, but Bob thinks it will be a little less. That's about \$140 more in property taxes for the average homeowner.

Bob left at 8:30. Committee worked on the memo. Raymond left 9:05 pm

### Public comments

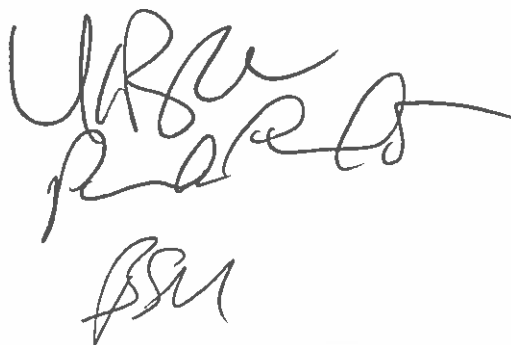
Concern voiced over how the Senior Center Committee is spending the funds they have received from the towns.

Larry left at 9:35 pm

Karen motions to adjourn at 9:40; Ben seconds. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Paula Consolo

Handwritten signatures of Paula Consolo and Ben Murray. Paula's signature is written in a cursive, flowing style, and Ben's signature is written below it in a more compact, blocky style.