

**Buckland Finance Committee Minutes  
September 16, 2019**

Meeting called to order at Buckland Town Hall, 7:05 p.m.

**Committee members present:** Karen Blom, Paula Consolo, Ciara Hayden, Raymond Lanza-Weil, Larry Langford (remotely).

**Others present:** Town administrator Heather

**Raymond motions to accept the minutes from July 1. Ben seconds. Roll call vote. Unanimously approved.**

Karen reports on the senior center meeting of Sept. 11:

In regards to the Buckland Police Station being a viable location, the Town of Buckland has asked FRCOG to do a Phase 1 investigation of a possible brownfield at the site.

Heather reports that a newly formed Town Hall Finance Meeting will occur monthly. The group will include Heather, the assessor, the accountant, and the treasurer/collector.

Discussed Special Town Meeting Warrant for October 21, at 7 pm, including

Article 1: 10-year contract

Article 2: Sectboard name

Article 3: Unpaid bills. These will be paid by the current department budgets

Heather reported that the town received a Green Communities Grant for new LED street lights. The grant is for \$41,973, but due to a clerical error the MAPC miscalculated the needed amount, so it is \$21,160 under the amount needed to do the requested work. We could try to fund the shortfall from other town funds or reduce the project costs by eliminating the wireless light-dimming function, which costs \$22,970.

The Finance Committee requested more information from Heather:

- Do other communities use the dimming function?
- Can we put the wireless controls for dimming on some but not all of the lights?

The highway garage project is on time and on budget!

The highway crew is still down one person. A request for applications will go out, and Paula will be on the hiring committee.

Next meeting Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Buckland Public Library at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted by Paula Consolo