Buckland Finance Committee Minutes

November 5, 2018

Meeting called to order at Buckland Town Hall at 6:39 p.m.

Committee members present: Karen Blom, Paula Consolo, Raymond Lanza-Weil, Ben Murray.

Karen motions to accept the October 15, 2018 minutes. Paula seconds. Approved unanimously.

Discussion of the highway garage proposal. At the prior meeting it was discussed and approved to support the lowest cost option. Raymond reviewed the bid summary and updated the committee of discussions had by the highway garage committee. The highway committee has decided that Option 2 is not of interest - there is too little differential from option 3. Therefore the discussion centered over Option 1 versus Option 2 - with an \$800,000 difference between the two. There was further discussion by the committee over revisiting the prior support voiced at the earlier meeting.

Raymond motions to support Option 2 (the more expensive option). Paula seconds. Approved, but not unanimously (3-1).

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm to reconvene with the Shelburne Finance Committee at the Shelburne Town Hall.

Meeting reconvened at Shelburne Town Hall at approximately 7:40pm.

Committee members present: Karen Blom, Paula Consolo, Ben Murray and Ciara Hayden.

Others present: Shelburne Finance committee members, Shelburne School committee members and Buckland School committee member (Martha Thurber).

A wide ranging discussion was had regarding the budget process, transportation, rural aid and other factors impacting the school budget. There was a specific request to the school committee members for a clearer budget.

Buckland Finance Committee members departed the meeting after this discussion at approximately 8:15pm, adjourning the Buckland Finance Committee meeting.

Submitted by Ben Murray.

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