

**BUCKLAND SELECTBOARD**  
**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**Buckland Town Hall**  
**17 State Street**  
**Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 5:30 p.m.**

**Listing of Topics**

**1. Appointments**

5:30 p.m.: Public Hearing, Buckland Pizza House Re: Transfer of License

5:45 p.m.: Stacy Kontrabecki Re: Woodlands Partnership

**2. Agenda Items**

- a. Bid Award, Upper Street MassWorks Project
- b. Broadband Contract with Ashfield, Apple Valley
- c. Senior Center Expansion
- d. Update on Highway Facility
- e. Possible Dates for Special Town Meeting
- f. One-Day Liquor License – Blue Rock Restaurant, Saturday, August 10, 2019

**3. Documents to Sign**

- a. Letter of Support - Ashfield 2019 MassWorks Grant
- b. Street Use Permit – GSFABA, Annual Bridge Dinner, Sunday, August 18, 2019
- c. Letter of Support – GSFABA, Mass DOT, Bridge Closure

**4. Town Administrator Updates**

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

**6. Public Comment**

**7. Volunteer Recognition**

**8. Announcements**

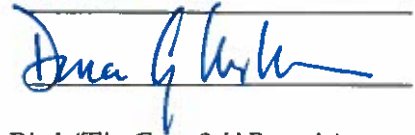
**9. Adjourn the Meeting**

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Barry L. Del Castilho



Zachary J. Turner



Dena G. Willmore

Attendees: Barry Del Castilho, Zack Turner, Dena Willmore, Grace Bird (*The Greenfield Recorder*), Cathy Buntin, Heather Butler, Ellen Eller, Terry Estes, Ellen Kaufmann, Marilyn Kelsey, Stacy Kontrabecki, Mike McCusker, Margaret Olin, Melissa Patterson (Franklin County Land Trust), Marjorie Porrovecchio, Janet Sinclair, Peggy Sloan (FRCOG), Joanne Soroka, James Sullivan (Falls Cable), Dr. Rich Warner

Zack Turner opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m..

**1. Appointments**

**5:30 p.m., Public Hearing, Buckland Pizza House Re: Transfer of License** – Zack Turner opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m.. The ABCC required further documentation from Buckland Pizza House for the transfer of license. Dena Willmore moved we approve the Transfer of License; Barry Del Castilho seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Public Hearing closed at 5:31 p.m..

**Agenda Items**

a. **Bid Award, Upper Street MassWorks Project** – Barry Del Castilho moved to award the contract for the Upper Street MassWorks Project to GEG Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$782,633.20; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Grace Bird, Ellen Kauffman, and Dr. Rich Warner entered the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

**5:45 p.m., Stacy Kontrabecki Re: Woodlands Partnership** – Stacy Kontrabecki indicated that in 2013, FRCOG and Berkshire County felt there was a need not being met and received a working forest grant; conducted listening sessions; created a plan for 20 communities. Asked what we can do to keep land as forests; put together a business plan as a framework, a starting point. Draft legislation to create a plan to enhance resources for small land owners; the plan is a guide. Create programs for technical services; want to commit to resources coming to the communities without a dollar cost to the towns. Need to have a place at the table to create the policy. Peggy Sloan (FRCOG) indicated it is up to the towns to opt in; a Select Board or Town Meeting vote. U.S. Forest Service could provide technical assistance. Zack Turner indicated his preference for a Town Meeting vote. Dr. Rich Warner indicated the Board of Health's opposition to Biomass facilities; agreed with a Town Meeting vote. Terry Estes indicated pellet plants/biomass facilities say they only use wood waste; every biomass plant uses whole trees; some states use railroad ties; they are not harvesting off the forest floor. Janet Sinclair felt this should go to Town Meeting. Dena Willmore moved we take this to Annual Town Meeting; Barry Del Castilho seconded. Peggy Sloan indicated the premise is a community-driven model. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Terry Estes, Stacy Kontrabecki, Melissa Patterson, Janet Sinclair, Peggy Sloan, and Dr. Rich Warner left the meeting at 6:20 p.m..

b. **Broadband Contract with Ashfield, Apple Valley** – Ashfield's Town Counsel will speak with Buckland's Town Counsel regarding claw back language if the network is sold and how the Town can be protected.

c. **Senior Center Expansion** – Review of questionnaire. Dena Willmore indicated we have a lot of public spaces; Senior Center needs private office space. Need to reduce square footage of a new facility to make it affordable. Zack Turner indicated the projected space seems huge. Mike McCusker indicated the need is there; current space inadequate with hallways and bathrooms. Ellen Eller indicated people cannot come because of the lack of bathrooms; the size of the dining room and kitchen is inadequate. Ellen Kaufmann indicated seniors are busy with lots of programs at the Senior Center. Cathy Buntin indicated Fridays are devoted to transportation to medical appointments, memory cafes, writing groups, foot clinics, tax programs, confidential appointments; Joanne Soroka felt socialization as one ages is important. Dena Willmore indicated regional ownership is problematic; owned by one of the towns or a Foundation? Sylvia Smith indicated group is looking at a variety of regional agreements; asked for specific concerns. Dena Willmore asked what would happen if a town wants to leave; need a site the towns can afford; big building/big operating costs. Zack Turner asked if all voices are being heard; projected timeline? Dena Willmore moved we offer formally the Police Department space to the Senior Center at a price to be determined as an option; Zack Turner seconded. Barry Del Castilho indicated he could not support this without knowing what will happen to the Police Department. Mike McCusker indicated the building would have to have a clean bill of health. Zack Turner – yes; Dena Willmore – yes; Barry Del Castilho no.

Cathy Buntin, Ellen Eller, Sylvia Smith, and Joanne Soroka left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.. Marjorie Porrovecchio left the meeting at 7:13 p.m..

d. **Update on Highway Facility** – Dena Willmore reported the pole barn is in transit.

e. **Possible Dates for Special Town Meeting** – Tentative date is October 17, 2019. Dena Willmore moved to open the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting; Barry Del Castilho seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

f. **One-Day Liquor License – Blue Rock Restaurant, Saturday, August 10, 2019** – Barry Del Castilho moved to approve the One-Day Liquor License; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

### 3. **Documents to Sign**

a. **Letter of Support – Ashfield 2019 MassWorks Grant** – Dena Willmore moved to sign the Letter of Support for Ashfield; Barry Del Castilho seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

b. **Street Use Permit – GSFABA, Annual Bridge Dinner, Sunday, August 18, 2019** – Barry Del Castilho moved to sign the Street Use Permit; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

c. **Letter of Support – GSFABA, MassDOT, Bridge Closure** – Barry Del Castilho moved to sign the Letter of Support for GSFABA; Dena Willmore seconded.

4. **Town Administrator Updates** – Heather Butler reported interviews for a Regional Animal Control Officer is still on-going. Town Audits begin in early August for Fiscal Year 2018; Fiscal Year 2019 begins in September. No word on the Streetlights grant yet. Applied for Small Town Capital Grant for Wastewater Treatment Facility Inflow/Infiltration for Buckland portion. META Grant for community shared solar grant – Margaret Olin indicated it is due August 1; an assessment to see if it is viable; need letters of interest from Eversource customers who are residents. Dena

Willmore moved that the Buckland Select Board support the application for a META Grant for the assessment of viability for a community shared solar project; Barry Del Castilho seconded.

**VOTED** unanimously in favor. FRCOG Alternate – Dena Willmore moved to appoint Heather Butler as the Alternate to the FRCOG; Barry Del Castilho seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Highway Department Advertising for Help – Barry Del Castilho moved to hire a full-time and temporary position for the Highway Department – Barry Del Castilho – yes, Dena Willmore – yes; Zack Turner – abstain. Mowing – Mowing company going back to give roads a second pass. Recreation Area – Road Project – procurement procedures not followed; issuing memo to staff and committees about procurement procedures. Shared Office File Management – Zack Turner moved to support 30 hours at \$15.00 per hour to complete the project; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Margaret Olin left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.. Grace Bird left the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

5. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – None.

6. **Public Comment** – Marilyn Kelsey felt Senior Center does not serve all on Fridays; she does not have free access to the Senior Center on Fridays.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Zack Turner thanked the donor for the Buckland Rec Road Project donation.

8. **Announcements** – A Summer Day on the Buckland Common, Saturday, July 27, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m..

At 7:50 p.m., Barry Del Castilho moved to adjourn; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m..