

**BUCKLAND SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Buckland Town Hall
17 State Street
Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 5:30 p.m.**

Barry L. Del Castilho



Zachary J. Turner

Absent

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Barry Del Castilho, Dena Willmore, Heather Butler, Marilyn Kelsey, Rob Riggan, James Sullivan (Falls Cable)

Dena Willmore opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m..

1. Appointments

5:30 p.m., Whit Sanford – Holiday Decorations – Whit Sanford unable to attend.

2. Agenda Items

b. Appointments – Rob Riggan, Don Wheeler, Cable Advisory Committee/Cable Contract –

Barry Del Castilho moved to appoint Rob Riggan and Don Wheeler to the Cable Advisory Committee; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

c. Grant Applications: ADA Improvement Grant, Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan –

Heather Butler said the grants are for \$12,900. Barry Del Castilho moved to approve the applications for \$12,900; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

d. Special Town Meeting Warrant Draft Review – Heather Butler indicated she was making the Board aware of the Articles; she is meeting with the Finance Committee on September 16, 2019, about bills from last fiscal year.

e. Highway Facility Update – Dena Willmore indicated there will be Change Orders for next meeting. Waiting for trusses to arrive for the pole barn.

f. Request to Use Buckland Town Hall Upstairs Hall Saturday, October 5, 2019 – Barry Del Castilho moved to approve the request by Deb Yaffee for the use of Town Hall upstairs on October 5, 2019; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

3. Documents to Sign

a. Selectboard Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2019 – Barry Del Castilho moved to sign the July 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

b. Memorandum of Understanding – Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Third-Party Inspection of Transfer Station/Closed Landfills – Barry Del Castilho moved to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

c. Ashfield Broadband Contract – Heather Butler reported Ashfield is not ready is not ready to sign the contract; build-out is not complete. Need to change some language as advised by Town Counsel so that claw back will not be open-ended.

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a. 2019 DLTA Economic Development Planning Project for Shelburne Falls – Heather Butler reported this is a local technical assistance planning grant for the Village of Shelburne Falls. Assess

infrastructure and businesses of the village. Identify potential funding sources; one possible issue is peeling paint on the Bridge of Flowers. See if we can get money for the maintenance of the Bridge of Flowers. Bridge is currently being inspected. Railyard Project – Buckland is not interested in some of the amenities; perhaps paving which is not in the contract.

Rob Riggan entered the meeting at 6:00 p.m.. Regarding Comcast negotiations, he reported Comcast may not want to pay anything because more people are streaming. Public Access is important to Falls Cable and we need to be firm on this. Barry Del Castillo moved to authorize Rob Riggan and the Advisory Cable Committee to negotiate on behalf of the Town of Buckland with Comcast; Dena Willmore seconded. Rob Riggan indicated we could ask for high definition. Heather Butler indicated Comcast will be seeking to shorten their liability; put us in a strategic position to keep Falls Cable. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Rob Riggan left the meeting at 6:14 p.m..

4. **Town Administrator Updates** – Heather Butler reported we will be looking at financing for the Highway Facility at an October 8, 2019 meeting. Will be convening a meeting with the Screening Committee for Highway position. Regarding Marijuana By-law, Attorney General's office extended review to November 1, 2019. Upper Street Project – GEG began work this week. William Street Project – moving broadband, MBI, and fire alarm lines. Verizon expects to be done by end of the week; Eversource next week. Green Communities/Replacement of Street Lights – actual cost \$21,000 over budget; we could eliminate wireless controls and put project back on budget. Complete Streets – accepted an award for \$134,000 for Lower Ashfield Street for the Salmon Falls intersection.

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

6. **Public Comment** – Marilyn Kelsey voiced her concern over the Senior Center expansion project.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Recreation Committee

8. **Announcements** – State Representative Natalie Blais will have office hours in Buckland Town Hall, Tuesdays, during the month of September, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m..

9. Anticipated Executive Session pursuant to and in accordance with Massachusetts G.L. c. 30A§21(a)(1) to discuss complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual – Not held.

At 6:55 p.m., Barry Del Castillo moved to adjourn; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m..