

**BUCKLAND SELECT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Buckland Town Hall  
17 State Street  
Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 5:30 p.m.**

Barry L. Del Castilho

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Zachary J. Turner

ZJ Turner

Dena G. Willmore

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Attendees: Barry Del Castilho, Dena Willmore, Lisa Blackmer, Karen Blom, Heather Butler, Steve Daby, Herb Guyette, Pamela Guyette, Paula Consolo, Ciara Hayden, Larry Langford, Raymond Lanza-Weil, Janice Purington, James Sullivan (Falls Cable), Martha Thurber, Phoebe Walker

Zack Turner opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m., which was held *via* the Zoom Meeting Platform.

**2. Agenda Items**

a. **Operations Updates/Questions** – Heather Butler reported Governor Baker extended the Stay-At-Home order until May 18, 2020. She said Town Hall staff are working with two people in the building at the same time. Plexiglass will be installed on office doors as a barrier. There is no public bathroom. The Police, Highway, and Wastewater Treatment facility will continue to operate as they are essential services. The Buckland Public Library continues to be closed. The Highway Facility and William Street projects continue.

There was discussion about installing a port-a-potty and a handwashing station on both sides of the village; it is 75% reimbursable from FEMA funds. Barry Del Castilho moved to place a port-a-potty as discussed on the corner of State and Bridge Street; Dena Willmore seconded. Roll Call: Zack Turner – yes, Dena Willmore – yes, Barry Del Castilho yes.

Phoebe Walker suggested a Sharps container be installed in the port-a-potty. There was discussion about the Task Force, and Dena Willmore suggested adding someone from the business community. Heather Butler reported Greenfield is looking at repurposing funds as microgrants; they are brainstorming ways to maximize the funds. There is approximately \$30,000 in CDBG funds that could be repurposed and made available to Buckland businesses.

b. **Town Meeting Update** – Warrant Articles – Heather Butler said if we have a 1/12<sup>th</sup> budget, the Town Accountant said we can use 2021 numbers if they are reasonable. She prepared documents reflecting a 10% deduction and looked for cuts in operations. The Highway Department position is currently vacant - \$41,000. There is a big increase in recycling costs; perhaps we should increase user fees. Perhaps Town Hall should not be open on Fridays. We could maintain excess levy capacity just under \$50,000. We have no idea what State aid and revenues will look like next year. Most towns are looking at 1/12 budget default. Perhaps we should have a Special Town Meeting in September. Heather Butler suggested a \$20.00 per household user fee for the Transfer Station as recycling went up \$11,000. She said she will bring more specifics to the Select Board and Finance Committee.

Martha Thurber reported the School is looking at a 1/12 budget as they try to be responsive to the towns; they are in the same position.

Phoebe Walker suggested having Annual Town Meeting at the parking lot at Mohawk Trail Regional School and just vote on articles that need to be addressed but preferred ATM be held later.

Conway TIP - Heather Butler said there needs to be a vote on the TIP project to authorize right-of-way negotiations, so the Town will not lose ground on the project.

Senior Center – Looking at a warrant article to have a West County Service District which is under review in Shelburne and Ashfield. This is to petition the legislature as there are no regional senior centers currently. Zack Turner suggested revisiting this in a week. Zack Turner moved to table discussion for one week; Barry Del Castilho seconded. Roll Call – Barry Del Castilho – yes, Dena Willmore – yes, Zack Turner – yes.

Heather Butler will prepare a full warrant to review and what could be a micro-warrant.

Martha Thurber left the meeting at 6:35 p.m..

c. **Board and Committee Appointments** – Sherry has begun reaching out to current committee members.

d. **Final Wayfinding Design Selection** – Dena Willmore recommended the single leaf version in red. Zack Turner felt it was a waste of money. Barry Del Castilho moved to approve the sign with the addition of *The Town of Buckland*; Dena Willmore seconded. Roll Call: Zack Turner – no; Dena Willmore – yes, Barry Del Castilho – yes.

3. **Documents to Sign** – None.

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

5. **Town Administrator's Report** – None.

6. **Public Comment** – None.

7. **Volunteer Recognition** – The Board of Health for a myriad of reasons. Also thank you to the Finance Committee and the Mask Makers.

8. **Announcements** – Ashfield Lake is closed for the summer; there will be no swimming lessons.

At 7:50 p.m, Barry Del Castilho moved to adjourn; Dena Willmore seconded. Roll Call – Barry Del Castilho – yes, Dena Willmore – yes, Zack Turner – yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m..