

**Buckland Select Board
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2021 5:00 p.m.
Meeting Via Zoom**

Appointments

5:00 p.m. Mosquito Spraying, Board of Health, CPHS

Agenda

Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Regional Shared Services
Juneteenth

Documents to Sign

Minutes, April 27, 2021
DOT Non-participation Agreement, Conway TIP
FRCOG, Highway Bids, contract signatory approval

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

Select Board Member Concerns

Town Administrator's Report

Public Comment

Volunteer Recognition

Announcements

Attendees

Dena Willmore - Select Board Chair
Zachary Turner - Select Board Member
Barry Del Castilho - Select Board Member
Heather Butler - Buckland Town Administrator
James Sullivan - Falls Cable
Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk
Clint Philips - Resident, Member-Elect of Select Board to Begin Term July 1, 2021
Phoebe Walker - Resident, Town Moderator, and Director of Community Services, FRCOG
Janet Sinclair - Resident
Margaret Olin - Resident
Peggy Hart - Buckland Board of Health
Marti Taft-Ferguson - Buckland Board of Health
Lisa Danek Burke - FRCOG Health Agent

Kyle Dragon - Animal Control Officer

Meeting

The meeting was opened at 5:01 p.m. by Ms. Willmore, Chair.

Appointments

5:00 p.m. Mosquito Spraying, Board of Health, CPHS - Ms. Willmore asked if anyone wished to speak regarding the PV Mosquito Control District. Janet Sinclair stated that joining/not joining the district would have to be voted on at Annual Town Meeting(ATM), and deadline for opting in/out of State spraying is prior to ATM. Discussion by Board members, BOH, CPHS and public included:

- If Buckland opts out of state spraying, does it have the people power to execute a plan of their own?
- Concerns expressed about spraying with no studies on efficacy.
- Deadline for opting out of state spraying has been extended from May 15 to May 28.
- Lisa Danek Burke, FRCOG Health Agent, read an email from the EEA and gave link to view data on surveillance and spraying. Marti Taft Ferguson of the BOH could not find surveillance data on the site and noted there is no evidence that the state is monitoring Buckland. Without surveillance, there is no data. Ms. Danek Burke agreed that there is no clear way to obtain 2020 data.
- CPHS towns in the mosquito control district are Bernardston, Leyden, Heath, Rowe, and Deerfield. Greenfield opted out of state spraying; Heath and Deerfield not recommending opting out.
- What are the triggers to spraying? What is the process and what are the risks?
- Currently, mosquito district offers only surveillance and testing in addition to 2 traps which are monitored weekly. Also, if town wishes to use larvicide, district can offer help in purchasing.
- Services must be weighed against cost.
- As part of district, town is still responsible for mitigation.
- District information does list future services but current status of them is unknown.
- Though occurrence of West Nile Virus and EEE is rare in this area, mortality statistics were compared with COVID. COVID, 2% while EEE is 30-50%.
- Ms. Ferguson of the BOH recommends proceeding with opting out of state spraying.
- BOH to attend next Select Board meeting on May 25 with opt out/alternate plan.

Agenda

Regular meeting resumed at 5:48 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant - Annual Town Meeting date set for June 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot of Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Rain date options were discussed based on the availability of Mohawk venue and various persons involved in town meeting(Select Board Members. Town Clerk, Moderator, etc.). Following Board discussion of possible dates, and the suggestion to move the meeting indoors, a June 26 rain date was ultimately decided upon.

Board members addressed each of the 28 warrant articles with Ms. Butler answering questions and offering clarity when needed. Mr. Del Castilho called attention to some grammar, punctuation, and wording errors in the Dog Bylaw. Because joining the Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership is not an option this year and that further public education is needed, it was decided to replace that article, #26, with an article on voting to join the Mosquito Control District. After discussing Articles 1-26, Petition Articles #27 and #28 were covered. Mr. Del Castilho stated they were not written in proper format and questioned if the state Attorney General's office would reject them if passed. Ms. Butler replied that the AG's office would edit. Mr. Turner moved to accept the warrant as written and amended, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote: Turner, yes; Del Castilho, yes; Willmore, yes.

Logistics of ATM discussed including public address/technology provider and a porta-potty being delivered on June 4.

Regional Shared Services - Mr. Turner reported that he has received some responses to his survey of area towns, but not as many as he anticipated; he would like to wait another few weeks in hopes of more results. It appears that so far most towns want to share equipment and floater staff like police and highway department personnel. To be continued as more surveys are received.

Juneteenth - How to recognize Juneteenth was discussed including whether or not it should be a paid holiday for employees. The possibility of exchanging it for a currently paid holiday was suggested, and Ms. Butler was asked if there had been any discussion by Town Hall staff. She reported that there would be a staff meeting on Thursday, May 13, and that would be on the agenda. Juneteenth will be addressed at the next Select Board meeting.

Documents to Sign

Minutes April 27, 2021 - Members had reviewed minutes. Mr. Del Castilho moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Turner. Vote: Del Castilho, yes; Turner, yes; Willmore, yes.

DOT Non-Participation Agreement, Conway TIP - Following a brief Board discussion, Mr. Turner moved for Ms. Willmore, Chair, to sign the agreement, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote: Turner, yes; Del Castilho, yes; Willmore, yes.

FRCOG, Highway Bids, Contract Signatory Approval - Mr. Turner moved for document to be signed, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote: Del Castilho, yes; Turner, yes; Willmore, yes.

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting - There were none.

Select Board Member Concerns - There were none.

Town Administrator's Report - Ms. Butler gave her Town Administrator's Report, covering: The American Rescue Act; Buckland Recreational Area summer camps; link to Channel 5 Chronicle edition featuring Buckland and Shelburne; Charlemont Road project out to bid; Clesson Brook Watershed, grant; board/committee annual appointments; recap of general election.

Public Comment - No Public Comment.

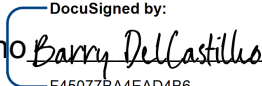
Volunteer Recognition - David Shippee of North Street was recognized for picking up litter in his neighborhood, and a shout out given to all people like David who take pride in keeping Buckland litter free and attractive.

Announcements - There were no announcements and with no more business to conduct, Mr. Del Castilho moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Turner. Vote: Del Castilho, yes; Turner, yes; Willmore, yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, June 15, 2021

Signed:

Dena Willmore_____

Barry Del Castilho _____

Zachary Turner _____