

**BUCKLAND SELECTBOARD  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
Buckland Town Hall  
17 State Street  
Friday, April 26, 2019, 5:30 p.m.**

**Listing of Topics**

**1. Agenda Items**

- a. Update - Town Administrator Search
- b. Update – Upper Street Project
- c. Final Review of Annual Town Meeting Warrant – Summaries, Motions

**2. Documents to Sign**

- a. Selectboard Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2019, April 12, 2019

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

**4. Public Comment**

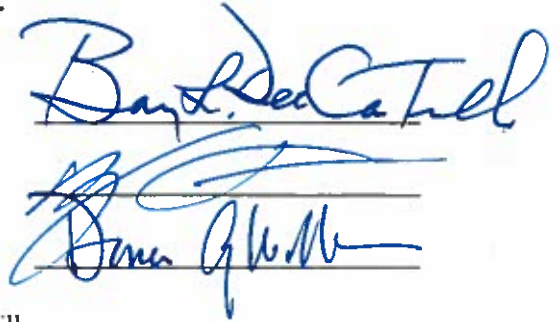
**5. Adjourn the Meeting**

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Barry L. Del Castilho

Zachary J. Turner

Dena G. Willmore



Attendees: Karen Blom, Barry Del Castilho, Zack Turner, Dena Willmore

Mr. Turner opened the meeting at 5:33 p.m..

**1. Agenda Items**

a. **Update – Town Administrator Search** – Karen Blom, Chair, Screening Committee, brought to the Selectboard three finalist candidates: Ira Brezinsky, of South Hadley, Heather Butler, of Athol, and Brandon Gulnick, of Middleboro. All have experience in municipal government; each brings different strengths. Ms. Blom thought the process was very good and was pleased with the quality of the candidates. Mr. Del Castilho will work with Bernie Lynch in setting up the finalist interviews potentially May 2 and 3. Mr. Del Castilho will distribute draft questions to the Board.

b. **Update – Upper Street Project** – Ms. Willmore updated the Board on the meeting and walk-through with Nicholas Bulens (MassWorks). Mr. Bulens indicated we missed a March 15, 2019 deadline, but given our limited staff, he allowed two more weeks to get necessary paperwork submitted. Went on site; Ms. Willmore and Mr. Daby described the area and proposed work and our need to reduce the budget to amount granted. Mr. Bulens agreed that work was clearly necessary and pointed out hazards of current sidewalks (not ADA compliant). He asked us to take before/after photos and to submit them with our final report. Mr. Bulens indicated the State had granted the Town the maximum amount allowed of \$1 million.

c. **Final Review of Annual Town Meeting Warrant** – Mr. Del Castilho requested we reconsider vote taken on April 24, 2019 regarding the citizens petition on term limits. Barry Del Castilho moved the Board rescind its vote on term limits; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Dena Willmore moved the Board taken no position on the citizens petition; Barry Del Castilho seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

Karen Blom left the meeting at 6:30 p.m..

**2. Documents to Sign**

a. **Selectboard Meeting Minutes – April 9, April 12, 2019** – Zack Turner moved to sign the Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2019 and April 12, 2019; Barry Del Castilho seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

3. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – a. Dena Willmore moved to authorize Zack Turner to sign a letter to Weston & Sampson that GEG was awarded the contract for Lower Ashfield Street Improvement design and engineering; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. b. Linda Overing asked we approve a Change

Order for the current work being done on William Street; replace a galvanized pipe with PVC pipe (galvanized pipe not on the drawings; not to code). There is enough in contingencies to cover. Zack Turner moved we sign the Change Order in the amount of \$10,900; Barry Del Castilho seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. c. Transfer Station Compactor – The compactor is not functioning. Ms. Willmore indicated she spoke with Bob Markel today. Dena Willmore moved that the compactor be replaced immediately; Zack Turner seconded. Discussion as to how to fund this. Estimated cost is \$13,000. Board decided to assign the cost to the Highway Department budget at this time, and then as we close toward the end of the fiscal year, if there are not enough funds within the Highway Department budget that we request a transfer of funds from the Reserve Account to fund the shortfall. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. d. Ms. Willmore relayed a message received about potential additional costs to the Highway Facility project. Mike Lizze, Project Manager, sent an email which indicated two issues: (1) there is an additional concrete slab about 18" below the existing garage floor slab that has to be removed to install a swale in the back of the pole barn; (2) there is underground piping that is not on the drawings that is funneling water into the excavation. At this time, he believes the added cost may be slightly offset if the civil engineers allow the foundation wall to remain in piece bordering the rail lines. He will keep us informed.

At 7:21 p.m., Barry Del Castilho moved to adjourn; Dena Willmore seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m..