## Buckland Select Board Meeting Minutes June 3, 2021 5:30 p.m. Meeting Via Zoom

**Appointments** N/A

Agenda Items
McKnight Scholarship Award
Juneteenth

**Documents to Sign** N/A

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 Barry Del Castilho - Select Board Member Zachary Turner - Absent, Select Board Member Heather Butler - Town Administrator Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk Marilyn Kelsey - Resident

## Meeting

Ms. Willmore, Select Board Chair, opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

## Agenda Items

McKnight Scholarship - Board members had reviewed the applications and a scoring system had been followed to evaluate the applications. During the discussion it was noted that all applicants are worthy, but only one can be chosen. Ms. Willmore moved to award the McKnight Scholarship in the amount of \$300 to Ashley Walker, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote: Willmore, yes; Del Castilho, yes.

<u>Juneteenth</u> - Board discussion involved how to recognize Juneteenth. Whether it should be another paid holiday for staff was debated with differing perspectives. While not wanting to add another holiday to the schedule unless eliminating one, it was decided to recognize this year and reconfigure the holiday schedule for next year. Ms. Butler confirmed that Town Hall staff continues to work their regular number of hours but in fewer days, and split between home and on site in Town Hall. Mr. Del Castilho moved to recognize Juneteenth this year and revisit holiday schedule for 2022. Ms. Willmore seconded. Vote: Del Castilho, yes; Willmore, yes.

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours Prior to Meeting - The Charlemont Road project is out to bid. Board discussion followed regarding traffic on Charlemont Road during project and possible ways to mark vehicles that have approval to pass. Ms. Butler stated that if the town is willing to close the road during construction, the contractor is able to stay on schedule. After discussion, Ms. Willmore and Mr. DelCastilho agreed that closing Charlemont Road should be allowed.

**Select Board Member Concerns** - Randy Crochier, FRCOG Health Agent was asked by the BOH to rescind the masking order and "stay in car" protocols at the transfer station. Barry stated that not rescinding those orders would put pressure on the transfer station attendants. This will be addressed at the next BOH meeting.

**Town Administrator's Report** - No report given at this meeting.

**Public Comment** - Marilyn Kelsey inquired about masking protocols for Annual Town Meeting and also asked for clarification on whether a P3 committee member from the Senior Center would/could be allowed to speak at Town Meeting. Brief Board discussion followed.

**Volunteer Recognition -** Jodie Scalise was applauded for organizing the Memorial Day observance in Upper Buckland.

**Announcements** - There were no announcements and with no further business, Mr. Del Castilho moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Willmore. Vote: Del Castilho, yes; Willmore, yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, June 29, 2021

Signed:

Dena Willmore

Barry Del Castilho