

**Buckland Select Board
Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2021 5:30 p.m.
Meeting Via Zoom**

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Attendees

Dena Willmore - Select Board Chair
Barry Del Castilho - Select Board Member
Zachary Turner - Select Board Member
Heather Butler - Buckland Town Administrator
James Sullivan - Falls Cable
Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk
Marti Taft-Ferguson - Buckland Board of Health
Peggy Hart - Buckland Board of Health
Cindy Schwartz - Buckland Recreation Committee
Carol Foote - Buckland Recreation Committee
Kyle Dragon - Animal Control Officer
Clint Phillips - Resident, Member-Elect of Select Board to begin term July 1, 2021
Marilyn Kelsey - Resident

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

Appointments

Board of Health - Mosquito Control Plan - Ms. Hart reminded the Board of the deadline for opting out of state spraying. Ms. Ferguson reported that the Mosquito Control District will offer more services in the future, be a source of valuable information for education and outreach, and provide surveillance data. The Buckland Board of Health is recommending opting out of the state mosquito spraying program, and will encourage residents to vote to join the Mosquito Control District at Annual Town Meeting. They presented their alternate control plan which can be viewed on the town website as an attachment to this meeting. Ms. Willmore moved to formally opt out as recommended by the Board of Health, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote: Del Castilho, yes; Turner, yes; Willmore, yes.

Agenda Items

Summer Camp, Buckland Recreation - Ms. Schwartz announced that sadly, enrollment numbers for the Recreation Summer Camp did not justify the camp this summer. She and Ms. Foote emphasized the commendable effort by committee members to make it possible, but in spite of their efforts, could not make it workable for this summer. It can, however, be offered to the community again next year. On a more positive note, Ms. Schwartz reported that many rentals have already been booked, the basketball court is nearing completion with the new lines having been recently painted, and swings are scheduled to be installed mid-June. The Recreation Area is also offering week day rentals for the facility.

Ms. Butler stated that ten thousand dollars in CARES money had been allocated to help fund the camp program and those monies cannot be held over. Another recreation need had been recognized, new bleachers and team benches for Cricket Field. Those currently in use are in poor condition and a safety hazard. Ms. Willmore made a motion to move the CARES funding from summer camp to new bleachers and benches for Cricket Field. Motion was seconded by Mr. Turner, followed by a brief discussion. Vote: Turner, yes; Del Castilho, yes; Willmore, yes. Ms. Willmore also gave a shout out to the crew that maintains Cricket Field.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant - Recommendations - To save time and space, the recommendations for Warrant Articles have been grouped to record motions, seconding of motions, and voting. Articles in parentheses were moved, seconded, and voted by that group. Only the article number is referenced, but a listing of them in their entirety is available on the town website as an attachment to this meeting.

Articles (1 & 2), 6, 10, 14, 15, (17, 18, &19), 20 and 27. Mr. Del Castilho moved to recommend articles, seconded by Mr. Turner. Votes in favor of the motions were unanimous: Turner, Del Castilho, Willmore, all "yes".

Articles 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25, and 26. Mr. Turner moved to recommend articles, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Votes in favor of the motions were unanimous; Del Castilho, Turner, Willmore, all "yes".

Mr. Turner moved to recommend Article 24, seconded by Ms. Willmore. Vote: Turner, yes; Del Castilho, abstain; Willmore, yes.

Mr. Turner moved not to recommend Article 28, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote in favor of motion: Turner, yes; Del Castilho, yes; Willmore, yes.

Ms. Willmore moved not to support Article 29, seconded by Mr. Turner. Vote in favor of Motion: Turner, yes; Del Castillo, yes; Willmore, yes.

Town Board and Committee Appointments - There are seats available on various boards and committees, and a list of citizens interested in serving. Ms. Willmore asked if there is a way to determine the maximum number of seats on each board/committee to ensure they are filled.

Employee Evaluations - Ms. Butler stated that most employees have embraced self evaluation, followed by a brief discussion on the topic. Ms. Willmore reminded the Board that the Town Administrator's evaluation needs to be done before the end of the year. Ms. Willmore will draft a form for all Select Board members to complete prior to evaluation.

Documents to Sign

Minutes, May 11, 2021 - To be reviewed at next meeting.

Curb Cut Permits - Permit applications can be viewed on the town website as an attachment to this meeting. Curb cut for Bray Road, Katsavrias - Mr. Turner moved to sign the Katsavrias curb cut, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote: Del Castilho, yes; Turner, yes; Willmore, yes. Curb cut for Bray Road, Ottaviani - Mr. Turner moved to sign the Ottaviani curb cut, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote: Turner, yes; Del Castilho, yes; Willmore, yes.

Street Closing Permit, Crittenden Hill Road - The application for the Crittenden Hill Road Closing can be viewed on the town website as an attachment to this meeting. Fire Chief Herb Guyette has given recommendations for signage. Following a brief Board discussion addressing adequate signage and advising applicant to discuss with neighbors, Mr. Turner moved to approve the street closing permit from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on September 4, 2021. Motion was seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote: Turner, yes; Del Castilho, yes; Willmore, yes.

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting - Ms. Willmore proposed sending letter of support for legislation, H.3213, updating Open

Meeting Law to continue supporting remote participation. Ms. Butler said that would be addressed in the Town Administrator's Report.

Kyle Dragon, Animal Control Officer, presented an update on dogs at 150 Bray Road. Following last letter from the Town, Mr. Dragon and Chief Hicks conducted a site visit and found the owners were not in compliance. All three dogs were surrendered in addition to five puppies belonging to one of the adult dogs. Mr. Dragon recommended rescinding the dangerousness order previously approved by the Select Board, stating that the shelter would then be able to conduct behavioral testing on the dogs, place them in foster care, and possibly re-home them. Ms. Willmore moved to rescind the dangerousness order, seconded by Mr. Turner. The dogs are to be neutered and microchipped and cannot be returned to former owner. Vote: Turner, yes; Del Castilho, yes; Willmore, yes. Mr. Turner asked the ACO if there is a way to prevent irresponsible owners from acquiring more pets. Mr. Dragon responded that there is a five year waiting period, and he will research further information for a future meeting.

Select Board Member Concerns - There were no Select Board member concerns.

Town Administrator's Report - Ms. Butler gave her report which included: update on funds from the American Rescue Plan Act; outdoor dining scheduled to end in August has been extended to November 29; pending legislation to extend the option of conducting public meetings remotely; and Anthony Gutierrez of the highway department has passed his probationary period. There are plans to hire a fourth laborer for the highway department this summer.

Public Comment - Ms. Kelsey inquired about the availability of Annual Town Meeting literature in Town Hall lobby. She also expressed concern over representatives of the Senior Center being granted time to speak at town meeting and wanted clarity on procedure.

Volunteer Recognition - Ms. Butler recognized Les Chadwick for his service since 1973 refreshing flags, ropes, and flags/markers on veterans' graves. He deserves a shout out not only for his time and effort, but for doing so quietly and without fanfare.

Announcements - Ms. Willmore reported that the Hat and Socks parade will occur again this year in Upper Buckland, starting at 8:00 a.m. With no further announcements or business, Mr. Turner moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote: Turner, yes; Del Castilho, yes; Willmore, yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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

Signed:

Dena Willmore_____

Barry Del Castillo_____

Zachary Turner_____