

**Buckland Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 29, 2021 5:30 p.m.  
Buckland Town Hall**

**Appointments**

GSFBA

**Agenda Items**

Special Town Election  
Reverse 911 - Ashfield Street road closure alert  
Town Administrator's evaluation and contract  
Select Board, Summer Meeting Schedule

**Documents to Sign**

July 4 Parade Permit  
Floodwater Brewing, outdoor seating permit  
McCusker's Market, outdoor seating permit  
M Kolodny, musical performance, sidewalk use permit  
Trench Permit Application  
FCSWD Hauling & Disposal MOU  
Minutes June 3 and June 15, 2021

**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 - Select Board Member  
Heather Butler - Buckland Town Administrator  
Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk

**Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by Ms. Willmore at 5:36 p.m.

## **Appointment**

GSFBA - Representative of GSFBA did not attend. GSFBA not addressed.

## **Agenda Items**

Special Town Election - Brief Board discussion on debt exclusion and proposed Special Town Election Calendar. Ms. Butler will advertise election, post to website, and will confirm September 6 deadline due to coinciding with Labor Day. Mr. Del Castilho moved to approve Special Election for August 31, then amend if necessary. Mr. Turner seconded. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous. The Special Town Election schedule is posted on the website as an attachment to this meeting.

Reverse 911, Ashfield Street road closure alert - Ms. Willmore moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Turner. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous.

Town Administrator's evaluation and contract - Ms. Willmore moved to approve Ms. Butler's contract, seconded by Mr. Turner. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous. Ms. Willmore expressed the Board's appreciation of Ms. Butler and how fortunate Buckland is to have her as evidenced by her excellent evaluation. Ms. Willmore also voiced concerns for Ms. Butler due to the many hats she wears in performing a multitude of jobs in addition to her own. Discussion followed between Board members and Ms. Butler regarding providing for future staffing needs, job distribution, and performance of Town Hall staff. Ms. Guyette was recognized for her outstanding job performance, and Ms. Blom as an example of volunteerism and collaboration.

Select Board, Summer Meeting Schedule - This will be addressed at a future meeting when Clint Phillips, member elect, is present to participate in the discussion.

**Documents to Sign** - Documents are available on the Town website as attachments to this meeting.

July 4 Parade Permit - Mr. Turner moved to approve/sign, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous.

Floodwater Brewing, outdoor seating permit - Permit has not yet been submitted to Select Board. No action.

McCusker's Market, outdoor seating permit - Mr. Turner moved to sign, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous.

M Kolodny, musical performance, sidewalk use permit - Mr. Turner moved to sign, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous.

Trench Permit Application - Mr. Turner moved to sign, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous.

FCSWD Hauling & Disposal MOU - Ms. Butler explained this is for hauling and disposal, not processing. Mr. Turner moved to sign, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous.

Minutes June 3 and June 15, 2021 - Ms. Willmore moved to approve June 3, 2021, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous. Mr. Del Castilho moved to approve June 15, 2021 as amended, seconded by Mr. Turner. Vote in favor of motion was unanimous.

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

**Select Board Member Concerns -**

Mr. Turner inquired about the bleachers at Cricket Field which have been ordered.

Ms. Butler reported that she and Linda Overing visited Depot Street and discussed possible future programs to address Elm Street, Salmon Falls, and Depot Street area.

Board expressed interest in projects that would involve the above referenced area and roads on upper North Street, East Buckland Road and Hog Hollow Road which need repair. Mr. Turner offered construction ideas.

Ms. Willmore asked if the old garage/salt shed on Conway could be sold stating she knows a potential buyer. Ms. Butler replied that it must be sold "as is" due to brown fields issues. Ms. Butler is going to ask Pamela Guyette for a town-owned property list.

**Town Administrator Report** - Ms. Butler addressed the following:

TIP Project - Following up on the last Select Board meeting during which Conway Street residents impacted by this project voiced their concerns, Ms. Butler, at the suggestion of the Select Board, reached out to Representative Blais and Senator Hinds to schedule a community meeting. No date has yet been set. Also Mass DOT has made some recommendations to eliminate the grass strip between the curb and the sidewalk.

Ms. Butler is planning to call a tree hearing. DOT will make an arborist available for advice on tree removal and re-planting.

The old town garage on Conway street was discussed, including a missing panel on the front of the building. In entertaining various temporary solutions, it was suggested to remove a panel from the rear of the building to repair the front; Mr. Del Castilho so moved, seconded by Mr. Turner. Vote was two to one in favor of the motion, with Mr. Turner and Mr. Del Castilho voting in favor and Ms. Willmore voting against the motion.

Local Rapid Recovery - First Shelburne Falls Rapid Recovery Plan meeting was held in June and was well attended by residents and business owners. Ten priority projects were identified.

Ashfield Street & Charlemont Road - Both projects are scheduled to begin in the coming weeks and will likely cause detours and road closings. The town will make every effort to keep residents updated on website.

**Public Comment** - There was no public comment.

**Volunteer Recognition** - Marti Taft Ferguson of the Board of Health, and Martha Thurber of the Mohawk Trail School Committee were recognized for their continued outstanding efforts and contributions.

**Announcements** - There were no announcements. However, this being Ms. Willmore's last Select Board meeting, she was recognized and thanked throughout the meeting for her many contributions, tireless efforts, and years of service. She will continue to serve Buckland on the Finance Committee for FY22. Mr. Turner moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho.. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, July 13, 2021

**Signed:**

Dena Willmore\_\_\_\_\_

Barry Del Castilho\_\_\_\_\_

Zachary Turner\_\_\_\_\_