

**Buckland Select Board
Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2020 5:30 p.m.
Meeting Via Zoom**

Listing of Topics

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61A Waiver - Scott, Old Upper Street
Aggregation, Energy Committee - public forum recommendation
Apple Valley Internet Project, final billing
Senior Center Update

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Solid Waste, Department of Environmental Protection Grant
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Mass Works, Charlemont Road grant announcement
Conway Street Road Project, update
Transfer Station, police details
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Volunteer Recognition: Veterans' Day ceremony organizers

Announcements

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

Meeting

Meeting opened at 5:34 p.m. by Ms. Willmore, Chair.

Appointments - N/A

Agenda Items

61A Waiver - Scott, Old Upper Street - Colin Scott is seeking to remove a portion of his property from agricultural restricted status. The Town can either purchase that property or waive right of first refusal. Ms. Butler explained the tax ramifications once the restricted status is removed. Ms. Willmore moved to waive the right of first refusal, seconded by Mr. Turner. A brief Board discussion followed regarding the land locked property stating that its greatest value is to the home owners whose property it abuts. Vote on motion: Turner, yes; Del Castilho, yes; Willmore, yes.

Aggregation, Energy Committee: public forum recommendation - A change in the law governed by Mass Clean Energy Standard Expansion resulted in a price increase of \$0.00102/kw or an average monthly increase of sixty-one cents for those who opted into the Community Choice Power Supply. This increase is based on an average usage of 600kw/month. The Energy Committee is recommending a public information forum to explain changes, and Colonial Power has agreed to participate. Board discussion followed. No action is necessary on the part of the Select Board; the Energy Committee just wanted the Board to be aware of the situation and the public information session.

Apple Valley Internet Project, final billing - Bill in the amount of \$23,781.00 was received which can be covered by the \$24,000. capital appropriation for the project. However, when additional drops for certain properties are subtracted, about \$2,400. is left to cover the cost of a household not yet serviced or billed. Board discussion followed on Town's responsibility, which is one drop per household. Any additional drops are the responsibility of the resident. Ms. Willmore entertained a motion to accept and pay the final bill, allowing one drop per customer. Mr. Del Castilho so moved, seconded by Mr. Turner. Vote: Turner, yes; Del Castilho, yes; Willmore, yes.

Senior Center update - Mr. Del Castilho reported that there is not much to update. Ashfield submitted their list of details, but none has been received by Shelburne. Ms. Butler stated that Shelburne has in fact been working on their list, and may be an oversight that it has not yet been forwarded to Ashfield and Buckland. Board discussion followed regarding communication and format for expansion committee meetings. Mr. Del Castilho expressed his desire to turn the Senior Center Expansion liaison responsibility back to Mr. Turner. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Turner agreed.

Documents to Sign

Solid Waste, Department of Environmental Protection grant - Mr. Turner moved to sign the document, seconded by Mr. Del Castilho. Vote: Turner, yes; Del Castilho, yes; Willmore, yes.

Minutes - Minutes for the October 5, 2020 meeting were approved with edits. Mr. Turner moved to approve with edits, 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 - N/A

Select Board Concerns - N/A

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Public Comment - N/A

Volunteer Recognition - Veteran's Day ceremony organizers were recognized for planning a meaningful Veteran's Day ceremony during COVID when celebrations are difficult to plan/execute.

Announcements - Reminders are given for the Planning Board Housing Forum on December 2 and the forthcoming Energy Forum. Ms. Butler also announced the newsletter she has created which can be found both on the town website and Facebook. Anyone wanting to receive it automatically can go to the "Notify Me" option on the town website and enroll.

With no further business, Mr. Del Castilho moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Turner. Vote: Turner, yes; Del Castilho, yes, Willmore, yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, December 7, 2020

Signed:

Dena Willmore *Dena Willmore*

Barry Del Castillo *Barry DelCastillo*

Zachary Turner *ZT*
