There were fifty-seven (57) Town of Buckland registered voters in attendance (quorum being 7) at the Special Town Meeting held in the parking lot of the Mohawk Trail Regional School. Phoebe Walker served in her capacity as Moderator working from a warrant dated September 10, 2020 and posted by Constable, Arthur H. Phillips. The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

**ARTICLE 1: MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT**

The town voted and passed to **raise and appropriate** the sum of **$164,169.00** to pay the revised FY21 Mohawk Trail Regional School District assessment. Said sum represents the difference between the amount of money appropriated at the June 27, 2020 Annual Town Meeting and the assessment provided to the Towns by the District on August 19, 2020.

Finance Committee Recommended

Select Board Recommended

**ARTICLE 2: TOWN OPERATING BUDGET, WINTER ROADS**

The town voted and passed to **raise and appropriate** the sum of **$15,000.00** to increase the FY21 Winter Roads general expense budget.

Finance Committee Recommended

Select Board Recommended

**ARTICLE 3: SHELBURNE FALLS WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY BUDGET**

The town voted and passed to **appropriate $10,000** to be added to the “Salaries & Wages” line item of the FY21 operation and maintenance of the Shelburne Falls Wastewater Treatment Facility, an Enterprise Fund, for which this sum of money will be raised from the anticipated receipts from the Buckland user assessment as a line item appropriation, and for which a similar sum of money will be raised from anticipated receipts from the Town of Shelburne (pursuant to the operation agreement).

Select Board Recommended

**ARTICLE 4: PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS**

The town voted and passed unanimously to **appropriate** from available funds the sum of **$1,061.97** to pay invoices as itemized below, representing amounts due from prior fiscal years.

$62.13 – Eversource, FY18, Highway Expenses

$972.69 – Eversource, FY19, Streetlights

$27.15 – Airgas, FY20, Highway Expenses

Finance Committee Recommended

Select Board Recommended

**ARTICLE 5: FUNDING FOR STABALIZATION ACCOUNTS**

The town voted and passed unanimously to **appropriate $78,499** from Free Cash certified as of July 1, 2019 to be **transferred** to the Town’s General Stabilization account.

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| **Stabilization Account** | **Amount** | **Source of Funds** |
| Police Stabilization | 0.00 | Free Cash |
| Highway Stabilization | 0.00 | Free Cash |
| Technology Stabilization | 0.00 | Free Cash |
| General Stabilization | $78,499 | Free Cash |
| **TOTAL** | **$78,499** |  |

Finance Committee Recommended

Select Board Recommended

**ARTICLE 6: GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

A Motion was made to amend the General Bylaws, Chapter I General Provisions; Manner of Repeal to now read as follows:

Sec. 6. Any or all of these by-laws may be repealed or amended, or other by-laws may be adopted at an annual **or special town meeting**, an article or articles for that purpose having been inserted in the warrant for such meeting.

**A Motion to amend** the original Motion was voted and passed to instead read as follows:

Sec. 6. Any or all of these by-laws may be repealed or amended, or other by-laws may be adopted at an annual or special town meeting, **after a public hearing has been held**, an article or articles for that purpose having been inserted in the warrant for such meeting.

A **Motion was voted and passed unanimously** to table Article 6.

Select Board Recommended

**ARTICLE 7: GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT – TOWN MEETING AND TOWN ELECTION DATES, EARLY VOTING**

The town voted and passed to amend the General Bylaws, Chapter II Town Meeting; Date of Meetings to now read as follows:

Sec. 3. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first **Saturday** of May, following the annual election of town officers. If elections and the business meeting are held on different days, two sections should be used.

Sec. 4. The annual town meeting for the election of town officers shall be held on the first **Tuesday** of May of each year.

Sec. 5 All business at an Annual Town Meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be after **ten o’clock A.M**., or adjournment to another day.

Sec. 6. The polls shall be opened by 10 o’clock in the morning and shall not close before 8 o’clock in the evening.

Sec. 7. Provisions may be made to allow for early voting on at least one day prior to election day. Such date or dates will be at the discretion of the Town Clerk.

Select Board Recommended

**ARTICLE 8: GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT – ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAWS**

No motion, no action.

**ARTICLE 9: ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT, BOARD OF SELECTMEN to SELECT BOARD**

The town voted and passed with a two-thirds vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws to rename the Board of Selectmen as the Select Board, and, for such purposes, to replace the words, “Board of Selectmen” or “Selectmen” with “Select Board” and “Selectman” with “Select Board Member”, and to authorize the Town Clerk to make issues non-substantive ministerial revisions to ensure that gender and number issues in related text is revised to properly reflect such change in title.

Select Board Recommended

The meeting dissolved at 11:18am.