

Buckfield Select Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information

- Date & Time: September 3, 2024 - 6:38 PM
- Location: Buckfield Municipal Center
- Attendees: Robert Hand, Sandra Fickett, Azalea Cormier, Peter Fickett, Cameron Hinkley, Brittany Parrott, and Judy Berg

Meeting Notes

1. Old Business

- **Old Business - Culvert Bids**
Discussion on bids for Darnit Road and Purkis Road culvert replacements. Bids from Gendron and Gendron and Pratt & Sons included paving.
- **Purkis Road Culvert Replacement**
Azalea Cormier made a motion to award the Purkis Road Culvert project to Pratt and Sons in the amount of \$23,975 for either the 48" or 60" pipe size option. Peter Fickett seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- **Darnit Road Culvert Replacement**
Azalea Cormier made a motion to award the Darnit Road Culvert project to Pratt and Sons in the amount of \$27,200 for the 60" pipe size option. Peter Fickett seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Conclusion

1. Accepted the bid from Pratt & Sons General Contractors for Purkis Road culvert replacement at \$23,975 and for Darnit Road culvert replacement at \$27,200 for the 60-inch culvert.

2. Consent Agenda and Administrative Updates

- **Consent Agenda**
Sandra Fickett made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Azalea Cormier seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Payroll Warrants 23 and 25. Accounts Payable Warrants 24 and 26. Total: \$224,033.00. Rescue Department and Library Monthly Reports.
- **Library Visitors**
The library had 400 visitors in August, with a successful free ice cream program for kids.

- **New Paramedic**
Hannah Limerick was congratulated on becoming a new paramedic.
- **Trunk or Treat Event**
Clarification on who to contact for the Trunk or Treat event. The Buckfield Community Events Committee is handling it.
- **Tax Liens**
30-day notices for liens were sent out 30 days ago. Unpaid tax liens will be filed with the county this week.
- **Community Day**
Community Day was a success with a good turnout and a parade.
- **Audits**
RHR Smith will schedule additional days to wrap up audits within the next three weeks.
- **Paving Projects**
Paving on North Buckfield Road and Paris Hill Road will begin at the end of September or beginning of October.
- **Hiring CDL Driver**
The town is hiring a CDL driver and has received ten applications but no callbacks.
- **Tax Cards Availability**
Once tax cards are available, they will be posted on the town website and Facebook.
- **Approval of the Minutes**
Sandra Fickett made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2024, Select Board Meeting. Robert Hand seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Azalea Cormier abstained due to not being at the meeting.
- **November 5th Select Board Meeting Reschedule**
Discussion on rescheduling the November 5th meeting due to it being election day. Azalea Cormier made a motion to reschedule the November 5, 2024, Select Board meeting, and hold it on October 29, 2024, at 6:30 PM. Sandra Fickett seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
- **Junkyard Issues**
Discussion on the increasing number of junkyards and public health issues. The process for addressing these issues was outlined.
- **Community Assistance**
Discussion on the need to help community members who are unable to clean up their properties. Emphasis on providing support rather than being defensive or attacking.
- **Absentee Ballots**
Information on how to request absentee ballots for the upcoming election.

Conclusion

1. The Consent Agenda was approved.

2. The minutes of the August 20, 2024, Select Board Meeting were approved.
3. The November 5, 2024, Select Board Meeting was rescheduled and will take place on October 29, 2024, at 6:30 due to the November election.

3. Public Comment and Executive Session

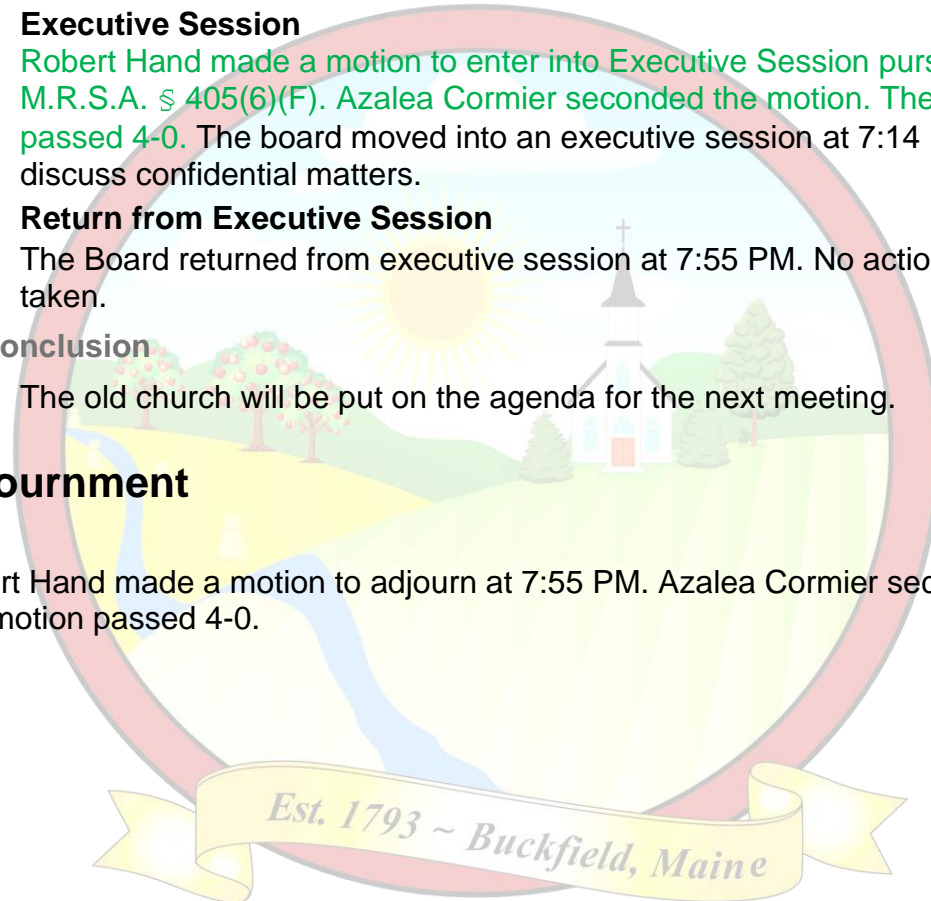
- **Old Church at Buckfield Community Days**
Judy Berg thanked Selectman Azalea Cormier for the poster about the old church. Concerns were raised about the church's condition and the potential for damage if not addressed.
- **Executive Session**
Robert Hand made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F). Azalea Cormier seconded the motion. The Motion passed 4-0. The board moved into an executive session at 7:14 PM to discuss confidential matters.
- **Return from Executive Session**
The Board returned from executive session at 7:55 PM. No action was taken.

Conclusion

1. The old church will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Adjournment

Robert Hand made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Azalea Cormier seconded. The motion passed 4-0.



Minutes approved at the September 23, 2024, Select Board Meeting