

**BUCKFIELD SELECT BOARD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022
MEETING MINUTES**

In Person and Remote Participation via ZOOM / 6:30 PM

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AND DECLARE QUORUM

Present: Chairman Mike Iveson, Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier, Selectman Bob Hand, Vivian Wadas, Martha Catevenis, Charles Berg, Judy Berg, Steve Sherlock (Sun Journal/Zoom)

Chairman Mike Iveson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and declared a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE – Tabled items to be taken up at January 3, 2023 meeting

NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

- a. Hall Bridge Meeting Minutes
- b. Disbursement Warrants
 - i. Payroll Warrant # 62 \$29,477.35 (Approved Per Policy 12/3)
 - ii. Payroll Warrant # 63 \$145.33 (Approved Per Policy 12/3)
 - iii. Accounts Payable Warrant # 64 \$4,571.23 (Approved Per Policy 12/15)
 - iv. Payroll Warrant # 65 \$18,156.68 (Approved Per Policy 12/20)
 - v. Accounts Payable Warrant # 66 \$188,775.99
 - TOTAL*** ***\$241,126.58***

Chairman Mike Iveson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier seconded – VOTE – All in favor (3-0)

2. APPROVE MINUTES (Action)

- a. December 6, 2022 Select Board Meeting

Chairman Mike Iveson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022 Select Board Meeting as written, Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier seconded – VOTE – All in favor (3-0)

3. ABATEMENTS – OVERLAY (Information/Action)

- a. Update
- b. Approve Abatements

Chairman Mike Iveson made a motion to rescind the motion that was passed on December 6, 2022 authorizing the additional overlay out of the Emergency Contingency, Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier seconded – VOTE – All in favor (3-0)

Chairman Mike Iveson made a motion to approve the Town Treasurer to process the list of 88 abatements in the amount of \$38,601.04 utilizing the balance of the Town's Overlay account and

any remaining balance from undesignated funds, Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier seconded – VOTE – All in favor (3-0)

4. BACK ROAD BUDS – MEDICAL MARIJUANA RETAIL STORE LICENSE (Action)

Chairman Mike Iveson made a motion to approve the requested Medical Marijuana Retail Store License for Back Road Buds at 10 Turner Street in Buckfield, Maine effective for one year, expiring on December 20, 2023 in accordance with the Town’s Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Ordinance, Azalea seconded – VOTE – All in favor (3-0)

5. EFFICIENCY MAINE SMALL MUNICIPALITY RETROFITS FON (Information/Action)

a. Volunteer Offer

Chairman Mike Iveson made a motion that the Board accept Vivian Wadas’ offer to volunteer her time in researching and pursuing approval for funding through Efficiency Maine’s funding opportunity notice to retrofit exterior lighting projects in Town under the oversight of Selectman Janet Iveson, Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier seconded – VOTE – All in favor (3-0)

6. FIRE TRUCK FINANCING (Action)

Chairman Mike Iveson made a motion to approve the following vote per bond Counsel:

VOTED: (1) That a Capital Acquisition Project (the "Project") consisting of the Lease of an upgraded and refurbished 2005 fire truck, is hereby approved; and

(2) That the financing for the Project in the principal amount of \$213,662 is awarded to Androscoggin Bank at an interest rate of 4.85%; and

(3) That the Town Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Municipal Lease Purchase Agreement, and all other documents reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this vote; and

(4) That the Select Board hereby confirms its determination that the term of the Lease does not exceed 120% of the economic life of the Project.

(5) That said Lease is hereby designated a “bank qualified tax-exempt obligation” of the Town for the 2022 calendar year under the provisions of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier seconded – VOTE – All in favor (3-0)

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comment Period (*the Board sets up to 15 minutes aside as a public comment period at the beginning of every meeting*).

Vivian Wadas asked the Town Manager for an update on how the Public Works crew handled the Winter storm over the weekend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) – if needed

ADJOURN

Chairman Mike Iveson made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 PM, Selectman Bob Hand seconded – VOTE – All in favor (3-0)

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Select Board Meeting – January 3, 2023 at 6:30 PM
2. Planning Board Meeting – January 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM
3. Select Board Meeting – January 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM
4. Solid Waste Committee Meeting – January 24, 2023 at 5:00 PM (Sumner Town Office)

Tabled Items:

Old Church on the Hill
Community Day Committee
Personnel Policies and Procedures Biennial Review (*Section 1-11 Reviewed - Ongoing*)

Minutes approved at the January 3, 2023 Select Board meeting.