

**BUCKFIELD SELECT BOARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022
MEETING MINUTES**

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

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AND DECLARE QUORUM 6:41pm

Present: Chair Cheryl Coffman, Vice Chair Cameron Hinkley, Selectman Robert Hand, Selectperson Janet Iveson, Selectman Mike Iveson, Town Manager Lorna Nichols, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock, Penny Horsfall, Rescue Chief Chip Richardson, Charles & Judith Berg, Cory Nicolson, Equity Buckfield, Keith's iPhone, Unknown iPhone, Katie Clukey.

*Because of issues regarding the internet there was a late start to the session.

Vice Chair Cameron Hinkley motion to recess until 7 p.m. to move to another location for better internet reception, Robert Hand second - all in favor.

Meeting reconvened at 6:52pm

Remote Meeting Participation Protocol

Public Comment Period - *None*

OLD BUSINESS

19-20 AUDIT / INVOICES

The Town Manager gave an update of the discussion with Mr. Beaulieu from the 2/15/22 Board meeting, outlining amounts for audit vs. non-audit charges. Totals of invoices that lack detail as requested from the remaining balance leaves \$5,637.50. Selectman Mike Iveson suggested that the Board should only pay the line items with supporting data. The Board discussed at length.

Vice Chair Cameron Hinkley motion to pay the auditor \$5,637.50, Chair Cheryl Coffman second - all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town manager gave a brief synopsis regarding her report; proposed revaluation for the town, TRIO information and spoke about a meeting with them and discussed a time frame, spoke about swearing in new Planning Board members, Old Sumner Road subdivision, delivery of new plow truck, Rec Committee meeting in February and Hall Bridge Project meeting.

Vice Chair Cameron Hinkley expanded on information from the Rec Committee stating that they were exploring software for the committee that would provide better communications. Judy Berg suggested a bottle drive to help support the group. Cameron stated that this is being discussed. Chair Cheryl Coffman gave an overview of the Hall Bridge meeting.

ARPA FUNDS

The Town Manager asked the Board to consider the rescue portion and the gas key upgrade requests. She stated that the other half of the ARPA money should be available in September. Rescue Chief Chip Richardson stated that the stretcher price continues to rise and spoke about a vehicle maintenance plan.

Vice Chair Cameron Hinkley motion to approve \$28,818.73 from ARPA funds for the power stretcher – Robert Hand second – discussion.

After discussion, Cameron rescinded first motion, Bob rescinded his second.

Amended motion by Vice Chair Cameron Hinkley to approve \$28,818.73 for purchase of the power stretcher, funding to come from the current equipment reserve fund to be repaid by ARPA funds in September; Robert Hand second – all in favor.

Selectperson Janet Iveson volunteered to investigate the possibility of what a refinance of the fire/rescue building would look like. The Town Manager will provide introductions/contacts for two financial institutions the Town does business with.

The Town Manager asked the Rescue Chief to explore options for a deposit or moving forward / payment with the quoting company regarding an air exchange.

MINUTES – Approve Minutes of February 15 (Action)

Vice Chair Cameron Hinkley motion to approve minutes of February 15, 2022, as written, Chair Cheryl Coffman second – all in favor.

WARRANTS: AP 34 (approved electronically) \$173,243.08
 AP 35 (approved electronically) \$12,351.92
 Payroll 2/23/22 (approved electronically) \$9,509.94

OTHER BUSINESS – None

Selectman Mike Iveson motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m., Chair Cheryl Coffman second – all in favor.

Upcoming Meetings: Planning Board Meeting Wednesday, March 9 6 p.m.
 Planning Board Marijuana Workshop immediately following 3/9/22 meeting
 Regular BOS Meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
 PB site visit Old Sumner Road subdivision – TBA
 Regular BOS Meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 6:30 p.m.