

Town of Buckfield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM
In Person and Remote Participation via Zoom

CALLED REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AND DECLARED A QUORUM AT 6:33 PM

Present: Chairman Bob Hand, Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier, Selectman Mike Iveson, Selectman Janet Iveson, Town Manager Cameron Hinkley, Vivian Wadas, Richard Piper, Cory Nicholson (Zoom), Steve Sherlock (Zoom/Sun Journal), jcarlton (Zoom)

OLD BUSINESS

1. BUCKFIELD-DAMON CEMETERY LOT POLICY (Action/Information)

- a. Establishment of a Cemetery Committee

Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier made a motion to establish an Ad Hoc Cemetery Committee. Chairman Bob Hand seconded – VOTE – All in favor (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

- a. Disbursement Warrants

Payroll Warrant 75	\$16,254.10
Accounts Payable Warrant 77	\$10,649.62
Payroll Warrant 78	\$17,761.18
Payroll Warrant 79	\$17,228.14
Accounts Payable Warrant 80	\$16,377.51
Accounts Payable Warrant 82	\$79,640.76
Total	\$157,911.31

Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectman Mike Iveson seconded – VOTE – All in favor (5-0)

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2023 SELECT BOARD MEETING (Action)

Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2023 Select Board meeting as written. Selectman Mike Iveson seconded – VOTE – All in favor (5-0)

3. PAVING BID OPENING

The Board opened the sealed paving bids for East Buckfield Road and Bear Pond Road. The bids were as follows:

Bidder #1: All States Construction, Inc.

Option A Pricing: \$641,232.54

Option B Pricing: \$829,132.86

Bidder #2: Pike Industries

Option A Pricing: \$812,232.00

Option B Pricing: \$1,017,001.00

Bidder #3: Northeast Paving

Option A Pricing: \$721,280.00

Option B Pricing: \$936,900.00

Bidder #4: St. Laurent and Son Inc.

Option A Pricing: \$683,000.00

Option B Pricing: \$880,000.00

Bidder #5: Spencer Group Paving, LLC

Option A Pricing: \$597,693.30

Option B Pricing: \$807,378.20

4. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (Action)

- a. Cemetery Committee – Vivian Wadas (1-Year Appointment)

Selectman Mike Iveson made a motion to appoint Vivian Wadas to a one-year term ending June 30, 2023 on the Ad Hoc Cemetery Committee. Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier seconded – VOTE – All in favor (5-0)

- b. Cemetery Committee – Lillian Clough (1-Year Appointment)

Selectman Mike Iveson made a motion to appoint Lillian Clough to a one-year term ending June 30, 2023 on the Ad Hoc Cemetery Committee. Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier seconded – VOTE – All in favor (5-0)

5. SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE (Information)

Chairman Bob Hand gave an update on the Solid Waste Committee Meeting that was held on January 24, 2023 at the Sumner Town Office. He let the public know that he was appointed as the Chairman of the Committee and that Mike Iveson, and Azalea Cormier were chosen as the other two members representing Buckfield.

6. LEWISTON AUBURN WATER PROTECTION COMMISSION UPDATE (Action/Information)

- a. Glen Holmes – Appointed Member

This item was moved until after Other Business to allow Glen Holmes time to arrive.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Select Board set Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 5:30 PM as the next Select Board Workshop to continue their review of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook – Unanimous Consent

Public Comment Period (*the Board sets aside up to 15 minutes at the end of every meeting for public comment*)

Richard Piper stated he didn't believe the Town was being ADA compliant because he couldn't hear what was going on during the meeting. He then went on to discuss how he believed the Town wasn't paving roads properly and that he was waiting on information from the State to provide the Board with regarding the proper methods to pave roads. He stated that he believed the Town had no recourse if paving projects weren't done properly. He also stated that he believed the Select Board should reject all of the Paving Bids.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

7. LEWISTON AUBURN WATER PROTECTION COMMISSION UPDATE (Action/Information)

a. Glen Holmes – Appointed Member

Glen Holmes presented the board with a document he drafted updating them on what has been going on at the Lewiston Auburn Water Protection Commission. He asked the Board to consider reappointing him to the Commission for another one-year term.

Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier made a motion to reappoint Glen Holmes to a one-year term on the Lewiston Auburn Water Protection Commission for the Town of Buckfield. Selectman Mike Iveson seconded – VOTE – All in favor (5-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) – If Needed

Chairman Bob Hand made a motion to enter into Executive Session to deliberate over an application for abatement pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 841(2). Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier seconded – VOTE – All in favor (5-0)

Entered into Executive Session at 7:29 PM.

Exited Executive Session at 8:13 PM. Selectman Janet Iveson was no longer in attendance.

Chairman Bob Hand made a motion to deny the abatement requested under 36 M.R.S.A. § 841(2) in case number PA2023-1. Selectman Mike Iveson seconded – VOTE – All in favor (4-0)

Chairman Bob Hand stated that a written decision would be sent to the applicant.

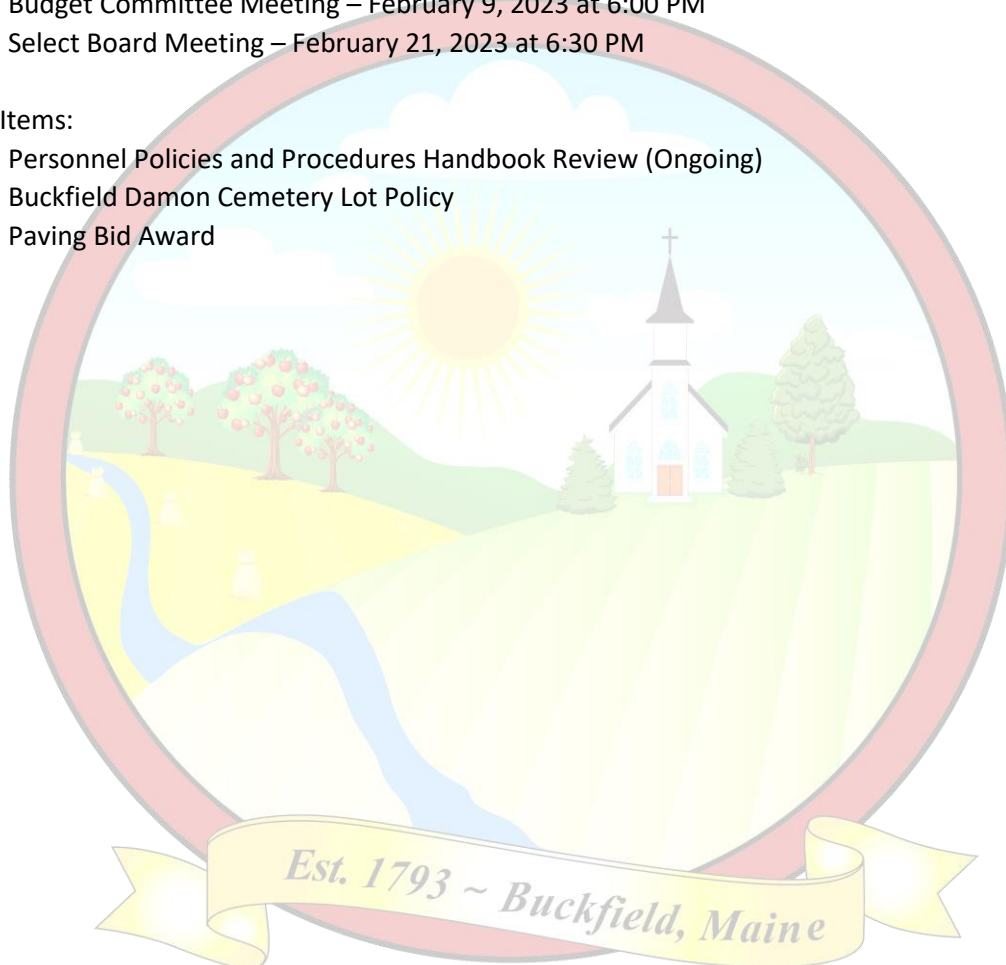
Chairman Bob Hand made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Selectman Mike Iveson seconded – VOTE – All in favor (4-0)

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Buckfield Village Corporation Meeting (**Not Town Affiliated**) – February 9, 2023 at 5:00 PM
2. Budget Committee Meeting – February 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM
3. Economic Development Committee Meeting – February 16, 2023
4. Budget Committee Meeting – February 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM
5. Select Board Meeting – February 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Tabled Items:

1. Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook Review (Ongoing)
2. Buckfield Damon Cemetery Lot Policy
3. Paving Bid Award



Minutes approved at the February 21, 2023 Select Board Meeting.