

Town of Buckfield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM
In Person and Remote Participation via Zoom

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AND DECLARE A QUORUM AT 6:33 PM

Present: Chairman Bob Hand, Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier, Selectman Sandra Fickett, Town Manager Cameron Hinkley, Vivian Wadas, Charles Berg (Zoom), Judy Berg (Zoom), Brax Henley (Zoom), Cory Nicholson (Zoom), Steve Sherlock (Zoom/Sun Journal)

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

a. Town Manager Report

b. Disbursement Warrants

Payroll Warrant 106	\$ 15,281.84
Accounts Payable Warrant 107	\$ 26,751.63
Total	\$ 42,033.47

Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectman Sandra Fickett seconded – VOTE – All in favor (3-0)

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2023 SELECT BOARD MEETING (Action)

Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier made a motion to approve the meetings minutes of the April 11, 2023 Select Board Meeting. Selectman Sandra Fickett seconded – VOTE – All in favor (3-0)

3. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (Action)

a. Heather Henley – Beautification, Parks and Conservation Committee (3-Year Term)

Chairman Bob Hand made a motion to appoint Heather Henley to the Beautification, Parks, and Conservation Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2025. Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier seconded – VOTE – All in favor (3-0)

4. LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER (Action/Information)

a. Floyd “Chip” Richardson Jr. Resignation

Selectman Sandra Fickett made a motion to accept Floyd Richardson Jr.’s resignation as Local Health Officer. Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier seconded – VOTE – All in favor (3-0)

The Board thanked Floyd “Chip” Richardson Jr. for his service. Town Manager Cameron Hinkley explained to the Board that until the Board appoints a new Local Health Officer, Chairman Bob Hand will fill in as Local Health Officer for the Town of Buckfield. Town Manager Cameron Hinkley provided Chairman Bob Hand with the Local Health Officer’s Manual for reference.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Vivian Wadas asked if there had been a review of the tabled items and what remained in the parking lot. Town Manager Cameron Hinkley informed the board that he had a list of tabled items provided by former Selectman Marth Catevenis. Selectman Sandra Fickett asked the Town Manager if he could provide the board with that list and allow the public to have input at their next meeting on any items they felt were still in the parking lot.

Judy Berg discussed the second opinion that was made on the Old Church on the Hill repairs on Thursday April 13, 2023. Les Fossel and Richard Irons along with Jonathan Hall from Maine Preservation Society and Tom Johnson a retired Director of Maine Preservation society visited the Old Church and were optimistic that the Town could get a grant for the steeple repairs. The roof and ceiling repairs were discussed. The removal of a dangerous tree from the property was discussed. Overall, the estimate to make repairs on the Church was set at around \$25,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) – Not Needed

Vice Chairman Azalea Cormier made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 PM. Chairman Bob Hand seconded – VOTE – All in favor (3-0)

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Economic Development Committee Meeting – April 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM
2. Library Committee Meeting – April 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM
3. Select Board Meeting – May 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Tabled Items:

1. Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook Review (Ongoing)
2. Buckfield Damon Cemetery Lot Policy – Agenda Item for May 2, 2023

Minutes approved at the May 2, 2023 Select Board Meeting.