

**TOWN OF BUCKFIELD**  
**Select Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 25, 2025**  
**Location: Buckfield Municipal Center**

**Present:** Robert Hand, Sandra Fickett, Peter Fickett, Azalea Cormier, Cameron Hinkley, Rob Mowatt (Pike), Dennis Spencer (Spencer Group), Tobias (Gendron Corp), Robert Schreier, Neal Austin (Zoom), and Judy Berg

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM

Robert Hand moved to adjust the order of the agenda and place the Paris Hill and Brock School Rd Paving RFP at the beginning of the meeting. Azalea Cormier seconded. The Board unanimously agreed.

**2. New Business – Paris Hill and Brock School Road Paving RFP**

Chairman Hand opened and read aloud the four proposals that were received by the town. The four bidders were Northeast Paving, Pike Industries, Gendron Corp., and Spencer Group Paving.

No action was taken. The Town Manager and Board will review the bids and place the awarding of the bid on the meeting agenda for July 1, 2025.

**3. Consent Agenda**

Motion: Sandra Fickett made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Second: Peter Fickett

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

Included Payroll Warrant 101, 102, 103, 105, 107, and 108; Accounts Payable Warrant 104, 106, and 109 for a total of \$310,959.36.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Azalea Cormier made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025, Select Board meeting.

Second: Sandra Fickett

Vote: All in favor (3-0), Robert Hand abstained as he was not in attendance at the meeting.

## 5. Social Services Requests

Town Manager Cameron Hinkley discussed the approved Social Services budget of \$3,250. He explained in the absence of a Social Services Committee that the Board would need to decide which agencies to appropriate funding to. The Board went through the requests, discussed and came up with recommendations:

Organization	Appropriation
Helping Hearts	\$300.00
Lake Stewards of Maine	\$350.00
Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine	\$200.00
RCAM	\$700.00
Community Concepts	\$700.00
Seniors Plus	\$700.00
Safe Voices	\$300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,250.00</b>

Motion: Azalea Cormier made a motion to approve the recommendations made by the Board.

Second: Robert Hand

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

## 6. Authorize the Town Manager to Sign Contracts

Motion: Sandra Fickett made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the contracts for Fire and Rescue services with Hartford and Sumner.

Second: Azalea Cormier

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

## 7. CEO/LPI Resignation

Town Manager Cameron Hinkley informed the Board that Kingston Brown had resigned effective July 24, 2025. He will be reenlisting in the US Army. He let them know that the Town's Assessor, Emanuel Cregg, had expressed interest in dual rolling for the Town.

## 8. Board and Committee Openings

The Town Manager provided an overview of current Committee and Board openings.

## 9. Noise Concerns

The Board revisited the topic of noise complaints in Buckfield. Sandra Fickett discussed concerns that have been brought to her and spoke about the Buck-It's special amusement permit. Discussion centered around possibly proposing a draft noise ordinance at a later date and reviewing special amusement permit applications more carefully potentially reducing the number of allowed events each year and requiring them to end earlier. The Board agreed to add the item to the July 15<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting agenda so the public could provide input.

## 10. Other Business – Swap Shop Workshop

Motion: Azalea Cormier made a motion to schedule a workshop preceding the Select Board Meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM to assist the Swap Shop volunteers and revising their rules and guidelines.

Second: Robert Hand

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

## 11. Other Business – Education Exploration Committee

Neal Austin updated the Board on the committee's activities. He let them know that the ED 279 had been requested from the State of Maine and that the committee will be looking into the petition process next.

## 12. Other Business – Board Self-Evaluation

Sandra Fickett provided the Board with a Board Evaluation template. Azalea Cormier stated that she had created one as well and would compare the two. Sandra Fickett asked the Town Manager if evaluations were public information. The Town Manager stated that he believed a full board evaluation would be public, but if they evaluated themselves individually, he believed they were not. He stated he would need a legal opinion to be certain.

## 13. Public Comment

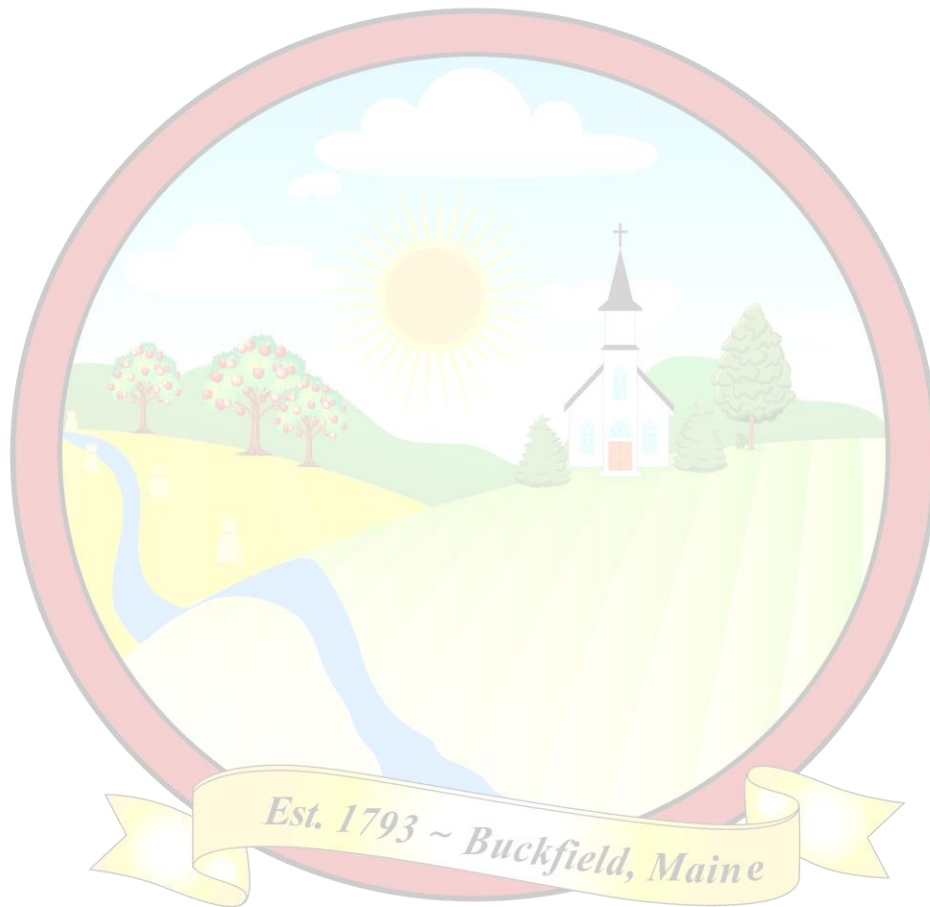
Bob Schreier commented that he believed a meeting to discuss noise concerns and potential ordinances should be structured and laid out with a proposal ready for the meeting. He urged the board to research what other towns have done and how such an ordinance could have some teeth that could be enforced and provide that information to the public.

#### **14. Adjournment**

Motion: Robert Hand made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Second: Sandra Fickett

Vote: All in favor (4-0)



**Minutes approved at the July 1, 2025, Select Board Meeting.**