

TOWN OF BUCKFIELD
Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2025
Location: Buckfield Municipal Center

Present: Robert Hand, Azalea Cormier, Heather Henley, Peter Fickett, Cameron Hinkley, Judy Berg (Zoom)

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Robert Hand at 6:33 PM.

2. Old Business – Fire Department Billing and Restitution Ordinance

Motion: Azalea Cormier made a motion to approve with or without changes at the March 18th meeting.

Second: Peter Fickett

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

3. New Business – Consent Agenda

Motion: Azalea Cormier made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Second: Peter Fickett

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

Total disbursement warrants approved: \$83,008.15.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Peter Fickett made a motion to approve minutes from February 4, 2025, Select Board meeting.

Second: Azalea Cormier

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

5. Mailbox Policy

Discussion on adopting a mailbox policy based on state guidelines.

Motion: Azalea Cormier made a motion to approve with or without changes at the March 18th meeting.

Second: Robert Hand

Discussion: The Board discussed whether they needed to delay approval or could approve at that time. Azalea Cormier rescinded her motion.

Motion: Heather Henley made a motion to adopt the Mailbox Policy for the Town of Buckfield.

Second: Peter Fickett

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

6. Rescue Billing Rate Review

Motion: Azalea Cormier made a motion to approve the updated Town of Buckfield Rescue Department Ambulance Service Billing Policy, striking paragraph 4 under policy.

Second: Robert Hand

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

7. Discussion Items – Potential Ordinance Development

Discussion on property maintenance and unnecessary noise ordinances in response to increased resident complaints. Town Manager Cameron Hinkley provided the Board with examples from other towns.

No motions or actions were taken.

8. 2025-2026 Budget Discussion

Discussion on the proposed budget for 2025-2026.

Encouragement for public participation in school board meetings.

No motions or actions were taken.

9. Other Business - Public Works

Cameron Hinkley commended the Public Works crew's efforts during recent weather conditions.

Discussion on open positions and competitive rates.

No motions or actions were taken.

10. Executive Session

Motion: Robert Hand made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(F) to discuss poverty property abatement PA 2024-2025 1.22.25.

Second: Azalea Cormier

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

The Board entered into executive session at

11. Return to Open Session

The Board returned from executive session at 7:52 PM.

Motion: Azalea Cormier made a motion to deny poverty abatement PA2024-2025 1.22.25.

Second: Heather Henley

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

12. Adjournment

Motion: Robert Hand made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Second: Peter Fickett

Vote: All in favor (4-0)

Minutes approved at the _____ Select Board Meeting.