

SHAFTSBURY SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
September 13, 2010
MINUTES

ATTENDING: **Board Members present:** Lon McClintock, Karen Mellinger, Bill Pennebaker, Craig Bruder,; Town Officials: Larry Johnson, Margy Becker, Town Administrator; Henri Billows, Treasurer; Ron Daniels, Road Foreman. **Absent:** Cinda Morse.

1. Call to Order

Chairman McClintock called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Announcements

Bill Pennebaker commented on the success of the Elisabeth Von Trapp concert on Sunday, September 12.

3. Conflict of Interest Statement

Chairman McClintock inquired if any Board member had a conflict of interest with any matter on the agenda. No conflict noted for the record.

4. Public Comments

No comments made.

5. FY2011 Tax Rate

Henri Billow presented the Board with the tax rate of .3235/c for the current fiscal year. **Karen Mellinger made the motion to approve the tax rate of .3235/c. Bill Pennebaker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.** Henri Billow reported the FY10 fund balance is \$111,934.

Karen Mellinger made the motion to approve the bank note from Peoples Bank in the amount of \$35,000 for equipment for the Fire Department with an interest rate of 2.35%, one year term that is renewable. Bill Pennebaker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Road Foreman Reports

Ron Daniels updated the Board to ongoing projects. Daniels stated that Murphy Hill Road will be completed by next week. Daniels stated that all projects started will be done before snowfall. Lon McClintock asked that the Board be updated on projects to finish this year and look at next year's projects.

The chloride supply has been maxed out and \$12,000 over budget is needed to buy more. **Bill Pennebaker made the motion to approve the \$12,000 needed for the chloride purchase. Craig Bruder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Ratification of Fire Department Officers

Bill Pennebaker made the motion to accept Joe Vadakin as Fire Chief, Jay Coonradt as first assistant, and Mike Taylor as second assistant. Craig Bruder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Acting Zoning Administrator-Hale Mountain Matters-Resignation

The acting Zoning Administrator will continue with this matter.

9. Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan-Action

Tabled until next meeting.

10. Facilities Planning-Status

The Facilities Committee will organize a meeting with neighbors abutting the Cole Hall and Landfill sites. The architect will meet with the committee to address problems.

11. Personnel Policies-Status

Tabled until next meeting.

12. Recreation Facilities Grant-Status

Karen Mellinger is working on a grant for the Cleveland Park project. Money has been pooled from fund raisers and the Lions Club has offered to build a hut for the skating rink. There is an estimate of \$12,000 for materials. A grant from the state would cover half. The Board will authorize the closing of Cleveland Avenue for Halloween at the October meeting.

13. Other Business

Karen Mellinger informed water users the Water Board will be sending a notice of the Bond payment.

Bill Pennebaker informed the Board that fire engine 66 had to be towed and the computer part will cost \$1800.

Margy Becker reported that the Town will go to bid on an independent single audit of Federal Grant funds.

Margy Becker placed an ad in the Bennington Banner for the Energy Block Grant for Cole Hall and the Fire Station. Bids are being accepted until September 27.

The roof at the landfill is has been repaired.

Margy Becker reported the cooperation of the town constables with the issue of delinquent dog licenses.

A letter will be sent to the State for the appointment of Vermont Town Forest Fire Warden.

The regular meeting on Monday 9/20 has been cancelled; the Board will meet in special session beginning at 7PM on Monday, September 27.

Karen Mellinger made the motion to accept the changes for September Board Meetings. Craig Bruder seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board will meet in regular session at 7PM on October 4th and again in special session at 6PM on Wed. Oct. 6th for preliminary budget discussions.

14. Approval of Minutes

Karen Mellinger made the motion to approve the minutes of August 23, 2010. Craig Bruder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Approval of Warrants

TRANSFER WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,889.28 DUE TO THE GENERAL FUND FROM SEWER FEASIBILITY, STREET DANCE FUND, PAVING RESERVE FUND, AND VCOMM GRANT.

Craig Bruder made the motion to approve Transfer Warrant in the amount of \$28,889.28. Bill Pennebaker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

RETIREMENT WARRANT W11R IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119.24.

Bill Pennebaker made the motion to approve warrant W11R in the amount of \$119.24. Craig Bruder seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

RETIREMENT WARRANT W9R IN THE AMOUNT OF \$111.14.

Craig Bruder made the motion to approve warrant W9R in the amount of \$111.14. Karen Mellinger seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

PAYROLL WARRANT PR#8 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6736.99.

Karen Mellinger made the motion to approve warrant PR#8 in the amount of \$6736.99. Bill Pennebaker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

PAYROLL WARRANT PR#9 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7447.67.

Karen Mellinger made the motion to approve payroll warrant PR#9 in the amount of \$7447.67. Craig Bruder seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

PAYROLL WARRANT PR#10 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7530.65.

Karen Mellinger made the motion to approve payroll warrant PR#10 in the amount of \$7530.65. Craig Bruder seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

CHECK WARRANT #W11 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,957.41.

Craig Bruder made the motion to approve warrant #W11 in the amount of \$57,957.41. Bill Pennebaker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

CHECK WARRANT #W12 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,029.74.

Bill Pennebaker made the motion to approve warrant #W12 in the amount of \$77,029.74. Karen Mellinger seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

16. Adjournment

Bill Pennebaker made the motion to adjourn at 8:35pm. Craig Bruder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by
Carol MacLean