

**Town of Shaftsbury
Selectboard Water Board Meeting
6:00 PM
Monday, April 6, 2015
Cole Hall, 61 Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury**

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Selectboard Members

Present: Tim Scoggins (Chair), Mitch Race, Ken Harrington, Art Whitman

Absent: Tony Krulikowski

TA Present: David Kiernan

Others Present: Jim McGinnis, Joe Herrmann, Rodney Swett

6:00 Water Board Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

Tim Scoggins (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. **FY16 Budget**

Water Board Superintendent Jim McGinnis and Assistant Superintendent Joe Herrmann met with the Selectboard to discuss the budget.

Jim McGinnis discussed that one change to the budget will be an increase for backhoe and excavation services.

The price for water from the North Bennington Water Department has changed to \$4.25 per 1,000 gallons of water. Shaftsbury Water Department will increase the price from \$7.50 to \$7.75 per 1,000 gallons of water for its customers.

A reason for the price increase was due to Shaftsbury's tax on the land the North Bennington Water Department owns in Shaftsbury. The state accessed the property and Shaftsbury taxed the land.

There is an agreement between the Town of Shaftsbury and the North Bennington Water Department on running the Water Dept for mutual benefit that includes ways to resolve disputes, should any occur, over such things as water price.

An estimate of 14.5 million gallons of water will be used this year. This next billing period which covers the past six months shows 8 million gallons have been used. Meters will be read over the next few weeks.

A contingency fund is in the budget to prepare for repairs. A reserve fund is also available.

There is a property in which the owner is behind in payments and repairs to the water pipe on the property are needed. Tim Scoggins will meet privately with the property owner to discuss issue.

3. **Adjourn**

Special meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.