

Shaftsbury Select Board
February 17, 2020
6:30 pm

- 1) Call to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Select Board members Tim Scoggins, Ken Harrington, Joe Barber, and Tony Krulikowski. Also present was town administrator David Kiernan.
- 2) Conflict of interest statement
No one reported a conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.
- 3) Minutes
No minutes were circulated.
- 4) Warrants
Check warrant # 21, \$50,920.64. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0. Mr. Harrington asked about the costs of maintaining the John Deere grader. He wondered if it was getting so old that it should be replaced, and maybe with a different brand. Mr. Kiernan said the replacement was due in about twelve years. Payroll warrant #16, \$24,918.77 Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.
- 5) Announcements
 - Pot luck dinner at Town Meeting. Mr. Scoggins reported that this year, at the urging of a citizens' group, the pot luck supper will return. The meeting will come to order at 6:30, be recessed for one hour and the pot luck, and then resumed at 7:30. Carl Korman and David Kiernan will suggest what items are needed.
- 6) Public comments
There were none.
- 7) Treasurer's report
Ms. Dexter reported that a previous cash flow was incorrect and had been corrected. She noted that two large equipment expenses were returned to the general fund. Once again, it is time to look closely at the cash balance as a line of credit might be needed to get to the end of the fiscal year. Things remain normal compared to past years.
- 8) Road Reports
 - Mr. Kiernan reported the crew is focusing on plowing and supplying plowing/sanding needs. Brush work continues when possible. Salt and sand purchases are in balance. Gravel purchases are up because of all the mini-mud seasons.
 - 2021 single axle truck bids opening
 - Mr. Yanotti had reviewed the bid, found it in order and recommended approving it. Mr. Kiernan said he and Mr. Yanotti recommended expanding the warranty to include a bumper to bumper warranty for \$3500. Mr. Kiernan will get copies of the warranty to share with the board. Mr. Krulikowski moved to award the bid to Delurey for a single axle truck for \$155,075, which includes the additional bumper to bumper warranty not included in the original RFP. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

- 9) CUD: funding for BCRC to help with planning/grant writing
Mr. Scoggins urged voters to choose “yes” on the March 3 ballot. He reported that the FCC is releasing billions of dollars in 2020 to implement broadband. The grant funds require hastening the schedule of creating the CUD. Mr. Scoggins needs help, and would like to hire BCRC to assist in navigating the steps required to be eligible to apply for FCC funds. Mr. Scoggins suggested \$3500 (about one dollar per Shaftsbury resident). Mr. Harrington asked if other towns were also contributing and Mr. Scoggins said “no,” but that it sets an example that other towns can follow and he doesn’t have the time to go to other boards to drum up support. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve \$3500 for the BCRC to help with the CUD planning process. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

- 10) AT/LT community letter of support
There is a thing – an Appalachian Trail community – in which the town pledges to support the Trail with various events. Designation comes with no cost. Mr. Scoggins read a letter seeking designation for the County as an Appalachian Trail Community. Mr. Krulikowski moved to sign the letter of support. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

- 11) VCDP accessibility modification grant application
Mr. Kiernan said there is about \$100,000 grant money available to make municipal facilities ADA-accessible. He notified the board he intends to apply for these grant funds, to come up with a solution to the accessibility issues at Cole Hall.

- 12) Liquor license approvals
Mr. Kiernan drew the board’s attention to Thyme Tables request for licenses to serve alcohol, in general. The Town Clerk has been authorized to approved the individual events. Mr. Barber moved to approve the First and Thrid class bar license for Thyme Tables. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

- 13) Other Business
Mr. Harrington asked about Nortrax and their maintenance efforts and schedules. He wondered if a local vendor might do the same but less expensively. Mr. Kiernan agreed it made sense to look into it. Mr. Kiernan said he’d also thought about bidding out all mechanical work to a “fleet garage” – again at a reduced rate. Another advantage is that all records will be kept in one place.

- 14) Review of Action Items
None.

- 15) Adjournment
Mr. Krulikowski moved to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.