

SHAFTSBURY SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2012
MINUTES

ATTENDING: **Board Members present:** Lon McClintock, Karen Mellinger, Bill Pennebaker, Craig Bruder, Carl Korman Town Officials: Fire Chief Joe Vadakin, Assistant Chief Mike Taylor and Jay Coonradt. Citizens present: Ed and Keith Corey

1. Call to Order

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

2. Announcements

Chairman McClintock recognized Bill Pennebaker for his tremendous contributions to the Select board and the Town of Shaftsbury during his 6 years on the Board. He noted that this evening was Bill's last meeting as a Selectboard member. Karen Mellinger highlighted Bill's great accomplishments, especially with regard to the capping of the municipal transfer station. She noted that Bill had pursued and obtained grant funding for the closure, which saved taxpayers approximately \$450,000. Also noted was the fact that Bill will remain an active member of the Planning Commission and the Environmental Issues Committee. The entire Board expressed its appreciation for all of Bill's efforts.

3. Public Comments

Ed Corey addressed the Board, suggesting that the Development Review Board have its meetings aired on CAT-TV. He advised that he had also brought this request before the DRB, believing that it would be in the interest of citizens. Chairman McClintock thanked Mr. Corey for his comments.

Mr. Corey then offered his opinion that the Town should consider the old Shea lot, now owned by Peter Cross, as the optimum site for the new Town garage. The Board advised that contact had been made in the recent past with Mr. Cross regarding a possible purchase of the lot. Chairman McClintock noted that the most recent asking price was more than twice the appraised value of the lot. The Board and Facilities Committee has proceeded with plans based on property owned by the Town as there has been no response from Mr. Cross regarding attempts to negotiate. Mr. Corey discussed the possibility of a citizen's petition to purchase the property, which Chairman McClintock acknowledged was a possible avenue for voters to pursue should there be interest in doing so.

4. 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.

5. Glastenbury – Memorandum of Understanding

Chairman McClintock presented the document as amended. He noted that Rickey Harrington, Glastenbury Supervisor, had agreed to the modifications discussed at the previous Board meeting.

Craig Bruder made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Glastenbury, as presented. Carl Korman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Fire Truck Purchase

Chief Vadakan presented projected pricing for a new fire truck to replace Truck 66, which has been plagued with costly mechanical problems. Board members expressed concern over the safety issues and the undependability of the truck. Also discussed was the need to clearly inform the public of the Department's request, as the budget would need to be amended from the floor at Town Meeting. Based on transferring in the balance in the Fire Truck Reserve Fund (\$59,000), together with the \$5000 payment due in April for the truck sold to White Creek several years ago, there would be no impact on the amount to be raised by taxes. Plans were discussed as to how to present the information to the citizens for their consideration, including a letter to the editor and a flyer.

7. Town Meeting Presentation

The Board reviewed the logistics of the Town Meeting presentation. Content material was discussed.

8. Personnel Policies

The discussion of personnel policies was postponed to a later meeting.

9. Approval of Warrants

PAYROLL WARRANT PR34 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,534.47.

Craig Bruder made the motion to approve payroll warrant PR34 in the amount of \$10,534.47. Carl Korman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CHECK WARRANT #W38 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,653.54.

Bill Pennebaker made the motion to approve check warrant #W38 in the amount of \$11,653.54. Craig Bruder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Adjournment

Craig Bruder made the motion to adjourn at 8:45pm. Bill Pennebaker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by
Karen Mellinger

