

Shaftsbury Select Board
October 2, 2017
6:30PM Regular meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were board members Tim Scoggins (chair), Ken Harrington, Art Whitman, and Joe Barber. Board member Tony Krulikowski was absent. Also present was Town Administrator David Kiernan.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement

None were reported.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Whitman moved to approve the September 18, 2017 minutes. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Mr. Whitman moved to approve the September 27, 2017 special meeting minutes. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0

4. Warrants

Retirement warrant #9, \$6,683.54. Mr. Whitman moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0

Payroll warrant #6, \$17,973.07. Mr. Whitman moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0

Check warrant #9, \$19,852.61. Mr. Whitman moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

5. Announcements

- Mr. Whitman noted that it is the responsibility of each taxpayer to pay his/her taxes on time.
- Mr. Scoggins noted that there will be a meeting on 10.10.17 at 6 pm at the school to discuss the Act 46 school consolidation matter. The vote will be held on November 7, to turn the SU into a district.

6. Treasurers Report

- Melanie Dexter reminded folks to get and keep their tax bills.
- Re the report, she noted that taxes are coming in regularly. She reminded everyone that homestead declarations must be filed annually.
- There is plenty of cash on hand, though some may need to be transferred to the school.
- Budget status is similar to last year.
- On a question from Mr. Whitman, Ms. Dexter said the town keeps tax penalty money as there is extra time required to process late payments.

7. Road Foreman Report

- Mr. Kiernan reported in the absence of Steve Washburn, road foreman, that much ditching has been; grading has been done on several roads; very shortly a French drain will be installed on Trumbull Hill; the hope is that the Shaftsbury Hollow project will be done the week of October 9, concluding the big projects for the season. Parts of Corey, Elm, and Paran will be paved, for about \$10,000 (to be done by Bowdoin). Re Shaftsbury Hollow, about \$70,000 will be needed for materials, including fabric, to repair a lengthy section near the bottom of the Hollow.
- Mr. Barber reported that he'd been told by residents that speeding on Bank St. is routine. Mr. Kiernan will ask the sheriff about placing a speed sign there.

- Mr. Kiernan reported he'd asked the sheriff to place a deputy at Buck Hill Rd. and 7A when school lets out in the p.m.
8. Grant-Stormwater Master Plan
Mr. Kiernan reported that an application for \$20,000 to produce a Plan (with a match to be provided by the Town by the administrator, road foreman, and use of a truck) has been submitted on the Town's behalf by the BCRC. It will help the town comply with the municipal road permit requirements.
 9. Grant-Ecosystems Restoration / Cleanwater Initiative
An application for a grant to purchase a mulcher was submitted on the Town's behalf. The Town's match would be \$570.
 10. BCSWA Report -Ordinance Change
Mr. Kiernan reported that all the haulers have objected to article 7 in the ordinance, re reporting on quantities on a quarterly basis. The Alliance has no use for the data, which is reported to the state anyway.
Mr. Whitman moved that Article VII: Registration and Reporting be amended to strike sentence three which reads in full " Haulers and Facilities shall report on the quantities of municipal solid waste, organics, and mandated recyclables collected in the Town for each preceding quarter on April 15, July 15th, October 15th and January 15th of each year on forms to be provided by the Town". The motion was seconded by Ken Harrington and passed 4-0-0.
 11. Cole Hall Improvements
The environmental report has not been received. The item was tabled.
 12. Town Garage Update
Mr. Kiernan reported on meeting with the Town's engineer and architects, which centered on the language of bid document and moving the bid opening to January 2018. No votes were taken at the meeting.
 13. RFP -Cleaning Services Cole Hall
Mr. Kiernan presented the proposed RFP, which describes what is expected of the contractor.
 14. Senate Policy Coverage Forum
Mr. Scoggins reported on a forum he and Mr. Whitman attended re state police coverage, especially in smaller towns. The state police are now spread thin. Additional funds for sheriffs would help reduce the disparity in service. Towns with their own police might spend as much as \$300 per person. Such towns may see an inequity in the existing arrangement.
 15. Website Redesign
Mr. Scoggins is working on it. He has put out bids on redesign. He believes we should dispense with the html foundation our website uses and move to a content-management system. He's received casual quotes of \$1600-\$2000 to make this move.
 16. Other Business
There was none.
 17. Action items:
New: Mr. Kiernan will note the closing of the town office on Oct. 6.
Mr. Kiernan reported he'd begun to explore contracting with a private contractor to take over the water system. It could reduce costs. The existing crew would remain as a "backstop" and it would be important to keep a licensed person on staff at the Town.
Old: E911 issues: Mr. Kiernan reported that we'd been in touch with the E911 system regarding this.
Notice re taxes due and taxpayer responsibility therefor was placed on the website.
Confusion re mailing vs physical address was examined.

Mr. Kiernan is trying to find out where the line between the Bennington and Arlington Rescue Squad service areas is located.

Mr. Barber would like to know how many rescue squad responses are related to drug overdoses. The meeting with the architect and the janitorial contract were addressed.

The DRB is reviewing the Town's garage application on Oct.

Mr. Whitman moved to enter executive session at 7:40PM. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Mr. Harrington moved to leave executive session at 7:45PM. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Mr. Whitman moved to hire a sixth road crewman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrington, and passed 4-0-0.

18. Adjournment

Mr. Whitman moved to adjourn at 7:46PM. Mr. Scoggins seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.