

SHAFTSBURY SELECTBOARD
MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2012
MINUTES

ATTENDING: **Board Members present:** Lon McClintock, Karen Mellinger, Bill Pennebaker, Craig Bruder, Carl Korman. Town Officials: Margy Becker, Town Administrator; Henri Billow, Town Treasurer; Chris Williams, Planning Commission. **Board Members Absent:** Carl Korman. **Guest:** Michael Batcher (SWIP), Rickey Harrington, Supervisor Town of Glastenbury; Holly Bahan, Kathy Geneslaw, Mitchell Race, Mike Foley, Joanne Race, Jeri Schoof, Robert Geneslaw, Tom Huncharek, Mary Gronning, Jay Palmer.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Announcements

No announcements made.

3. Public Comments

Kathy Geneslaw commented to the Board that she and several other Shaftsbury residents have made four trips to Montpelier to discuss administrative rules for solid waste and composting. There is an agreement that the administrative rules need changes.

Kathy Geneslaw asked if the Board would support a single member district in the House of Representatives. Chair McClintock informed everyone that he has been in touch with Alice Miller, Shaftsbury Representative, and they are committed to finding a way to maintain a single representative district.

Kathy Geneslaw asked if sending a petition from the citizens would help. Chair McClintock stated that it could help.

Jeri Schoof asked how members to the DRB can be replaced when a term is expiring. Chair McClintock informed her that recommendations for appointments can be made to the DRB.

Mike Foley thanked the Planning Committee for their hard work. Mike Foley also stated that TAM's application for 30,000 tons of waste is more tonnage than needed. He suggested that anyone wanting to voice their opinion come to the meeting on Wednesday the 15th.

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. Rte 7A Intersection-status

Margy Becker reported on the Rte 7A and Buck Hill intersection survey. The State conducted the traffic survey in August, counting pedestrians, cars, and trucks. The Town has requested another survey to be done during school days. VTRANS' findings from the most recent survey are that a traffic light is not needed. They suggested new signals and signage. Lon McClintock

asked the Town Administrator if she would organize a meeting with the School Committee and VTRANS.

6. Municipal Services to Glastenbury

Mike Batcher introduced himself as the new representative from Bennington County Regional Planning Commission. He informed the Board that revisions are in process for the SWIP (Solid Waste Implementation Plan) program.

Rickey Harrington, Supervisor for Glastenbury, presented the Board with a Letter of Understanding for Municipal Services. The Board Members and Rickey Harrington discussed fairness issues and services each Town provides the other.

The Board agreed to sign the Letter of Understanding with the addition that winter maintenance would be contracted with the State of Vermont and renewal will be every two years.

7. Current Budget Year-Report

Henri Billow, Town Treasurer, reported on her projections for year-end cash flow. Her current estimate of total cash and estimated revenue for the year is \$592,095 minus anticipated budget expenses of \$492,736, leaving a possible \$99,279 year end surplus.

8. Zoning Amendments-status report

Chris Williams agreed with the Town Administrator's records that the Selectboard had sent the Home Occupations zoning amendment and Sign Ordinances back to the Planning Commission for further review. These are still pending before the Planning Commission.

The Selectboard discussed water supply-septic isolation distance requirements now imposed by the State. State Rules have opened up the possibility that development activities of one landowner could encumber property of a neighbor. The Selectboard considered whether to incorporate language into the zoning bylaw to address this problem, even though the State regulates isolation distances. It was agreed with Mr. Williams that there would be no language inserted into the zoning bylaw.

It was agreed the Selectboard will warn a second public hearing on proposed Open Space Amendments after the Selectboard's organizational meeting in March.

Chris Williams asked that the Selectboard also hold a hearing on proposed zoning amendment concerning Pole Barns. The Board agreed to do so. Mr. Williams will forward this language to the Town Administrator.

Section 4.1.1.4.6 of the Zoning Bylaw was amended by the Selectboard upon adoption of Adaptive Re-Use of Motel Properties language. The version of the language that was adopted (dated 1/25/11) will appear as an attachment to these minutes. Chris Williams agreed to forward the amendment to the DRB Chairman. The Zoning Bylaw has not been reprinted yet with said amendment.

A public hearing on an additional minor zoning amendment (enclosure of pole barns) will be warned for a March Selectboard meeting.

Kathy Geneslaw reported on two pieces of legislation in the Senate and House. Chris Williams will look at right-of-way laws.

9. Listers' Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending

Tabled until next meeting.

10. New Town Garage-status report

There is a request for proposals from engineering firms. There will be a pre-bid visit next Wednesday, February 15. Margy Becker shared information regarding the process of obtaining water and waste water permits.

11. Computer Network-status report

There is nothing further to report on the computer network status. The next step in this process is to solicit an additional bid for network installation.

12. Town Administrator Report

Margy Becker informed the Board that Town Officials in Cole Hall have begun discussing incorporating the Treasurer's office into the Town Offices, but that no floor plan has yet been agreed upon. Henri Billow agreed she will help with the transition. The Board will meet with Henri Billow on Monday, February 13th at 6PM.

The Highway Crew is busy with maintenance.

The cemetery Committee is going out to bid on mowing.

Eagle Scout, James Mazzola, has installed a split rail fence at the Center Cemetery.

13. Other Business

Craig Bruder has spoken to the Sheriff about the break-ins occurring in Shaftsbury. The Sheriff's Department will focus on the area were they have been occurring. Some precautions for citizens to take are locking doors to home and car; clearly identify your property for the Sheriff and other services. If out of town for an extended period notify the Sheriff Department.

14. Approval of Minutes

Karen Mellinger made the motion to approve minutes for January 19, 2012 with changes to item #5, delete Howard Park and add all Town Parks. Craig Bruder seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes for January 23, 28, and 30 were tabled.

15. Approval of Warrants

PAYROLL WARRANT PR#31 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,019.07.

Karen Mellinger made the motion to approve payroll warrant PR#31 in the amount of \$8,019.07. Craig Bruder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CHECK WARRANT #W33 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$996.07

Craig Bruder made the motion to approve check warrant #W33 in the amount of \$996.07. Bill Pennebaker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RETIREMENT WARRANT #W34R IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119.24.

Craig Bruder made the motion to approve retirement warrant #W34R in the amount of \$119.24. Karen Mellinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CHECK WARRANT #W34 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,347.22.

Craig Bruder made the motion to approve check warrant #W34 in the amount of \$28,347.22. Bill Pennebaker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Adjournment

Craig Bruder made the motion to adjourn at 9:20pm. Karen Mellinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by
Carol MacLean