

MINUTES OF THE SHAFTSBURY SELECT BOARD
MAY 8, 2006
COLE HALL
SHAFTSBURY, VERMONT

Board Present: Wynn Metcalfe, Chairman, Karen Mellinger, Cinda Morse, Bill Pennebaker

Board Absent: Jim Mead

Others Present: Charles (Chip) Washburn, Mary Beth Maguire, Trevor Mance, Oliver Durand (fire warden), Matt Tuthill (Bennington Banner), Aaron Chrostowsky, Susan Swasta

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Wynn Metcalfe called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Minutes:

May 1, 2006 Minutes:

Approval of May 1 board meeting minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

3. Warrants:

The following warrants were presented for approval:

- PR#43 – \$ 6,016.43 Payroll Warrant
- AP#46 – \$ 5,770.58 General Warrant

Cinda Morse made motion to pay warrants. Bill Pennebaker seconded. Motion carried 4-0-0.

4. Public Comments:

Chip Washburn brought up the problem of illegal dumping on Tunic Road and other Green Up Day waste collection sites. He said that large amounts of junk have been piled up. Chairman Metcalfe confirmed that Highway Foreman Ron Daniels has found a lot of non-Green Up refuse. The road crew spent all day picking it up and will spend part of tomorrow on it.

Mr. Washburn stated that he is sure more will be dumped tonight. Karen Mellinger said that the sheriff could be asked to patrol. Mr. Washburn noted that it would have to be an unmarked car to be effective. Chairman Metcalfe said that he will call the sheriff tonight.

Chairman Metcalfe reported that he had talked to the Development Review Board (DRB) about the Select Board's proposal to turn over responsibility for approving curb cuts and access to rights of way to the DRB. The DRB agrees to take this on. Mr. Chrostowsky stated that the change will have to be posted in the paper as an amendment to an ordinance, and then a motion made at a public meeting. There will then be a period of sixty days during which someone could file a petition, and then the change will be final.

5. Curb Cut Application:

Chairman Metcalfe presented a curb cut application from Helen and John Bernard of Deer Run Road, in the Hidden Valley development. Mr. Daniels has stated that the curb cut will not require a culvert and Zoning Administrator Tony Zazzaro has no problem with it.

Ms. Mellinger made motion to approve the Bernard curb cut application. Mr. Pennebaker seconded. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Chairman Metcalfe presented a curb cut application from Frederick and Janet Harrington, at the intersection of Furnace Brook and East Roads. Ms. Morse asked who determines the length of the culvert, and Chairman Metcalfe stated that Mr. Daniels does. The Board agreed to make determination of culvert length by Mr. Daniels explicit in the approval.

Ms. Morse made motion to approve the Bernard curb cut application. Ms. Mellinger seconded. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Mr. Washburn asked about removing some trees on old Fuller Road because they present a safety hazard to traffic, and Chairman Metcalfe replied that he will bring it to the attention of the tree warden. Mr. Washburn stated that he had been promised a culvert five years ago and has not seen it yet, and Chairman Metcalfe said that he will make a note of it.

6. Landfill Update:

Chairman Metcalfe announced that consideration of the landfill will take place in Executive Session because there will be a contract discussion.

7. TAM Host Town Agreement

Ms. Morse made motion to approve the TAM Host Town Agreement. Mr. Pennebaker seconded.

Ms. Mellinger asked whether a reference to “disposal of” under host community fee refers to everything that’s coming in, and Chairman Metcalfe said that it does. Ms. Morse and Ms. Mellinger pointed out a misspelling that will be corrected.

Motion to approve the TAM Host Town Agreement carried 4-0-0.

Trevor Mance signed the agreement.

8. Other Business:

Chairman Metcalfe reported that an easement to take off the corner of Airport Road has been worked out between Mr. Mance and the Ripley’s. The permission of the Board is required to sign the easement.

Ms. Morse made motion to approve the Airport Road easement. Ms. Mellinger seconded. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Ms. Mellinger thanked everyone for their work on Green-Up Day. Her only concern is with the illegal dumping that took place this year. She thanked Mr. Mance for having two dumpsters in place at the school.

Ms. Mellinger pointed out that disposal of Green-Up Day waste has not been included in the landfill budget. That expense will have to be figured out. Mr. Mance stated that he donated disposal costs for Green-Up Day last year, and intends to donate them this year as well. The Board thanked him.

Fire Warden Oliver Durand needs to purchase a battery and wants to make sure the budget is sufficient. Chairman Metcalfe and Mr. Chrostowsky assured him that it is.

Chairman Metcalfe thanked Henry Martinka on behalf of the Select Board for raising the fish at the Dailey’s Pond. At the recent fishing derby the kids had a terrific time and it seemed that everyone caught a fish. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Martinkas.

Mr. Pennebaker made motion to go into Executive Session (Contract) at 7:30PM. Ms. Mellinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Swasta