

**MINUTES OF THE SHAFTSBURY SELECT BOARD
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008
COLE HALL
SHAFTSBURY, VERMONT**

Board Present: **Lon McClintock (Chairman), Cinda Morse, Bill Pennebaker, Wynn Metcalfe, Karen Mellinger**

Others Present: **Ron Daniels (Road Foreman), Mike Gleason (Bennington Banner), Aaron Chrostowsky (Town Administrator), Susan Swasta (Recording Secretary)**

1. Call Meeting to Order:

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

2. Announcements:

Karen Mellinger stated that the Board will need to meet next week to approve warning language for the water project. After discussion, it was decided that this does not require a Water Board meeting, but would best be included in the televised Select Board meeting scheduled for next Monday. Aaron Chrostowsky said that Board members received a draft of a newsletter on this issue. The information has been posted on the Town Web site, and there are newsletter copies at the Town office.

Cinda Morse reported that she, Art Whitman, and Phylis Porio had attended the state meeting on Shaftsbury's Village Center designation decision, and that the designation was approved. The Center and South Shaftsbury village centers were approved as submitted except for a minor change in the northern boundary of the South Shaftsbury center. They had proposed a boundary at Airport Road, including Paulin's, the bank, and Dailey's. The state did not think these properties were part of a historic center, so the boundary was moved to the 7A - 67 intersection, and will include the old mill building and stream. The southern boundary is Harrington's and the beauty shop, the eastern boundary is the school and fire house, and the western boundary is Eagle Square.

Bill Pennebaker said he had visited Michael Foley's house on Timber Trail Road with state Rep. Alice Miller. Mr. Foley installed a solar water heating system that brought a tax rebate. Mr. Pennebaker was impressed with the system and thinks it is worthy of a newspaper article.

3. Conflict of Interest Statement:

Chairman McClintock asked if any Board member has a conflict of interest with any topic on tonight's agenda. None did.

4. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

5. Dust Control:

Chairman McClintock stated that the Board needs to discuss dust control because the calcium chloride budget has been potentially cut from \$32,000 to \$7,000, and decisions need to be made about how much is needed to effectively treat Town roads. Road Foreman Ron Daniels has said that the best time to apply calcium chloride is right after unpaved roads are graded, so that there is maximum penetration for a hardening effect. This road work needs to be done soon.

Mr. Daniels had estimated that 30 miles of roads could be covered with a 15%-16% chloride solution at 80 cents a gallon, for a total of \$12,000. Mr. Chrostowsky found out that the price will

be 88 cents per gallon, which would cover 27 miles of road. Mr. Chrostowsky spoke with Steve Jerome, of the Vermont Local Roads program, who urged a 30% application because a lower rate is less stabilizing and will be washed out by rain. He said they might get away with a lower solution in the fall, when there is less rain.

Mr. Chrostowsky noted that some towns have vendors come in to apply chloride. Mr. Daniels stated that you need to have roads ready in advance for a vendor, so it makes more sense for the Town to do its own spraying. Ms. Morse asked how many miles of high-use unpaved roads there are, and Mr. Daniels said that he does not know, and that Mr. Chrostowsky was going to calculate this. Ms. Morse said they need to know in order to assess the need. She noted that the chloride budget has been cut to \$7,000, but Chairman McClintock pointed out that they haven't made a final decision on that yet.

Ms. Morse asked if they should decide this next week, when the budget discussion is finished. Mr. Daniels replied that it will be too late if they don't decide soon because roads must be scraped while weather permits. It was decided to approve use of \$7,000 for chloride treatment right away. This should cover 14 miles. The Board will look at the budget to decide where another \$5,000 for chloride might come from. Mr. Chrostowsky and Mr. Daniels will come up with mileage of high-use roads that so they will know exactly how much is needed.

Mr. Pennebaker noted that there will be budget savings on tub grinding of brush, because Buzz Surwilo of the Agency of Natural resources approved pushing more brush into the pit at the landfill. Mr. Surwilo was also pleased with methane remediation progress.

Ms. Morse relayed thanks from Joyce Cooper to Mr. Daniels for the road crew's work on West Mountain Road. She asked him about a drainage problem at the Bloomquist property on Cold Spring Road. He will take a look. Wynn Metcalfe asked if there are any plans to widen the east end of Myers Road on the hill before winter. Mr. Daniels replied that this is scheduled for next year. Ms. Mellinger asked about a Shaftsbury Hollow intersection, and Chairman McClintock replied that they are getting a recommendation for best practice on an intersection.

6. Review and Approve Warrants:

The following warrants were presented for approval:

General Warrant AP#11: \$ 67,926.28 (transfer station management fee, grader repair, grave, health insurance, mobile radios, fuel oil, sheriff, diesel fuel)

Ms. Morse made motion to pay AP Warrant #11. Ms. Mellinger seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Payroll Warrant PR#12: \$ 7,116.82

Ms. Morse made motion to pay PR Warrant #12. Ms. Mellinger seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

7. Other Business:

Chairman McClintock stated that they need a Board of Abatement meeting at 6:30 on Wednesday, September 24. Ms. Morse said she cannot attend then.

Ms. Morse noted that Bennington Town Manager Stu Hurd has been named Vermont League of Cities and Municipal Person of the Year. She thinks it would be nice to send a letter from the Board. All agreed, and Chairman McClintock said that he and Mr. Chrostowsky will get a letter out Tuesday or Wednesday.

8. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes:

September 15, 2008 Select Board minutes

Ms. Morse made motion to approve September 15, 2008 minutes. Mr. Pennebaker seconded.

The following corrections to the September 15, 2008 minutes were requested:

On page 2, Item 7 (Current Budget Adjustments Work Session), paragraph one, in the first sentence: "with ithe ntention" is changed to "with the intention."

On page 3, Item 7, the following is inserted at the end of the section:

On page 5, Item 10 (Review and Approve Warrants): all warrants were approved by a vote of 4-0-0, not 5-0-0.

Motion to approve September 15, 2008 minutes as amended carried 4-0-1. (Ms. Mellinger abstained because she had not attended the meeting.)

Ms. Morse made motion to go into Executive Session (Personnel). Mr. Pennebaker seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 7:38 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Swasta**