

**Town of Shaftsbury  
Selectboard Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 5, 2014**

Members Present: Margy Becker, Ken Harrington, Tim Scoggins, Mitch Race, Art Whitman, Tony Krulikowshi

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Brian Lent, Jay Palmer, Bob Moffit, Jim Henderson (BCRC), Rob Steuer, Elizabeth Elwell

**6:00 PM Chief Joe Vadakin-Fire Department Business**

Chief Joe Vadakin informed the Selectboard of a celebration being planned to honor Charlie Becker on June 21 from 1 to 4 pm. A 'Proclamation' is being prepared to commemorate his service from 1948-2014. Tony Krulikowski volunteered to draft a tribute from the Selectboard. Mitch Race volunteered to assist with layout and publication.

Chief Vadakin informed the Board the Fire Department is in receipt of a Public Safety Grant for installation of a new base radio and antenna at the VSP facility on Airport Road. The Town may cancel the Fairpoint dispatch line after the installation is complete. Signals will be transmitted to the top of Equinox Mountain and transmitted to Rutland for dispatch. Shaftsbury Fire will no longer be dispatched from VSP barracks in Shaftsbury.

Joe Vadakin notified the Selectboard of the Fire Department officers to serve the term of May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2014. Officers are as follows: Chief – Joe Vadakin; 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Jay Coonradt; 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Mike Taylor.

**Motion by Mitch Race 1<sup>st</sup>, Art Whitman 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the slate of officers as presented by Chief Vadakin. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**6:30PM Regular Meeting**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Scoggins at 6:30 PM.

**Announcements**

Mitch Race announced nominations for Shaftsbury's next 'ordinary hero' are being accepted through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mail nominations to Shaftsbury Historical Society, PO Box 401, Shaftsbury, VT 05262.

Margy Becker announced the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Transfer Station.

Tim Scoggins announced the advent of a new Highway Hotline: (774) 238-7287 (7SHAFTSBU7). Tim Scoggins announced the Safe Routes To School walk planned for Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8AM.

### **Public Comments**

Bob Moffit commented the Municipal Forest is actually off West Mountain Road. It has been published incorrectly on various maps.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Mitch Race made the motion to approve the minutes of April 21, 2014. Tony Krulikowski seconded. The motion passes 4-0-0.** (Tim Scoggins abstains)

### **Approval of Warrants**

Payroll Warrant #PR22 in the amount of \$16,348.62.

**Mitch Races made the motion to approve #PR22 in the amount of \$16,348.62. Art Whitman 2nds; the motion passes 5-0-0.**

Retirement Warrant #PR22R in the amount of \$90.89.

**Mitch Race made the motion to approve #PR22R in the amount of \$90.89. Art Whitman 2nds; the motion carries 5-0-0.**

Check Warrant #30 in the amount of \$25,812.18.

**Mitch Race made the motion to approve Check Warrant #30 in the amount of \$25,812.18; Art Whitman 2nds; the motion passes 5-0-0.**

Expenses in excess of \$1,000 include monthly cemetery mowing (\$2,000), Green Mountain Power (approximately \$2,000 for 11 accounts), Bennington County Sheriff's monthly invoice (\$1,313), Purchase of used sidewalk machine for \$5,000.

### **Conflict of Interest Statements**

Mitch Race announced possible conflict of interest in the Town Plan Hearing as President of the Historical Society. The Selectboard agreed this position did not pose a conflict of interest.

The Chair asked Ken Harrington to recuse himself on the upcoming town garage discussions. Ken Harrington said he disagrees his ownership of property adjacent to the landfill poses a

conflict of interest. A realtor has informed him that development of the commercial project would reduce the value of his property. He has stated support for the site despite of this.

Tim Scoggins reminded Mr. Harrington it is a 'perceived' conflict of interest. Jay Palmer states that other realtors may have a different opinion.

### **Review of RCS Consulting IT Proposals**

**Mitch Race made the motion to accept the RCS Proposal to host email, provide online backups, to provide anti-malware software, and to install cable locks set forth in a proposal dated April 29, 2014. Tony Krulikowski 2nds. The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**Mitch Race made the motion to accept the RCS Consulting "Client Service Contract" as written. Art Whitman 2nds; the motion passed 5-0-0.**

### **Public Hearing on Discontinuance of Don Greene Road**

Elizabeth Elwell stated concerns about maintenance of the culvert and beaver population if Don Greene Road is discontinued. Her water source is down the creek from Simeon Dean.

Brian Lent confirmed William E. Dailey owns the house at the end of Don Greene Road. Liz Greene has a life estate to live in the house. The road serves back of Elwell property and the West property. It is very wet.

Brian Lent stated that Peckham, in the event of discontinuance would maintain the road if Peckham received ownership.

Elizabeth Elwell stated an old ROW which pre-dates Airport Road is impassable now. Elizabeth Elwell stated she does not want an old ROW access across her property. It is mentioned in her deed. She inquired as to how discontinuance of Don Greene Road might affect this old ROW?

Brian Lent states if road is discontinued you would lose the ROW (the old road). Jim Henderson corroborates this is not in realm of "ancient road."

Brian Lent stated that the Elwell property is accessible via the old ROW and Peckham might choose to access its lands that way versus over Don Greene Road.

Brian Lent stated the road crew's concern is beavers and plowing. The road does not need a lot of gravel.

Tim Scoggins closed hearing at 7:40PM. It was then noted there were additional questions and facts to be clarified.

**Mitch Race made the motion to reopen the hearing and continue the hearing to Monday, May 19 at 6:45PM. Art Whitman 2nds. The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**VTel Telecommunications Tower Proposal**

Selectboard took note of VTel's application to locate a telecommunications tower on Buck Hill Road. The application will be reviewed by the Public Service Board. The Town has been asked to comment on the project.

**Art Whitman made the motion to endorse the VTel application. Ken Harrington seconded. The motion carried unanimously 5-0-0.** Tim Scoggins filled out and signed the "Action Form" noting same.

**Memorandum of Understanding - Shaftsbury School & Town**  
**Re: Generator Maintenance**

Tim Scoggins explained the status of installation of the generator at the elementary school. The School District has proposed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding future maintenance responsibilities for the Town and School.

**Tim Scoggins made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Mitch Race 2nds; the motion passed 5-0-0.**

**Proposed Town Plan - Public Hearing preparations**

Chair Tim Scoggins announced the upcoming public hearing on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Art Whitman expressed concerns regarding the listing of historic resources. He stated he has placed a call Warren Foster of the District Environmental Commission. Art Whitman was involved in an Act 250 case. There was a review of historic assets.

Tim Scoggins noted the Plan proposes a new zoning district in the Village.

Art Whitman raised a question concerning the proposed Plan's statements regarding property taxes. The Chair directed him to consult the Listers.

Brian Lent stated interest in language concerning gravel resources. He asked for a copy of the Gravel Pit Study conducted some years past. Selectboard members agreed the Study should be added to the website.

Ken Harrington noted the Plan is specific about the size of the road crew. It also makes statements about not paving certain roads.

**Integrated Solar Solutions – Proposed Solar Installations**

Katrina Wilson, of Integrated Solar Solutions, made a brief presentation concerning Integrated Solar's interest in developing a small-scale solar project in Shaftsbury.

**Town Tax Year**

Tim Scoggins announced the Treasurer has researched and confirmed the Town's tax year is actually July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. All tax prorations should be 7/1 through 6/30 going forward.

**Mitch Race made the motion to confirm that the Town's tax year is July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Ken Harrington seconds; The motion carried unanimously 5-0-0.**

### **Summer Road Crew Hours**

Ken Harrington asked the Selectboard to reconsider their approval of a 10-hour 4 day work week summer schedule. He state his concern is this could mean more overtime.

**Ken Harrington made the motion that the road crew remain on 5 8-hour days for the summer versus changing to four 10-hour days/week schedule. Tim Scoggins seconded. Action on the motion was 1-4-0. The motion failed.**

### **Document projection at Select Board Meetings**

The Selectboard agreed to proceed with purchase and installation and a screen and projector.

### **Select Board Goals**

Selectboard goals were discussed. Tim Scoggins asked the Board how it would like to proceed with the Town Garage. Ken Harrington suggested the Town should look at the steel building option again. He was then asked to recuse himself from further discussions on the garage, due to perceived conflict of interest. Ken Harrington recused himself but stated his disagreement.

Tim Scoggins asked if the Board thinks the Town should look at a different site. Art Whitman noted the cost of the proposal factored into the defeat of the bond vote. He stated keeping the maintenance bay is important.

Tony Krulikowski asked why the Town had not saved? He then stated agreement that the Town should continue to plan for the new garage.

Art Whitman suggested the Garage Committee should reconvene, and the Chair noted the Board's agreement.

Selectmen briefly discussed the need to prioritize improvements to Cole Hall. Tim Scoggins inquired whether another space should be considered.

It was agreed that the Selectboard cannot do much but monitor the progress of discussions concerning (School) District One. Tim Scoggins noted the school board is not unanimous in its support of consolidation.

Tim Scoggins volunteered to be the liaison to advocate for web-site reorganization and updates. He then asked what highway priorities should be.

### **Other business – Extension to file Grand List**

**Ken Harrington made the motion that the Selectboard supports the Listers' request for a 60-day extension to lodge the grand list. Art Whitman seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**Adjournment**

**Tony Krulikowski made the motion to adjourn at 9:30PM. Mitch Race seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted by,  
Margy Becker