

Shaftsbury Select Board
February 20, 2017

1) Call to order

The meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen Tim Scoggins, chair; Ken Harrington; Tony Krulikowski; and Mitch Race. Town Administrator David Kiernan was also present.

2) Conflict of Interest Statement

There were none.

3) Approval of minutes

Re January 16, 2017: Mr. Scoggins added that Mr. Harrington recused himself from a vote on the garage at that meeting because he owns land abutting the site. Mr. Race moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Re January 30, 2017: Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. Mr. Scoggins corrected a spelling error and changed the garage cost numbers to a total of \$1.437 million, down payment of \$337,000, which yields a bond amount of \$1,100,000. The minutes were approved 3-0-1, with Mr. Race abstaining.

Re February 6, 2017: Mr. Race moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

4) Warrants

Retirement warrant # 16, \$126.32. Mr. Race moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Payroll warrant #16, \$21,507.91. Mr. Race moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Check warrant # 23, \$902.15, postage for Town report: Mr. Race moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Check warrant #23, \$98,272.36. Mr. Race moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion. A short discussion of the design and replacement of a culvert on Shaftsbury Hollow took place. The motion passed 4-0-0.

5) Announcements

This year's Ordinary Hero announcement will be held May 20, 2-4p at Galusha Homestead. Eagle Square Day will be held on September 16, 2017.

a) Open appointed positions

There are several openings, for example on the Development Review Board. Of critical need is the Planning Commission, which now has only two members. All interested persons should send a letter of interest to TA Kiernan.

On February 27, a second informational meeting on the garage and bylaw ballot items will be held. On March 6, Town meeting will take place, at the school, beginning at 7 pm. The Australian ballot voting will be held the next day.

6) Public comments

There were none.

7) Treasurer's report

Melanie Dexter was not present. Mr. Kiernan noted that things seem to be normal, as can be confirmed by reviewing the reports placed in the town's Dropbox.

8) Road Foreman Report

Steve Washburn was not present as it was a holiday. Mr. Kiernan noted that the road crew has expended its overtime budget but is still far below the 2015 season. Weather will challenge the roads in the next several days. The crew will keep track of especially bad places, to target them for complete fixes in the future. Bids for a mower for the park are coming in. It should cost about \$12,000. Mr. Kiernan is looking into buying the IH they are now renting from Delurey. Right now there is no redundancy in the fleet.

9) Proposed garage and transfer station.

Mr. Scoggins reminded that the issue is now in the hands of the voters, and reminded citizens that taxes will not go up, it can start in 2017, we already have a large down payment, the new garage will be located near where the present transfer station is located, and the new transfer station will be a two-level outdoor feature.

Mr. Scoggins said he hopes to get out a mailer re the garage this week. Mr. Race moved to send the mailer out to all residences. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Mr. Scoggins urged voters to approve the revised zoning bylaws, which can be reviewed on the Town's website. Hard copies can be had at Cole Hall.

10) Other business

The fire department will use the yellow house on North Road for smoke practice.

VPR, which owns the radio tower on Buck Hill Rd., is upgrading beacons there.

A VLCT workshop will be held on March 22 on advancing economic development. Mr. Scoggins and Krulikowski plan to attend. Others are welcome.

11) Action items: mailer will go out this week; informational signs have been out at the garage site; Mr. Scoggins has visited the site often and has found people receptive.

12) Adjournment. Mr. Race moved and Mr. Harrington seconded adjourning the meeting at 7:05 pm. The motion passed 4-0-0.