

**Town of Shaftsbury
Selectboard Meeting
6:30 PM
Monday, November 21, 2016
Cole Hall, 61 Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury
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Selectboard Members Present: Tim Scoggins, Mitch Race, Tony Krulikowski, Art Whitman

Selectman Absent: Ken Harrington

Others Present: David Kiernan, Melanie Dexter, Ed Corey

1. Call to Order

Tim Scoggins called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement

Mitch Race – discussion of late application for Community Appropriation from Shaftsbury Historical Society

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes November 7th meeting. Motion to approve amended minutes by Mitch Race, seconded by Art Whitman. Motion passed 3-0-1
Water Board minutes of November 7th, motion to approve by Mitch Race, seconded by Art Whitman. Motion passed 4-0-0.

4. Warrants

Motion: Mitch Race moved to approve Check Warrant #13 \$26,447.67. Tony Krulikowski seconded.

4-0-0 Motion approved.

Motion: Mitch Race moved to approve Retirement Warrant #10 \$126.32. Tony Krulikowski seconded.

4-0-0 Motion approved.

Motion: Mitch Race moved to approve Payroll Warrant #10 \$16,302.17. Tony Krulikowski seconded.

4-0-0 Motion approved.

5. Announcements

Historical Society nominations for Ordinary Heroes being accepted.

Christmas Tree lighting December 4th 4PM at Cole Hall

New Rules and Regulations and Rate Schedules for Shaftsbury Cemeteries online or available at Cole Hall.

6. Public Comments

Mr. Corey addressed the Board and presented a sketched site plan he proposes would be adequate to locate the proposed Town Garage and other structures on land not owned, but currently rented to the north of the current garage

Mr. Corey also asked that the State be contacted regarding proper signage on RTE 67 east and West. He also requested larger sign at the intersection of Church and Rte 7A.

7. Treasurer's Report

Melanie Dexter presented a cash flow report. Tax collections are done. There will be some action items as some payments were doubled due to escrow payments. Some people also over paid because they paid the first bill and not the revised bill from the State. It is believed the collections were higher this year, fewer delinquencies.

8. Road Foreman Report

David Kiernan delivered the Road report. The crew has been plowing for the last two days. There were some delays on Monday morning as two trucks broke down reducing the number of plows operating from 6 to 3.

The Around the Block Sidewalk concrete and paving was completed before the snow. A change order will be issued allowing completion on January 31, 2017. This is due to the radar warning signs and pedestrian crossing signs being backordered.

9. Zoning Bylaws Changes

A Public Hearing will be held on December 5th at the regular Selectboard Meeting.

Mr. Scoggins read an official letter sent to the State regarding the rewrite. ***The letter and a complete copy of the proposed new bylaws can be found at shaftsburyvt.gov.***

Mr. Scoggins pointed out that few residents had attended any of the Planning Commission meetings during the revision process. Residents are encouraged to review the documents. There will be a vote at Town Meeting Day for adoption of revised Bylaws.

Major points: Elimination of Recreation overlay zone along Route 7A.

Shoreline District deleted.

Village Commercial District renamed to Village Center District, changes made to setbacks and other requirements.

Suggestion by Mr. Scoggins to divide vote to approve separately the use of restaurants and retail as a permitted use with site plan approval. This would allow a vote on majority of proposals with a separate vote on this more controversial aspect which would cover all of Route 7a in VC District.

Allows non-motorized commercial use in Forest and Rec areas.

Section on non-conforming uses includes better definitions.

Requirement of site plan by professionals when major changes are planned. Discussion of what minor or major change means and when this would apply. Also discussion of what vehicle access means for professional site plan.

Sign ordinance change that prohibits any self-illuminating signs.

CAT-TV has complete discussion available on YOUTUBE Shaftsbury Selectboard Meetings

10. FY18 Budget Discussion

A special Selectboard Meeting will be held December 12th at 630PM to discuss the budget.

Community Appropriations was discussed. Bennington Rescue has requested an increase from 2,000.00 to over 42,000.00 for FY18. The issue was debated. They will be asked to make a presentation to the Board on December 19th.

Discussion of the budget took place. The biggest item is replacing several part time positions (parks, water, snow plowing etc.) with a full time employee in a public works position. An entry level employee we be sought.

11. Town Garage Site Plan

MSK sent a revised estimate removing Transfer Station Costs from estimate. Discussion of moving transfer station offsite to be managed by TAM on their property. More information needed on feasibility.

No vote on approval of site plan taken.

Closing of purchase of 510 North Road has been approved and will be scheduled shortly.

12. Interim Town Assessor

Jim Boyle, the Town Assessor, passed way last week. Working with the State, the Lister's have identified a qualified assessor available on a contract basis. The Lister's will appoint after final interview for a six month interim appointment. Continuation will be evaluated at that time.

13. Public Works Department

Reorganization of various part time and full time positions into one Public Works Department. This includes, Parks, Highway, Water, and Facilities Management.

This will enable providing backup for all positions and flexibility in assignments to best address issues.

14. Review of Action Items

Solid Waste Info still needs to go the WEB.

15. Executive Session re: Personnel and Host Town Tax Extension

Motion to enter Executive Session at 830PM by Tony Krulikowski, seconded by Art Whitman. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Motion to return to regular session by Art Whitman at 922PM, seconded by Mitch Race. Motion passed 4-0-0

16. Adjournment

Motion: Art Whitman moved to adjourn the meeting at 923PM. Tony Krulikowski seconded.

4-0-0 Motion approved.

