

Shaftsbury Select Board  
October 15, 2018  
6:30 pm

- 1) Call to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Select Board vice chair Art Whitman and members Ken Harrington and Tony Krulikowski. Also present was town administrator David Kiernan.
- 2) Conflict of interest statement  
No one reported a conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.
- 3) Approval of minutes  
No minutes were available for review.
- 4) Warrants  
Payroll warrant, \$20,375.98. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.  
Check warrant #9, \$87,346.82. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.  
Check warrant #10, \$39,608.25. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.
- 5) Announcements  
There were none.
- 6) Public comments  
There were none.
- 7) Treasurer's report  
Ms. Dexter noted that about \$560,000 in taxes have been paid this month. More than \$870,000 has been collected in total, which is about 14% of the taxes billed. There is some confusion from taxpayers regarding their bills. Ms. Dexter drew the Board's attention to garage financial activity.
- 8) Roads report  
Mr. Yannotti reported that weather has been discouraging. East Road will indeed be paved this year. The project supervisor from Springfield Paving reported earlier in the day that they plan to pave East Road at the end of the week of October 22. Recycled asphalt was placed on Myers Road at a depth of about three inches. Now that it has dried, it seems to be shedding water very well. Mr. Yannotti plans to leave it as is until spring 2019. (This project is an experiment sponsored by the State. Mr. Yannotti said it is clear that the larger pieces of shingle float to the top; the shingles apparently need to be finely milled.) Mr. Kiernan noted that the local solid waste facility has given TAM a \$10,000 grant to mill recycled asphalt shingles in Bennington County. He reported that the state covered the cost of trucking the recycled material from the northern part of the state. The town contributed labor and gravel (for an 80:20 gravel/shingle mix). The road crew assisted with construction at the new transfer station. Greater Heights was able to cut some canopy on East Rd. south of Lower East Road. The trucks have been in and out of Morse Repair in preparation for plowing. The crew has begun to prep winter sand at the Cole Hall lot. Mr. Yannotti and Mr. Kiernan are going to seek a temporary winter employee,

preferably with a class B license. The blower the town purchased to clear ditches is working out very well. A brush mower will be rented for two weeks beginning Oct. 22. Mr. Yannotti is going to set up a back-up salt account with the vendor both North Bennington and Pownal use.

9) Town garage/transfer station project

Access to the transfer facility was slightly altered to make it more convenient to use. Mr. Kiernan hopes to open the station October 30. The garage building is up. Weather has slowed work a little. Mr. Kiernan said the garage should open in mid-January. It has been challenging to work around the old, still active transfer station. Once it has been torn down, and work on the salt shed is underway, work on the garage can move more slowly. The project is within budget, although there isn't much wiggle room.

10) Other business

The hazard mitigation assistance plan must be updated. Mr. Kiernan asked for permission to contract with BCRC to do so. Mr. Krulikowski moved to contract with BCRC to update the hazard mitigation plan. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0. Mr. Kiernan said Prudential, through the state's retirement plan, offers a 457B plan), and that he would like to offer it to town employees. It would cost the town nothing: all the contributions would be made by the employee via payroll deductions. Mr. Krulikowski moved to enter into the Prudential 457B plan. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.

11) Review of action items

Mr. Kiernan said the attorney decided, re the farm dog issue, the land owner and neighbors are on their own.

Mr. Kiernan sent a request to VTrans District 1 to repair Route 7A through the village. He has not heard back from them.

Mr. Yanotti left a voice mail with Mr. Hosley regarding mowing in spring 2019.

The cameras at Howard Park are working but need adjustment.

12) Executive Session

Mr. Krulikowski moved to enter deliberative session to address a personnel issue at 7:20 p.m.

Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.

13) Mr. Whitman made a motion to return to regular session at 7:29PM. Seconded by Mr. Krulikowski. Motion carried 3-0-0.

14) Mr. Whitman made a motion to continue Town BC/BS contributions and Dearborn National (short term disability insurance) for the two DPW employees currently out of work on disability until they return to work or a period of six months from the beginning of their disability. Contingent upon the employee making full payment of the employee share of BC/BS and Dearborn National payments by the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of each month. Seconded by Mr. Krulikowski. Motion carried 3-0-0.

15) Motion to adjourn by Mr Whitman, seconded by Mr. Krulikowski. Motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:31PM.