

Shaftsbury Select Board
April 15, 2019
6:30 pm

- 1) Call to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Select Board members Tim Scoggins, Ken Harrington, Art Whitman, Joe Barber, 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
Mr. Harrington moved to approve the March 18, 2019 minutes. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-2.
- 4) Warrants
Check warrant # 31, \$9700. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.
Payroll warrant #20, \$23,578.64. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.
Check warrant #31, \$74,175.49. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.
- 5) Announcements
Mr. Scoggins reported the internet coverage survey ends today.
- 6) Public comments
None.
- 7) Treasurer's report
Ms. Dexter reported she is trying hard to keep on top of cash as the end of the year approaches. Cash will probably fall to a little under \$100,000. She is preparing an application for the usual line of credit.
- 8) MHG solar proposal – solar net metering credit
Mr. Scoggins reminded the Board that, if they signed up for the program, the town could save about \$1200 annually through the life of the contract. Mr. Krulikowski pointed out that solar technology could improve substantially over that period. All agreed that the savings are too small a sum to commit to a twenty-five year contract.
Mr. Scoggins said the new energy committee is gearing up. Mr. Krulikowski wondered if the committee could look into solar for the new garage. In addition to the roof, there are many possible ground-based locations available at the new garage site.
- 9) DPW report – grader attachment, opening bid for various construction projects.
Mr. Kiernan reported that only one vendor for the compactor makes use of the John Deere contractor the town uses. A couple of Midwestern firms sell the attachment but there are issues with finding someone to install it while preserving the warranty. The price of the basic unit is about the same across all three companies. The company the town already works

with (Nortracks) would charge \$39,550 delivered and installed. Mr. Whitman moved to purchase the Nortracks-recommended unit for a price of \$39,550 delivered and installed. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0. The monies will be taken from the equipment fund.

The Town sought bids from six companies for five grants-in-aid and Better Roads project to be completed by June 30, but only one responded. Weaver Construction bid a total of \$42,820. Mr. Whitman moved to award the bid to Weaver Construction. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Kiernan reported that the graders are out where they can be useful. Some roads, especially on the east side, are still too cold to grade. The crew has been treating potholes where it can (huge amounts of rock were put down during mud season).

A grant application to pave East Rd to RT 7 has been submitted.

Hot patch will be put down on Buck Hill late in the 2019 field season.

10) Personnel Policy Amendment – Cellular Phone Usage

The Board discussed the proposed policy, which is stricter than federal and state law requires. The goal is to prevent distracted driving. The use of a cell phone camera could also be considered an invasion of privacy. Mr. Kiernan will rework the language for review at the next meeting.

11) Cole Hall/Garage Update

Cole Hall is substantially completed. The fire wall on the balcony will be constructed after July 1. Work on the interior of the garage is down to a punch list of minor things. Site work should be completed by the end of April.

12) Other business

Mr. Whitman reported that Rob Faley, VTrans supervisor, visited that morning to talk about the state of Rt. 7A. He reported that the required repairs will be significant and there is no budget for them this year. VTrans may put down a thin coating of asphalt on RT 7A in the Village this summer. The state will assist with the Shaftsbury Flats water issue (a beaver issue).

13) Review of action items

Water is on at Howard Park. Water fountain isn't installed yet.

Fund consolidation still to be addressed. Mr. Kiernan will schedule a meeting.

Fire wall in balcony will be built after turn of fiscal year

Mr. Kiernan will notify solar company of town's lack of interest, order the compacter, and rework cell phone policy.

14) Adjournment

Mr. Krulikowski moved to adjourn at 7:43. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.