

Shaftsbury Select Board

May 6, 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
Mr. Whitman indicated he would recuse himself during the discussion of the bid for hauling of gravel (under “roads report”).
- 3) Approval of minutes
Mr. Whitman moved to approve the April 1 minutes. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-1.
Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the April 15 minutes. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.
- 4) Warrants
Payroll warrant 22, \$20,575.48. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.
Check warrant 34, \$56,633.55. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.
- 5) Announcements
Mr. Scoggins noted that Friday, May 16, the town will honor its Fire Department at the SES Big Truck Night, 5:30-7:30 pm. Awards will be given around 6:30 pm.
Mr. Scoggins noted that several paintings by Shaftsbury artist Frank Howard had been placed on the walls of the second floor by owner Tom Fels.
Mr. Whitman asked where Weaver Construction will be working in the near future. Mr. Scoggins will put the schedule up on the town website.
- 6) Public comments
There were none.
- 7) Treasurer’s report
Ms. Dexter said the cash on hand at the end of April was \$227,000, a little lower than at this time most years. She and Mr. Kiernan will watch it closely. Meanwhile, she will request a line of credit, which the board can vote on in time to execute the loan on July 1. Reasons for the shortfall include: we may be a little behind on delinquent taxes and the education cash reimbursement from the state hasn’t yet been calculated (note that the school budget isn’t part of the town budget, but it affects the cash flow situation). She noted that the budget for FY 2019 is right on target. Mr. Kiernan said the town is about 1% under to 1% over the budget. He said the mud season and improvements to the fleet have caused some of the cash shortfall Ms. Dexter described.
Ms. Dexter and Mr. Kiernan described what withdrawals from cash will be needed before July 1.

Ms. Dexter described payments to the listers fund (\$1/parcel). She noted that the Cole Hall fund will be replenished by funds from the Trustees, which among other things will pay for the new furniture.

8) Roads report

Mr. Kiernan said the crew is ditching, grading, picking up Green Up Day bags. Weaver is doing four projects around town, including an upcoming project next the apple orchard on West Mountain Rd. It will require closing the road. The new compactor should be delivered as early as this week. The town will not get a paving grant this year (the town has gotten a paving grant for two years running). There is some money in the paving fund, which may be used to work on aprons. Though the garage hasn't been formally assigned to the Town, Mr. Kiernan put the garage on the town insurance policy. Mr. Scoggins said, almost universally, town residents with whom he's talked urge him to do more work on the roads. Mr. Whitman reminded residents that planned work will require taking down trees in the right of way.

The board discussed a bid to haul aggregate from Wallingford Crushed Stone. The town is looking for a trucking company that could be on call to so haul. Mr. Whitman reiterated his conflict of interest and recused himself from the discussion. One bid was only was received and opened. A&K Agriservices bid \$7/ton to transport aggregate from the quarry to the town. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the bid. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

9) Personnel Policy Amendment – Cellular Phone Usage

A decision was postponed. Mr. Whitman said he'd been called and asked why cell phones might be needed when the vehicles have two-way radios. Mr. Kiernan said a couple of vehicles don't have radios but will be getting them. Radios have better connectivity than cell phones.

10) Cole Hall/Garage Update

Mr. Kiernan said we're waiting for Morton to put the snow guards up. The town is holding the last payment of \$121,000; a couple of minor things remain to be completed.

11) Other business

None

12) Review of action items

In process:

- Water fountains at Howard Park: Mr. Kiernan said we have a contract and have purchased a fountain. (No water will be provided at Cleveland Park.) Security cameras are up and running. Pickleball users could purchase nets, which would be stored in a locked box, if they wish.
- The Trustees will soon schedule a meeting at which Mr. Kiernan and Mr. Scoggins will be present, in part to discuss cemetery funds.
- Mr. Scoggins said he's been working with Michael Batcher at BCRC to map internet connectivity survey responses. Mr. Batcher will also help map cell phone responses.

To do:

- Put Weaver schedule on website.

13) Adjournment

At 7:22 pm Mr. Harrington moved to adjourn. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.