

Shaftsbury Select Board
August 16, 2021
Cole Hall, 61 Buck Hill Rd., Shaftsbury

1. Call to order

The meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were selectmen Art Whitman (chair), Ken Harrington, Tony Krulikowski, and Mike Cichanowski. Also present was town administrator David Kiernan.

Mr. Whitman noted changes to the agenda: the board would not be discussing the Shaftsbury Hollow project and would be entering executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

2. Conflict of interest statement

No one expressed a conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.

3. Minutes

Mr. Cichanowski moved to approve the minutes from August 2. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

4. Warrants

Check **warrant # 5, \$142,413.36**. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Payroll **warrant #7, \$21,907.25**. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Mr. Whitman asked for signatures from the other selectmen on a warrant to purchase a new server that had been voted on at the August 2 meeting.

5. Announcements

Mr. Whitman reported that we could use help on the DRB and the Planning Commission. He described their responsibilities.

Mr. Whitman reminded the citizens that the transfer station is now totally under the control of the Town, and invited anyone with comments about it to share them.

6. Public comments

Kathy Sollien said she'd been assigned a new E911 address, to which she objects. She said she was first notified of the possibility of a change in her address from Shaftsbury Hollow Road to Sleepy Hollow Road in August 2015, and then heard nothing again until early this summer. She said she talked with the zoning administrator, the town administrator, and the state's E911 coordinator Tyler Hermanson. She said the rules required that only locatable structures be assigned addresses. She said the camps upslope of her don't get cell service and are therefore un-locatable. The state coordinator said someone might have a cell phone booster. Ms. Sollien said there is no way E911 could respond to the camps above her. She said the right of way which crosses her property, now named Sleepy Hollow Road, IS her driveway. She has no intention of putting a sign at the bottom of her right of way that might encourage people to use the right of way and is likely to be stolen. Should she be given a new address, no one but E911 will be able to find her. Additionally, there are similarly named roads in Manchester and Readsboro. She asked the Select Board to reverse its decision.

Mr. Kiernan described how the situation came to be, that the State E911 Board has required the town to address camps. He described how E911 responds, looking for a driveway. He said per the E911 standards, Sleepy Hollow Road, which Ms. Sollien considers her driveway, is a private road providing access to Ms. Sollien's driveway and the camps.

Mr. Whitman will inquire about E911 affecting postal addresses. The select board will follow up with Ms. Sollien.

Jennifer Hoffman of 545 Harvest Hills Drive said the northernmost portion of Harvest Hills Drive was not paved when it was first constructed. She asked that the Town pave the unpaved section. Mr. Whitman said that since the road was built, road standards have become stricter and that portion of the road is not up to modern State standards. He said the Town would have to find out how much it would cost to bring the road up to standards before it could consider paving the road. Meantime, he suggested the DPW crew lay down fresh gravel and chloride. Mr. Kiernan said the entire road will need significant repairs before too long, and it might make sense to consider rebuilding and paving the road at that time.

Lixia Ellis, who lives at the northern end of the Harvest Hills Drive, said she promised her sons to report that they want the road to be paved because they have fallen sometimes while riding their bikes. She said as soon as potholes are fixed, they immediately reappear.

7. Treasurer's report

Ms. Dexter said she would transfer funds from Reserve Funds to cover the warrants the Board just signed. The cash balance is \$139,884.

She said she should be able to get the tax bills in the mail by the end of the week. They will be due on November 10, a Wednesday.

Ms. Dexter created a new reserve fund to hold ARPA funds. It now holds \$179,173.09.

8. DPW report

There isn't a lot going on other than the Shaftsbury Hollow culvert. The crew is back on the graders, doing ditching and regular maintenance. The West Mountain Road project must be finished by October. It is under contract to Weaver Construction. The crew is at full strength now. Removal of ash trees, which is under a statewide contract to Davey Tree, will continue as needed. Only ailing trees are being removed.

9. Liquor License Approvals, Catered Weddings

Mr. Cichanowski moved to approve a liquor license on 8.18.21 for an event hosted by Dutchman's Tavern. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0. The Town Clerk will sign the license.

Mr. moved to approve a liquor license on 9.9.21 for an event hosted by Dutchman's Tavern. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0. The Town Clerk will sign the license.

10. Review of action items

The board will look into Ms. Sollien's request regarding her proposed address change.

The DPW will put down additional material on the northern end of Harvest Hills Drive. (Mr. Kiernan said the first two rounds of ARPA funding can't be used for this project.)

11. Executive session

At 7:41 p.m., Mr. Harrington moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel and legal issue. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

12. Adjournment