

## Shaftsbury Select Board

October 18, 2021

1. Call to order

The meeting came to order at 6:31 p.m. in person and via the platform Zoom. Present were selectmen Art Whitman (chair), Ken Harrington, Tony Krulikowski, Mike Cichanowski, and Joe Barber. Town administrator David Kiernan was also present.

2. Conflict of interest statement

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

Mr. Whitman made some changes to the agenda , adding purchasing a shed, and auctioning off DPW items.

3. Minutes

Mr. Harrington moved to approve the October 4 minutes. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

4. Warrants

- Mr. Whitman presented a purchase agreement with Casella for \$4000 for a shed to be used for a swap shed. Mr. Krulikowski made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.
- Payroll warrant #8, \$23,423.39. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.
- Retirement warrant, \$12,154.92. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.
- Check warrant #11, \$95,047.06. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

5. Announcements

Two positions each are open on the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board.

6. Public comments

There were none.

7. Treasurer's report

Re the cash flow report, Ms. Dexter noted that \$600,000 has been received in taxes so far this month. (The total at this time last year was a little lower.) Our quarterly highway state aid payment came in. Transfer station fees of about \$2000 came in, almost all in one-dollar bills.

Ms. Dexter urged citizens to pay on line, and to remember they are liable for taxes even if they haven't received a bill. She also urged citizens who have gotten revised bills to tell their banks if they have an escrow account.

8. Cemetery superintendent

Mr. Whitman noted that at the last meeting the board approved a new job description for the cemetery superintendent. The cemetery committee would like to hire Jen Holley. Mr. Harrington moved to approve the appointment of Ms. Holley as cemetery superintendent. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

9. Rules and regulations governing town cemeteries

Mr. Harrington moved to adopt the rules. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

10. DPW report

Mr. Whitman noted that state law requires that any structure built in the right of way (almost 25' either side of the center of the road) be permitted by the Select Board. This is not happening. Mr. Kiernan asked the board to draft a letter authorizing Mr. Yannotti, DPW

foreman, to enforce the rule and require any violator to come before the board. Mr. Yannotti knows of several situations where encroachments upon the right of way are so significant that the snow plows will certainly damage them. The board agreed to prepare such a letter.

Mr. Yannotti would like to auction off several items that have not been used for a very long time, including an old forklift, a JCV auger, a poly tank, a one-way plow for the grader, a trackless, a water tank, a John Deere mower (Mr. Kiernan thought it shouldn't be sold, but Mr. Yannotti said it is in too poor a shape to be used), and an International dump truck with a plow. All together the auction might raise a few tens of thousands of dollars. Mr. Yannotti reminded the board that we can reject any bid we don't like. Mr. Yannotti would ask Auctions International to manage the auction. Mr. Harrington moved to permit Mr. Yannotti to place all the items up for auction and accept or reject the bids as he sees fit. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Lignosulfate: should we continue to use it? Mr. Yannotti said the crew tried it this summer, 2300-2500 gallons. Because of consistent rainy weather, it sat in the truck in a tank for 2-3 weeks and, because it hadn't been continually agitated, foamed badly and made a mess upon application. And it is expensive, \$1.03/gal vs magnesium chloride at 0.84/gallon. Were the town to continue to use it, it would have to purchase spray equipment at a cost of about \$4100. (Now their magnesium chloride supplier provides the equipment to spread the material.) Mr. Yannotti would like to stay with magnesium chloride. Mr. Krulikowski moved to continue working with Innovative Solutions and using their magnesium chloride product for three years. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Yannotti was promised a new contract probably next month. He will sign it at that time.

The crew is getting ready for winter. There are no big projects on the horizon.

11. Bylaw revisions

Mr. Kiernan presented proposed bylaw provisions crafted by the Planning Commission. The Select Board will hold a hearing in December.

12. Transfer station

The schedule must be revised: items 66, 77, 78 sofa beds and furniture, must be deleted from the rate schedule. (Such items must instead be taken to the Sunderland or Bennington transfer stations.) Mr. Harrington so moved, and Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

13. Other business

Mr. Harrington moved to close Cleveland Avenue on Halloween, the 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6-9 p.m., and to hire three sheriffs for the evening. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

14. Review of action items

Mr. Yannotti will start the auction process and sign the contract with Innovative Solutions.

Mr. Kiernan will hire the sheriffs for Halloween.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Harrington moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.