

Town of Shaftsbury
Select Board Meeting
Monday, January 3, 2022
Cole Hall 61 Buck Hill Road Shaftsbury

1) Call to order

The meeting came to order at 6:31 p.m. Present were selectmen Art Whitman (chair), Ken Harrington, Tony Krulikowski, Mike Cichanowski, and via the remote platform Zoom, Joe Barber.

2) Conflict of interest statement

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

3) Minutes

The December 20 minutes were tabled.

4) Warrants

Retirement warrant #2, \$11,722.76. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Payroll warrant #13, \$28,312.02. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Check warrant #22, \$33,026.98. Mr. Cichanowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

5) Announcements

Mr. Whitman noted that the legislature will be meeting this week and will rule on how town meetings are to be managed in 2022. If Shaftsbury should decide to meet remotely, all items normally voted on at the floor meeting must be placed on the ballot.

6) Public comments

There were none.

7) Treasurer's report

Ms. Dexter reported that the cash position shown is the real figure, that there are no outstanding deposits or expenses. Expenditures seem to be a little higher than this time last year, but she thought it was simply a matter of timing: some of the same expenses recorded last year were recorded a little later. She explained that the cash flow report is not a report on work but on transactions in the treasurer's office, and December is usually a catch-up month (after managing taxes in November).

8) Extension of rule requiring wearing face coverings indoors in public spaces

Mr. Whitman explained that the state-allowed 45-day mandate for wearing masks would expire before the next Select Board meeting, and that the Board should therefore vote on extending or not at this time. Mr. Krulikowski moved to extend the mask mandate another 30 days. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2-0, with Mr. Harrington and Mr. Barber voting no.

9) Other Business

- Mr. Whitman noted that the Select Board would be interviewing at the next meeting an applicant for the Planning Commission recommended by the Commission.
- Mr. Harrington asked about replacing the iron fence around the cemetery near his house. Mr. Whitman said it is a question for the cemetery committee.
- Mr. Whitman said at the next meeting Mr. Yannotti would be recommending specs for a new plow truck.

10) Review of Action Items

There were none.

11) Adjournment

Mr. Harrington moved to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.