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Meeting Minutes

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Town of Shaftsbury Water Board Meeting

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 5:00 PM, in person at Cole Hall and remotely via Zoom.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting came to order at 5:00 PM. Present were board members, Naomi Miller, Tony Krulikowski, Brad Peacock, non-voting member Art Whitman, and Town Administrator Paula Iken.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement:

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

3. Minutes

Minutes from the August 18th meeting were reviewed. Ms. Miller called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Krulikowski moved; Mr. Peacock seconded. Minutes were approved without amendment 3-0-0.

4. Announcements

No announcements.

5. Public Comments:

Corinne Levin commented on water causing ice to not form a cube but just crumble. She continued that at the last meeting the Water Board said it was meeting with the North Bennington Water Board and would mention the problem with the (chlorine) smell. She was at this meeting to see if there's been any resolution. Ms. Miller and Ms. Iken said the Board did get some information about house-by-house dechlorination treatment and cost per house, but they would prefer that North Bennington resolves the issue. Ms. Miller noted that the issue had not been brought up at the meeting with the North Bennington Water Board, but it has been discussed with them. Mr. Whitman said that North Bennington will continue to say that it's within State guidelines. After further discussion of the issue Ms. Levin said she would do more research and come back next month.

6. Discussion of timeline for temporary increase of water allocation

Ms. Miller asked if the board members present had read the proposed wording that Ms. Kearl had drafted and if there were any changes. Mr. Krulikowski suggested changing the word "bought" to "purchased". Ms. Miller read the following:

"We, the Town of Shaftsbury, the water customer, request that the temporary increased water allocation offered by the North Bennington Water Department is in effect until the time at which the water customer has made necessary upgrades to their water lines and replaced all outdated water meters in use. This timeline will allow the water customer to meet the water provider's expectations with regards to closing the gap between the water purchased and the amount of water billed to customers, as discussed at the August 6, 2025 meeting of the North Bennington Water Board. We appreciate the temporary increased water allocation."

Ms. Miller called for a motion to send to the North Bennington Water Board. Mr. Krulikowski moved; Mr.

Peacock seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Ms. Iken will send the letter to the North Bennington Water Board. Ms. Miller noted that this was hopefully a solution for the allocation issue, which, if not solved, will endanger the funding for more pipeline.

7. Other Business

Mr. Whitman asked about progress with the consultant (Ashley Luft of Quantitative Ventures). Ms. Iken said that she is pulling together documents for Ms. Luft. There will then be another meeting.

8. Review of Action Items

Ms. Iken will send letter to the North Bennington Water Board.

Ms. Iken will finish gathering documents and send to Ms. Luft.

The next Shaftsbury Water Board meeting will be after response from the North Bennington Water Board and/or the consultant.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Miller asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Krulikowski moved; Mr. Peacock seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.