

SHAFTSBURY SELECTBOARD

SPECIAL MEETING MNUTES

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Attending: Selectboard Members - Lon McClintock, Karen Mellinger, Craig Bruder, Carl Korman, Billy Obenauer; **Staff:** Margy Becker, Town Administrator; **Visitors:** Attorney Jack Facey, Bond Counsel; Mitch and Joanne Race, Megan Donckers, Chris Williams

Chairman Lon McClintock called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

1. **Announcements:**

There were no announcements.

2. **Conflict of Interest Statement:**

Lon McClintock asked if any Board member had a conflict of interest pertaining to any matter on the agenda. There was no conflict of interest stated.

3. **Public Comments:**

There were none.

4. **Meeting with Bond Counsel**

Selectboard members met with Mr. John Facey, Esq. to review the process of preparing for and warning the upcoming bond vote to finance a new town garage, salt shed, equipment storage, and access road. Mr. Facey noted for the record that his firm represents Hale Mountain in the case before the Vermont Supreme Court. He asserted he, personally, is not involved in that case. The Selectboard determined there was no conflict of interest.

5. **DRB Interviews**

Billy Obenauer noted receipt of comments and recommendations from DRB members as to which candidates the Selectboard should interview. He stated that a DRB member seemed to have made a statement alluding to the age of candidates as variable to consider, and this statement could present an ethical issue. After some discussion the Selectboard agreed to proceed with a fair and just interview process.

The Selectboard interviewed Jay Palmer, Mitch Race, and Jennifer Viereck for the vacant DRB positions.

Subsequent to interviews Megan Donckers, DRB Chair, joined the Selectboard for discussions on configuration of the DRB. She informed the Selectboard that some DRB members were absent from some of the candidate interviews.

Lon McClintock invited public comments. Chris Williams spoke against appointment of Jennifer Viereck to the DRB.

6. Minutes

Karen Mellinger made the motion to approve the Budget Workshop minutes of December 22. Billy Obenauer seconded. The motion carried.

Karen Mellinger mad the motion to approve the Budget Workshop minutes of December 27, 2012, with the correction that Craig Bruder be noted as “absent”. The motion was seconded by Bill Obenauer and carried 3-0, Craig Bruder and Carl Korman abstaining.

Craig Bruder made the motion to approve the Budget Workshop minutes of January 3, 2013, with the following corrections: 1) delete Billy Obenauer as “attending”; 2) insert sentence in paragraph 3 which reads “The Selectboard asked the Road Foreman whether any other used vehicle was available at that price.” Karen Mellinger seconded. The motion carried 3-0, Billy Obenauer and Carl Korman abstaining.

Karen Mellinger made the motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 2013 without changes. The motion was seconded and carried 4-0, Carl Korman abstaining.

A motion was made by Karen Mellinger, seconded by Billy Obenauer, to approve the Budget Workshop minutes of January 12, 2013 with the following change: Add Carl Korman to those attending. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Karen Mellinger and seconded by Billy Obenauer to approve the Budget Workshop minutes of January 16, 2013 without changes. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Carl Korman made the MOTION to adjourn at 8:15PM. The motion was seconded by Karen Mellinger and carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Margy Becker