

**Shaftsbury Water Board
Regular Meeting
November 7, 2016 5:30PM
Cole Hall – Shaftsbury**

Members present: Tim Scoggins, Art Whitman, Ken Harrington, Tony Krulikowski, Mitch Race
Others Present: Water Foreman McGuiness, Jacob Smith, and TA Kiernan

Meeting Called to order at 5:31PM

1. Water Board appeal from Mr. Smith. Mr. McGuiness explained the property has been in arrears since 2013. Payment plans have been offered but they have not been adhered to. A shutoff notice was issued in September and Mr. Smith appeals that notice. Mr. Smith offered that he received notice that the Town was being refunded \$898 of his property tax bill that was over paid by his escrow company. The Board takes no action pending determination that the 'refund' is in fact available as payment towards the water bill.
2. The Board with Mr. McGuiness and Mr. Kiernan discussed changes to the Water Department Rules clarifying collection proceedings. Examples were presented from other local water department rules. It was suggested that the rules be rewritten to clarify that the property owner alone is responsible for the water bill. Delinquent water bills would be subject to disconnection under Vermont law *or* a lien being placed on the property which would lead to a tax sale of the property. It was also discussed to set ranges of the amount delinquent that would trigger different responses – payment plans- liens- tax sale. A new Shaftsbury Water Board Rules and Regulations will be presented to the Board at a January 2017 meeting.
3. Motion to adjourn at 5:31PM by Art Whitman. Seconded by Tony Krulikowski, motion passed 5-0-0

Minutes prepared by David Kiernan