

**MINUTES OF THE SHAFTSBURY SELECT BOARD  
APRIL 17, 2006  
COLE HALL  
SHAFTSBURY, VERMONT**

**Board Present:** Wynn Metcalfe, Chairman, Karen Mellinger, Cinda Morse, Jim Mead, Bill Pennebaker

**Others Present:** Michael Bidy, Alice Miller (State Representative), Andy Newell, Dave Newell, Matt Tuthill (Bennington Banner), Aaron Chrostowsky, Susan Swasta

**1. Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairman Wynn Metcalfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He asked if any Board member needed to recuse himself or herself from discussion of any agenda topic scheduled for tonight. None did.

Aaron Chrostowsky announced special collection dates at the landfill: hazardous waste and free tire day on Saturday, April 29 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM and free metal week on April 25, 27, and 29 during regular hours.

Karen Mellinger announced that Green Up Day will take place on Saturday, May 6. There will be notices specifying locations to acquire trash bags and sites to leave full bags. Shaftsbury Elementary School Student Council will be helping sponsor the event. Families are encouraged to work together on a road or neighborhood, and Ms. Mellinger may be contacted at 447-1950 by groups who wish to adopt an area. Anyone who finds ladybugs may bring them to the school and will be eligible to win prizes. Refreshments will be available at the school from 8:30 to 3:00. Ms. Mellinger encouraged other Select Board members to join her in cleaning up Airport Road. A time will be agreed upon.

Cinda Morse reported on the special event held by Shaftsbury firemen this past Saturday. Charlie and Marian Becker, who have over fifty years of volunteer service to the fire department between the two of them, were honored. The fire house was dedicated to them, with a new plaque and sign to be put up. Ms. Morse said that it was a lovely event, with the community coming together to honor people who have given so much.

**2. Andy Newell Recognition:**

Chairman Metcalfe introduced Shaftsbury resident and Olympics cross-country skier Andy Newell, and read a proclamation honoring him. Mr. Newell was presented with the Olympic flag that had flown at Cole Hall and the sign that had been displayed on Rte. 7A. Mr. Newell thanked everyone in the community for their support, adding that he is proud to be a Vermonter and to be from this area.

**3. Minutes:**

April 10, 2006 Minutes:

**Ms. Morse made motion to approve minutes. Ms. Mellinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Warrants:**

The following warrant was presented for approval:

- PR#41 – \$ 5,969.09 Payroll Warrant

**Ms. Morse made motion to pay warrant. Ms. Mellinger seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

## **5. Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

Chairman Metcalfe stated that he would like to take announced agenda items out of order, dealing with the transfer station agreement last.

## **6. Curb Cut Application:**

Chairman Metcalfe stated that a curb cut application has been received from Kevin Green, for access to a new storage shed off of East Road. Highway Foreman Ran Daniels has given suggestions regarding a culvert, zoning administrator Tony Zazzaro has checked off on the application, and pictures and a diagram are included.

**Ms. Morse made motion to approve the Kevin Green curb cut application. Mr. Mead seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

## **7. Landfill Update:**

Chairman Metcalfe reported that he, Bill Pennebaker, and Aaron Chrostowsky met last week to discuss landfill closure. Mr. Pennebaker generated some new questions, which Chairman Metcalfe relayed to Buzz Surwillo. Mr. Chrostowsky spoke with Mike Pitonyak of Capital Earthmoving and confirmed that Capital is still part of the discussion on landfill closure. Mr. Surwillo has OK'ed the use of a Bentomat liner, and there has been good news on a possible capping material.

## **8. Other Business:**

Mr. Mead reported that the highway department is getting close to using up the funds allotted for grader rental, so the town will be back to one grader by the end of the week. He believes that most roads have been graded at least once at this point. Chairman Metcalfe stated that he had found Shaftsbury Hollow Road to be very passable; he noted three wet spots in areas that are targeted for work.

Chairman Metcalfe reported that a new town bulletin board has been put up. Some employees who work upstairs think it has made the hallway darker, so it may be necessary to increase lighting in the hall. Ms. Mellinger asked if removing a window for the new board has created an emergency egress issue, since the window can no longer be smashed for exit. There was discussion of the fact that the existing door swings the wrong way, and Chairman Metcalfe asked Mr. Chrostowsky to check on the price of putting in a door where the window had been.

Chairman Metcalfe read a letter from Art Carlucci, a thirty-year Shaftsbury resident and building contractor, applying for a seat on the Planning Commission.

Ms. Morse made motion to appoint Art Carlucci to the Planning Commission. Ms. Mellinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pennebaker brought up the pending Ancient Roads legislation, stating that any possible loss of access to roads should be referred to the Planning Commission. Representative Alice Miller said that she would check on the status of the legislation and send information. Mr. Chrostowsky will send a letter with this information to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Pennebaker stated that legislation now under consideration may cut off restraints to expanded shooting range activity in the state, and that the town might want to express an opinion to the legislature about this. Rep. Miller provided details on the legislation, stating that there may not be time to get it through the Senate Judiciary Committee. The House bill that has passed would place burden of proof on residents if a club is established when they move into an area. The complaints of longtime residents could not be stopped, however.

Ms. Mellinger reported that the Solid Waste Committee will meet tomorrow at 7:30. She apologized for lack of a notice in the paper on the meeting.

Ms. Morse stated that the sewer feasibility study presentation will take place on April 26 at 7:00 at Cole Hall. Notices will go out.

## **9. Transfer Station Agreement:**

Chairman Metcalfe asked Board members for changes, additions, or deletions to the transfer station draft agreement they had reviewed.

Mr. Pennebaker asked why plowing and sanding of the facility was not made part of the regular North Road plowing route, and was told that this gave more flexibility to the town road crew.

Mr. Pennebaker stated that the town may be in the middle of landfill closure when this happens, and might want to make this a provision of the agreement.

Mr. Pennebaker noted that the agreement has no mention of pay as you throw (PAYT), which will be another factor. There was a discussion of stickers for PAYT. Ms. Morse had brought up the possibility of a machine to give out stickers. Mr. Pennebaker said that the Solid Waste Committee had estimated about \$12,000 a year for a part time position if an employee were to be added.

Mr. Pennebaker brought up the issue of single stream recycling, and there was discussion as to whether it is better to for the contractor or the town to get recycling revenue, and how other towns handle this. Chairman Metcalfe stated that if the contractor does not get the income from recyclables, it will probably increase management fees. The Board discussed the difficulties of the town taking on managing and marketing of recyclables. Chairman Metcalfe stated that this had been a problem in the past and he would rather not deal with it again. It was decided that this should be included as an option in the bid.

Ms. Mellinger asked, regarding section G, why the town should be responsible for costs and liabilities for the recycling center, since it is not now in existence like the landfill. Chairman Metcalfe said this could be taken out.

Ms. Mellinger stated that she thought section F wording should be changed from "shall support" to "may support" or "will consider supporting" in reference to redesign, retrofitting and developing of buildings and property sought by the contractor. The wording will be changed.

Ms. Mellinger wanted to change section H to permit the contractor to co-mingle recyclables off site; it may not occur on site. This was agreed to. The Board discussed PAYT in reference to the transfer station agreement, and decided to hold a working session with the Solid Waste Committee at the next Board meeting in order to discuss and come to decisions on PAYT issues. The working session was scheduled for 7:45PM next Monday. Ms. Mellinger and Chairman Metcalfe will meet to put together a list of questions to be answered.

Ms. Morse made motion to go into Executive Session (contract) at 8:00PM. Mr. Mead seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Swasta