

MINUTES OF THE SHAFTSBURY WATER BOARD
JUNE 1, 2009
COLE HALL
SHAFTSBURY, VERMONT

Board Present: Karen Mellinger, Bill Pennebaker, Cinda Morse

Board Absent: Lon McClintock, Wynn Metcalfe

Others Present: Larry Johnson, Joe Herrmann (Water Superintendent), Mark Rondeau (Benningon Banner), Susan Swasta (Recording Secretary)

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Karen Mellinger presided. She called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement:

Ms. Mellinger asked if any Board member has a conflict of interest with any topic on tonight's agenda. None did.

3. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

4. Update on Water System Improvement Project:

Ms. Mellinger reported that the project has received archeological clearance. They have a permit, and are now filling out the bond application, which is an extensive process. It is expected to be submitted this week. Ms. Mellinger stated that it is still possible for the project to receive some federal economic stimulus money. If higher priority projects don't have their bids posted by July 1, Shaftsbury may move up on the list. Water Superintendent Joe Herrmann stated that the project will go out to bid the second week in June.

5. 2010 Budget Presentation:

Ms. Mellinger noted that there had been concern over the lack of contingency funds in the budget. Right now the budget is showing a deficit because of costs for easements and the Church Street work that will be reimbursed. Cinda Morse stated that it would be helpful to show special projects separately in the budget, since they are reimbursable and not part of regular operating costs. Ms. Mellinger agreed this would be a good way to do it. There was further discussion of cash flow. Mr. Herrmann noted that a \$2,000 contingency fund has been added to the 2010 budget.

6. Minutes of May 4, 2009:

Approval of May 4 minutes was postponed due to lack of a quorum for the vote.

7. Other Business:

There was a brief discussion of the mailing to go out to water users. Mr. Herrmann said that each one will have to be stamped. Ms. Mellinger said that the Town should be able to use a postal permit, and she will look into it.

Mr. Morse made motion to adjourn. Mr. Pennebaker seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 6.52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Swasta