

**Town of Shaftsbury**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
6:30 pm  
Monday August 17, 2015  
Cole Hall, Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury

Select Board members present: Mitch Race, Ken Harrington, Art Whitman, Tony Krulikowski  
Absent: Tim Scoggins (chair)  
Others present: TA David Kiernan; Melanie Dexter, Treasurer; Road Foreman Steve Washburn

1) Call to order

Mitch Race (Vice chair) called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2) Conflict of interest statement

None.

3) Approval of minutes

July 20 minutes: Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-1. (Mr. Race abstained, having been absent for the meeting.)

August 3 minutes: Mr. Whitman moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Race seconded the motion. Which passed 3-0-1. (Mr. Krulikowski abstained, having been absent for that meeting.)

4) Warrants

PR 04: for \$129.74. Mitch moved to approve; Tony seconded, 4-0-0.

PR 04: \$17,172.42; Art moved, Tony seconded. 4-0-0.

Check warrant #4: \$63,334.49 Tony moved, Art seconded to approve. 4-0-0.

5) Announcements

Mr. Race announced the Historical Society Barbeque, Saturday August 22. Tickets available at Chocolate Barn, to be held at Galusha Homestead. \$12/ticket.

Mr. Race reported the Town needs people to serve on the Planning Commission, where they are down to three members. He asked for letters of interest.

6) Public comments

None.

7) Treasurer's report

Mr. Race asked: was last year's balance (about \$80K) rolled over? Administrator Kiernan explained that the sum went into the general fund in order to meet reserve standards. (The Town had been taking from the general fund.)

FY 2015 report and FY 2016 year to date was submitted. Going forward, Ms. Dexter will include a cash on hand report as well.

Ms. Dexter explained the tax rate proposal, which Mr. Kiernan described as a "pay as you go" rate. Mr. Whitman moved to set the tax rate at 0.3894. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.

8) Road Foreman's report

Crews are scraping, grading on hills, doing some dust control (using chloride), some ditching. They'll continue to grade, expecting to respond to storms forecast for later this week. Some vehicles broke down but have been repaired.

TA Kiernan reported that Paran Acres needs chip-sealing, which will cost about \$21,000 for 0.84 miles and last about 6-8 years. The road crew hopes to do it in spring 2016. Much of remainder of 2015 field season will be spent on East Road paving and culverts, and a couple of fabric projects.

9) Opening of bids, Shaftsbury Hollow Culvert Engineering

Mance Engineering, \$24,920 ± \$3250

Weston and Sampson, \$33,000

Holden, \$29,500

TA Kiernan will distribute copies of relevant sections of the bid to Select Board members, in preparation for a vote at the first September meeting.

10) Opening of bids – Cole Hall Exterior Painting

Krause Livingston Construction, \$66,000 (excluding removal of any hazardous materials)

Crazy Colors, \$35,000

TA Kiernan will distribute copies, as above.

11) Awarding Bid, East Road Paving

Mr. Krulikowski moved to accept bid from Beaudoin, pending receipt of grant from State, for \$91,684. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

12) Town Administrator's report, David Kiernan

TA shared communications from Vermont Forests Parks and Recreation, regarding proposed work at Lake Shaftsbury State Park, and Bennington County Regional Commission, regarding a request for a new commissioner to replace the retired Bill Pennebaker.

- a) He reported the much of the roofing is done at Howard Park, the Lions club will install security cameras, that soccer club will do painting, that tennis court people are working away and should be done by the end of the week. The Town is seeking a license and permits for a new well and may be able to install this fall.
- b) Sidewalk plans were submitted this date but seem to have errors. Permitting and the bid process will take quite a while. Construction might be postponed to spring 2016.

Mr. Race announced that Steve Washburn had been appointed road foreman.

c) Town Financial Audit

Sullivan and Powers to do. Mr. Race moved to sign accountant's confirmation letter. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0. The board signed the document.

TA Kiernan reported that TMobile is adding an array to the Buck Hill Road tower.

13) Other business

Mr. Whitman reported that he'd looked further into dog complaints. He learned: The animal control officer must be observer of the violation to act upon it. Complainers must be willing to go to court and be witnesses. The Town's Animal Control Officer has a kennel but she emphasizes adoption. Town constables can in some cases legally seize a dog, but there is no place for a constable to take a dog. (He has no arrangement with the animal control officer.) Kennels tell the Town they will NOT accept seized animals.

Mr. Whitman reported that Oliver Durand will be retiring as fire warden. TA Kiernan said he'd find out if anyone has a plan to replace him.

14) Review of action items

None

15) Adjournment

Mr. Race moved to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.