

Town of Shaftsbury Select Board Meeting Monday July 19, 2001, Cole Hall

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were selectmen Art Whitman (chair), Ken Harrington, Tony Krulikowski, Mike Cichanowski, and Joe Barber. The meeting was a hybrid in-person/Zoom gathering.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement

No one reported a conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.

3. Minutes

No minutes were circulated.

4. Warrants

Payroll warrant, \$22,992.62. Mr. Harrington moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Check warrant #2, \$39,340.77. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

A warrant for an emergency check to the fire department's insurance company in the amount of \$20,034.49 was signed by all. The reimbursement to the town had already been submitted by the company.

5. Announcements

There were none.

6. Public Comments

There were none.

7. Treasurers Report

Melanie Dexter reported that re the cash flow report, we received our quarterly state highway payment. We got our first income sensitivity adjustment prebate from the state. Citizens should have received letters from the state regarding their tax adjustments. Our cash balance is about \$300,000.

This is the meeting at which the tax rate is usually set, but the grand list has been delayed by a couple of weeks by an issue with one parcel.

The reserve fund is where it should be at this time of year. We received some very late water payments, the only significant activity in this period.

Mr. Whitman said he'd been alerted by Mert Snow that there might be several tax sales coming up. Mr. Kiernan said they had not been confirmed nor scheduled. Ms. Dexter said the number of in-arrears is fewer than most years.

As an aside, Mr. Kiernan noted that the sheriff's contract would be reviewed under item 11.

8. Bid Opening (Mr. Kiernan will scan all bids and share with the selectmen. All bids were referred to Mike Yannotti for his review. The bid will be awarded at the next meeting):

- West Mountain Road Project
Only one bid was received, from Weaver Excavating, for \$23,989.
- Compact Tracked Excavator Three bids were received.
 - From Milton Cat in Richmond, VT: the discounted price for the Caterpillar excavator is \$120,900; the trade-in for the Volvo is valued at \$65,000, for a balance of \$55,900.
 - From Salem Farm Supply: for a Kubota ICX080 excavator \$112,519.86; trade in for the Volvo, \$40,000. Balance \$72,519.86.
 - From Capital Tractor, for a Dusan DX85R3 excavator, \$114,992.41; for the trade in, \$37,000, for a balance \$77,993.49.
- Tractor with Mid Mount Mower
 - From Salem Farm Supply, A Case IH, \$174,160.
 - From Capital Tractor, for a TC New Holland, \$187,847.01.

9. DPW Report

Very heavy rains threatened the Shaftsbury Hollow culvert project, undermining the abutment that held the temporary bridge and overflowing a coffer dam. The contractor and the road crew were able to open the road.

Heavy rainfall also affected earlier repairs on LaClair, Murphy Hill, Cold Spring, and other roads. The crew will be fixing them in days to come.

10. Casella Contract

The town attorney and Casella have reviewed and approved it. It is a three year contract with a 3% increase each year. It is effective August 1. The Town will now have full control over the operation. The major change is that C&D will no longer be accepted at the transfer station. We will be moving to a cash register system.

Mr. Harrington moved to give Mr. Kiernan authority to sign the contract. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Kiernan said the open job position for supervisor at the transfer station has been advertised, and applicants will be interviewed on July 27. The new employee will likely be hired by the next meeting.

There is an opening also for a public works employee. A CDL is preferred but not required.

11. Sheriff's contract

The contract is the same as last year. The budget already contains the same amount of money and the same number of hours. Mr. Krulikowski moved to give Mr. Kiernan authority to sign the contract. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

12. Review of Action Items

- Anyone may attend the July 27 transfer station employee interview.
- Mr. Kiernan and Mr. Yannotti will review the bids.

13. Executive Session – Personnel

Mr. Cichanowski moved to enter executive session at about 7:17 p.m. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

14. Adjournment