

Shaftsbury Select Board

September 20, 2021

1) Call to order

The meeting came to order in person and via the Zoom platform at 6:30 p.m. Present were selectmen Art Whitman, Ken Harrington, Mike Cichanowski, Tony Krulikowski, and Joe Barber. Also present was town administrator David Kiernan.

2) Conflict of interest statement

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

3) Minutes

Mr. Harrington moved to approve the September 2 minutes. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

4) Warrants

Check warrant # 8, \$71,848.89. Mr. Harrington moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Payroll warrant \$25,209.84. Mr. Harrington moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Payroll warrant \$23,732.10. Mr. Barber moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

5) Announcements

Mr. Whitman reported that he tested positive for Covid on Friday, and that on that morning he'd spent time with Mr. Kiernan. Mr. Kiernan said he tested negative this day.

6) Public Comments

Lynn Sternberg told the board about VT People's Climate Action Plan to transition from fossil fuels to a carbon-neutral economy. Major actions include: 10 year weatherization program, improving public transportation, develop renewable energy solutions, solar heat pumps, and the passing of S148, S109, H273. (See legislation on line. Also check 350VT.) She said adopting the plan is an important first step.

Kathy Carbin, chair of the Cemetery Committee, reported that on Oct. 2 work will be done on the Shaftsbury Center Cemetery, with help from volunteers from a statewide cemetery organization. Stones will be centered and cleaned. Volunteers are encouraged to attend. She hopes this will become an annual event. She thinks there are about 14 public and private cemeteries in town. The request for volunteers is on the website. Mr. Harrington said he received a call from a citizen reporting that gravel is needed at Center Cemetery.

7) Treasurer's report

Wednesday November 10 is the tax due date. Mr. Kiernan said to remember that you are responsible for paying your taxes even if you haven't received your bill.

8) DPW report

a. Grant in aid

Mr. Yannotti reported that an equipment purchase grant is available through BCRC. The application is due Oct. 8. He wants to apply for a stone screen, which will enable the road crew to clean their stone-lined ditches rather than simply discard the ditch material. (The stone is costly, and he is running out of places to dump it.) He said he visited Dover to see their tool and was impressed. The cost would be about \$6K. The tool would be fabricated by the crew. Mr. Harrington urged him to apply for the hydroseeder instead. Mr. Whitman said the screen could be used for a lot of different things. Mr. Barber moved to accept the suggestion to apply for a screen shot. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

b. Cat financial resolution to purchase

Mr. Cichanowski moved to approve the CAT financing resolution. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Yannotti said the crew has been grading for quite a while.

9) Mattison Brewery liquor license for wedding at a private residence

Mr. Harrington moved to approve the license. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

10) Review of actions items

There were none.

11) Executive session, personnel

Mr. Cichanowski moved to enter executive session.

12) Appointment of lister to fill vacancy in office

Mr. Whitman said the select board advertised the listers' opening. Gina Jenks, the assistant town clerk, applied for the job. Mr. Harrington moved to appoint Ms. Jenks to fill an existing vacancy in the listers' office. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

13) Adjournment

Mr. Harrington moved to adjourn at about 7:35pm. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.