

SHAFTSBURY SELECTBOARD  
MEETING  
JANUARY 3, 2012  
MINUTES

ATTENDING: **Board Members present:** Lon McClintock, Karen Mellinger, Craig Bruder, Carl Korman. **Town Officials:** Terry Stacy, Road Foreman. **Absent:** Bill Pennebaker, Selectboard Member; Margy Becker, Town Administrator. Guests: Mary Gronning, Jason Andrick, Tonya Andrick, Joanne Race, Jeri Schoof, Bill Fisk, and Mark Rondeau (Bennington Banner).

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman McClintock called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**2. Announcements**

Chair McClintock informed the public that a budget work session was held earlier at 5pm. Another meeting to finish up the budget will be planned.

Karen Mellinger reported that there was an accident on Route 7A just before Christmas. It happened at a portion of the road that has had a problem with water runoff. The State is repairing the problem. There were no major injuries due to the accident.

Lon McClintock announced that Sheila Miller had passed away. Sheila Miller was a former member of the Select Board and involved in politics, she also was a teacher in the community. A moment of silence was observed in her memory.

Lon McClintock informed the Board and public that Jim Secor waived a good part of his fee for the fire house project. Lon McClintock thanked Jim Secor for his help.

**3. Public Comments**

No comments made.

**4. Conflict of Interest Statement**

Chairman McClintock inquired if any Board member had a conflict of interest with any matter on the agenda. No conflict noted for the record.

**5. Potter Montgomery Road: 19 VSA 302**

The Select Board discussed the matter of authority to stop plowing portions of roads if there is a safety concern. The Road Foreman, Terry Stacy, discussed with the Board his concerns about Potter Montgomery Road. He stated that the road is narrow in parts, which makes it difficult to plow. Parts of the road cannot be ditched, and some sections have stonewalls on both sides.

Jason Andrick, a property owner on Potter Montgomery Road, would like the Town to continue plowing. Jason Andrick stated that they are fixing up their house and would like to be able to do so during the winter months.

Chair McClintock stated that a site visit will be necessary to determine if there is a public safety issue. A public hearing will be announced to share their findings with the public.

#### **6. Liquor License Renewal Applications-Paulin, Inc., Shaftsbury Country Store**

**Craig Bruder made the motion to approve renewal of tobacco license for Shaftsbury Country Store. Carl Korman seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Craig Bruder made the motion to approve renewal of liquor license for Shaftsbury Country Store. Carl Korman seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Karen Mellinger made the motion to approve renewal of tobacco license for Paulin, Inc. Craig Bruder seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Karen Mellinger made the motion to approve renewal of liquor license for Paulin, Inc. Carl Korman seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

#### **7. Grand List Errors & Omissions**

There is a 2011 Grand List correction for property #180102.1 from \$365,400 to \$304,300 at 551 West Rod & Gun Club Road. There is a tax credit of \$906.37.

**Craig Bruder made the motion to approve the change to the Grand List for 551 West Rod & Gun Club Road. Karen Mellinger seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

#### **8. Computer Network – Town Offices**

Tabled

#### **9. Facilities Planning: New Town Garage**

The Facilities Committee visited the new garage in Wilmington. The total cost of their garage was \$900,000. A field trip to Stratton's new garage is planned; no date has been set. The Board discussed the need for an energy efficient building that will last.

#### **10. Town Administrator Report**

Tabled

#### **11. Other Business**

Lon McClintock stated that the community appropriation requests will be put on the ballot. All organizations are required to submit an application for their request. A new request from the Bennington Free Clinic for \$1,000 has been submitted. Karen Mellinger will check with the clinic to confirm that Shaftsbury residents are served and how many use the clinic.

A new request from WBTN a nonprofit community radio station has request \$5,000. The Board discussed the interest the station has had in Shaftsbury and their help with Storm Irene.

Members were concerned with the amount requested. An amount of \$2,000 was suggested for WBTN. Karen Mellinger will contact the station.

Northshire Youth Baseball has sent an appropriations request. The Board will follow-up with regards to their missing annual town report. Karen Mellinger will contact them.

The Sage City Orchestra applied for \$500. More information on the orchestra is needed.

The Board approved all community appropriation requests, except Sage City Orchestra and the Bennington Free Clinic.

**Craig Bruder made the motion to approve a reduction in appropriation to WBTN from \$5,000 to \$2,000. Carl Korman seconded. Motion carried 4-0.** The \$2,000 appropriation request will be the amount proposed to voters on the ballot in March.

## **12. Approval of Minutes**

**Karen Mellinger made the motion to approve minutes for December 19, 2011. Craig Bruder seconded. Motion carried 3-0-1 with Lon McClintock abstaining.**

Minutes of December 28, Minutes of December 28, 2011 were tabled.

## **13. Approval of Warrants**

PAYROLL WARRANT #PR26 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,210.72.

**Craig Bruder made the motion to approve payroll warrant #PR26 in the amount of \$12,210.72. Carl Korman seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

CHECK WARRANT #W26 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,954.22.

**Craig Bruder made the motion to approve check warrant #W26 in the amount of \$17,954.22. Carl Korman seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

## **14. Adjournment**

**Craig Bruder made the motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Carl Korman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted by  
Carol MacLean

