

**SHAFTSBURY SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MNUTES
Cole Hall, 61 Buck Hill Rd
May 14, 2012**

Board Members present: Lon T. McClintock (Chair), Karen Mellinger (Vice Chair),
Craig Bruder, Carl Korman, Billy Obenauer

Board Members absent: None

Others present: Margy Becker (Town Administrator), Sandra Mangsen (Interim
Recording Clerk), Terry Stacy, Road Foreman, Joe Vadakin, Fire Chief; Mike
Taylor, Captain, Jay Coonradt, 1st Assistant Chief; Michael Bidy, Michael Foley,
Larry Johnson, Phylis Porio, Mitchell Race, Joann Race, Ron & Jeri Schoof, Jay
Palmer, Terry Stacy, , Jennifer Viereck

1. Call to Order

Lon McClintock called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Announcements

Lon McClintock requested a moment of silence in honor Walter Hyjek, recently
deceased, who had been active in Shaftsbury as a volunteer.

Lon McClintock announced a community meeting for a discussion about expanding
broadband service in the area, at Cole Hall, Wed May 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Margy Becker and Karen Mellinger commented on plans for the upcoming parade
on Monday, May 28th in celebration of Memorial Day.

The condition of the cemeteries is of concern, since the previous operator is no
longer looking after them. The status of cemetery mowing will be on the agenda
for the upcoming meeting.

3. Public Comments

Mary Gronning remarked that the cemeteries will attract many visitors on Memorial
Day and that they need attention before then.

Michael Foley distributed paper copies of an e-mail he had already brought to the
Board's attention, which he then read aloud. The Chair responded that the
Selectboard had taken his concern seriously.

4. Conflict of Interest Statement

Billy Obenauer requested advice about a possible conflict; the Chair assured him

there was no conflict of interest.

5. Veterans Committee

To be discussed at a future meeting, there being no one in attendance to address the Board.

6. Fire Truck Bid Award

Joe Vadakin (Fire Chief) reported that five queries had been sent out to potential bidders, from which three responses were received. He described two in some detail, from Toyne (\$306,880) and KME (\$287,926). The latter bid failed to meet important specifications, with respect to the height of the truck and the welded (rather than bolted) body. The Selectboard concurred the KME bid was therefore a non-responsive bid.

The Fire Chief also reported on progress toward the sale of Engine 66: there is an interested buyer who has made two visits. Proceeds from the sale would be in the net amount of \$87,466.50, after broker fees of 7% are deducted from the sale price of \$94,050. It was agreed the Town Attorney would be contacted to draw up a Bill of Sale.

MOTION: To authorize the Fire Chief to proceed with the bid from Toyne in the amount of \$306,880, provided that the drawings and specifications are consistent and conform to the requirements of the proposal, and that both drawings and specifications show the maximum height of the truck as 9 ft 6 inches or 114 inches, or less.

Moved by Karen Mellinger; seconded by Craig Bruder. Carried, 5-0-0.

7. Highway Truck – body bid award

Terry Stacy reported on bids received for the purchase of a highway truck body. Because of some irregularities in the bidding process, the Board agreed by consensus to table the item, giving them an opportunity to examine the existing bids in greater detail.

8. Rte. 7A & Buck Hill Intersection – Safety Improvements

Larry Johnson, a School Board member, attended the meeting to discuss safety issues and possible improvements at the intersection of Rte. 7A and Buck Hill Rd.

Margy Becker summarized the feedback she has received thus far from VTRANS and the Bennington County Regional Commission. VTRANS must approve any stop-gap measures such as additional signage or cross walk enhancements within

the Rte. 7A right-of-way. The Board hopes to consult directly with a representative from VTRANS at a future meeting.

In the short run, more information about where pedestrians are crossing Rte. 7A will be sought, and parents will be reminded to instruct their children about the best spot to cross.

9. DRB Interviews

Two candidates were interviewed by the Board: Phylis Porio (current chair of the DRB, seeking reappointment) and Jennifer Viereck (former zoning administrator, seeking appointment as Alternate).

Each was asked about her reasons for wanting to serve on the DRB, past experience with the DRB (whether as chair or as zoning administrator), and the strengths each would bring to the position, as well as suggestions for any changes to DRB procedures.

10. Appointment of Trustee of Public Funds

Rob Steuer spoke about his interest in serving as a Trustee of Public Funds, and the relevance of his professional background to his candidacy

MOTION: To appoint Rob Steuer as Trustee of Public Funds.

Moved by Karen Mellinger; seconded by Billy Obenauer. Carried, 5-0-0.

12. Bennington College Caterer's Permit: 2012-2013

MOTION: To designate the President's house, located at 170 Mattison Rd, as pre-approved location for catering pursuant to the Bennington College Corporation's Catering Permit.

Moved by Karen Mellinger; seconded by Craig Bruder. Carried, 5-0-0.

13. New Town Garage – Status

Lon McClintock brought the Board up-to-date with respect to plans for a new town garage. The survey is in progress (MSK Engineering), after which a site plan will be prepared and appropriate permits sought. At the same time, pricing for needed buildings will be investigated, with a view to informing the public in the autumn.

14. Selectboard Liaison Assignments

Deferred in view of the lateness of the hour.

15. Town Administrator's Report

Margy Becker reported on her activities, including investigation of zoning administrator salaries and permit fees in other towns.

Revised personnel policies will be ready for agenda at the next meeting; Board members were encouraged to consult with Craig if they have questions or concerns about personnel policies.

16. Other Business

MOTION. To recommend that the State of Vermont Health Commissioner appoint Traci Mulligan as Deputy Health Officer.

Moved by Karen Mellinger; seconded Carl Korman. Carried, 5-0-0.

17. Minutes

MOTION. To approve minutes of April 30, 2012, as corrected.

Moved by Karen Mellinger; seconded by Craig Bruder. Carried, 3-0-2 (Billy Obenauer and Carl Korman abstaining).

MOTION. To approve minutes of April 16, 2012.

Moved by Karen Mellinger; seconded by Billy Obenauer. Carried, 3-0-2 (Craig Bruder and Carl Korman abstaining).

MOTION. To approve minutes of April 2, 2012, as corrected.

Moved by Karen Mellinger; seconded by Craig Bruder. Carried, 5-0-0.

MOTION. To approve minutes of March 21, 2012.

Moved by Craig Bruder; seconded by Carl Korman. Carried, 4-0-1 (Karen Mellinger abstaining).

18. Warrants

MOTION. To approve Payroll Expenditure Posting Register Report #44. in the amount of \$6463.92.

Moved by Craig Bruder; seconded by Carl Korman. Carried, 5-0-0

MOTION. To approve Payroll Expenditure Posting Register Report #45. in the amount of \$8025.48.

Moved by Craig Bruder; seconded by Karen Mellinger. Carried, 5-0-0

MOTION. To approve Retirement Warrant Report #45R in the amount of \$126.32.

Moved by Karen Mellinger; seconded by Craig Bruder. Carried, 5-0-0

MOTION. To approve Check Warrant Report #45. in the amount of \$13,658.51.

Moved by Craig Bruder; seconded by. Karen Mellinger Carried, 5-0-0

19. Executive Session - Personnel

MOTION. To adjourn to executive session for personnel matters.

Moved by Craig Bruder; seconded by Carl Korman. Carried, 5-0-0

The Board exited Executive Session at 11:35PM.

20. Adjournment

MOTION. To adjourn the meeting at 11:35PM.

Moved by Carl Korman; seconded by Karen Mellinger. Carried, 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Mangsen
(Interim Recording Clerk)