

**Town of Shaftsbury
Selectboard Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2013
Cole Hall – 61 Buck Hill Rd.
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Craig Bruder, Karen Mellinger, Kenneth Harrington, Carl Korman.
Members Absent: Billy Obenauer
Others Present: Margy Becker (Town administrator), Sandra Mangsen (Recording Clerk), Dave Beach (Facilities Committee), Ben Benedict (Facilities Committee), Oliver Durand (Fire Warden), Paul McGann (First Constable), Terry Stacy (Roads Foreman), John Endres, Sr., Jeff Goldstone (Goldstone Architects), Norm Gronning, Tom Huncharek, Jay Palmer, Joanne and Mitchell Race, Jeri and Ron Schoof, Jim Secor (MSK Engineering).

1. Call to Order

Karen Mellinger called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Announcements

Karen Mellinger welcomed Kenneth Harrington as the newly elected member of the Selectboard.³

3. Public Comments

None

4. Conflict of Interest Statement

None

5. Election of officers

Motion. Carl Korman moved that Craig Bruder be elected Chair of the Selectboard; seconded by Karen Mellinger. Carried, 4-0-0.

Craig Bruder took over the chair.

Moion. Carl Korman nominated Karen Mellinger as Vice-Chair of the Selectboard; seconded by Karen Mellinger. Carried, 4-0-0.

6. Adoption of Rules of Procedure

There was some discussion of two sections of the Selectboard Rules and Procedures: whether or not to incorporate the Civility Resolution within the Procedures and the role of the Secretary (1.4). The Board agreed with Carl Korman's suggestion that the Civility Resolution be kept distinct from the

Procedures. The role of the Secretary was affirmed as "to ensure minutes are recorded and archived."

Motion. To appoint Karen Mellinger as Secretary to the Board. Moved by Karen Mellinger; seconded by Carl Korman. Carried, 4-0-0.

Motion. To adopt the Selectboard Rules of Procedure. Moved by Karen Mellinger; seconded by Carl Korman. Carried, 4-0-0.

7. New Town Garage - Status

There was an extended discussion of whether and how to move forward given the failure of the vote on the bid for construction of a new town garage. Discussion focused on details of the development of the proposal and the research that had been undertaken, in particular on the work of the Facilities Committee over the past five years and of MSK Engineering in developing a design, and on the need to for better communication with the public. The Board considered approaches designed to bring more voices into the conversation without bypassing the Facilities Committee and to ensure that information reaches the public in a timely fashion.

Motion. Carl Korman moved that an Ad Hoc committee be established, with Ken Harrington as a liaison from the Board, to encourage more public participation. There was no second, and the motion was withdrawn.

After withdrawing his motion, Carl Korman expressed his hope that those who voted against the proposal would have a viable mechanism for voicing their concerns. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

8 Bid Award – Brush Truck Body

Oliver Durand (Fire Warden) spoke to the specific items in the bid.

Motion. To accept the bid From Lucky's in the amount of \$7,945.00, and accepting the options of two Aluminum Toolboxes (\$550.00 each) and four Stake Pockets (\$140) for a total of \$9185.00, less the trade-in allowance of \$2000 for a net bid of \$7185. Moved by Carl Korman; seconded by Ken Harrington. Carried, 4-0-0.

9. Bid opening - Cemetery mowing

Six bids were opened.

John Sweet

\$10,000 (first year), \$10,000/year (two years), and \$25/hr for work outside of the contract.

Green Mountain Boys Landscaping

\$12,000 (first year), \$24,000 (two years), and \$25/hr for work outside of the contract.

Robert Gratz

\$13,400 (first year), \$27,000 (two years), and \$25/hr for work outside of the contract.

Sycamore Landscaping

\$14,000 (first year), \$14,000/year (two years), and \$70hr for work outside of the contract.

Callaert Construction & Landscaping

\$14,450 (first year), \$14,450/year (two years), and \$28/hr for work outside of the contract.

Matt Cotalda dba Carpenter Construction

\$30,800 (first year), \$62,000 (two years), and \$40/hr for work outside of the contract.

10. Liquor License Applications

Motion. To approve the application of the Shaftsbury Country Store for renewal of its liquor license until 2014 . Moved by Karen Mellinger; seconded by Ken Harrington. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion. To approve the application of Paulin, Inc., for renewal of its liquor license until 2014. Moved by Carl Korman; seconded by Ken Harrington. Carried 4-0-0.

11. Approval of Annual notice of meetings

Discussion deferred.

12. Selectboard Liaison Assignments

Discussion deferred.

13. Town administrator report

Margy Becker is pursuing certification of the Transfer Station.

14. Other Business**15. Minutes**

Motion. To approve the minutes of Feb 25, 2013 (Special Selectboard Meeting and Garage Information Meeting). Moved by Karen Mellinger; seconded by Carl Korman. Carried, 3-0-1 (Harrington

abstaining).

16. Warrants

Motion. To approve check warrant in the amount of \$34,280.61. Moved by Karen Mellinger; seconded by Carl Korman. Carried, 4-0-0.

Motion. To approve payroll warrant 36 in the amount of \$8135.86. Moved by Ken Harrington; seconded by Carl Korman. Carried, 4-0-0.

Motion. To approve payroll warrant 37 in the amount of \$11,794.14 Moved by Karen Mellinger; seconded by Ken Harrington. Carried, 4-0-0.

Motion. To approve retirement warrant 26R in the amount of \$128.35. Moved by Carl Korman; seconded by Ken Harrington. Carried, 4-0-0.

14. Adjournment

Motion. To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Carl Korman; seconded by Kenneth Harrington. Carried 4-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Mangsen
(Recording Clerk)