

**Town of Shaftsbury
Selectboard
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013**

Members Present: Karen Mellinger, Chair; Carl Korman, Vice Chair; Mitchell Race;
Tim Scoggins
Members Absent: Ken Harrington

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by Chair Karen Mellinger.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement: none

3. Public Comments: none

4. Health Insurance Discussions

Board members discussed whether the Town should continue to offer health insurance, or get out of the insurance business in order to make federal tax credits available to employees. It was noted that not all employees will benefit from tax credits. After much discussion the Board members in attendance agreed that the Town would continue to make health insurance available to employees through VT Health Connect.

Board members then reviewed various plans offered on the Health Exchange. Possible cost sharing arrangements were discussed. The mechanics of employee-employer cost sharing arrangements is complicated by the fact that employees may select any plan. After considerable discussions it was agreed that another workshop and consultation with the VLCT was needed. Margy Becker will try to schedule a phone conference or in-person meeting as soon as schedules permit.

7. Adjournment

The Selectboard meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margy Becker