

Town of Shaftsbury Selectboard Meeting  
Monday, April 17, 2017

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. present were board members Tim Scoggins (chair), Ken Harrington, Tony Krulikowski, and Joe Barber. Town Administrator David Kiernan was also present.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement

The board members reported no conflicts of interest.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2017 Select Board meeting. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Mr. Harrington moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2017 Water Board meeting. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

4. Warrants

Payroll warrant # 20: \$19,417.35. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Check Warrant #32: \$19,541.28. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Check Warrant #33: \$38,769.25. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

5. Announcements

- a. Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held Saturday May 20, 8 am -1 pm at the Transfer Station at 904 Houghton Lane in Bennington. Details are on the town website.
- b. There are several open positions in town government, including the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board.
- c. SVSU Act 46 Committee is seeking a non-elected citizen to represent the public at large on the committee, which is reviewing the required consolidation of school boards in Vermont.

6. Public Comments

Mr. Ed Corey read a letter asking the Select Board to test for PFOA the wells for the two trailers at the entrance to the garage site. He said the State asked the Town to so test, but the Board did not respond. He also asked the Board to clean up the trailer sites.

7. Treasurers report

Ms. Dexter was not present. The board reviewed the report. There were no questions.

8. Road Foreman Report

Mr. Washburn reported that there are a few wet spots still giving us problems. He and the administrator are putting together a capital improvements list: fabric at East Rd. at Bear Run, at Myers Rd., at West Mtn., at Shaftsbury Hollow Rd.; at Horton Hill by Rollins. French drains will be placed on Murphy Hill Rd., Daniels and Mattison, Trumbull Hill. The materials cost for these projects will total about \$110,000. Mr. Harrington asked that the town ensure that the fabric they purchase is equivalent in quality to that used by the state. Mr. Washburn reported that there is still quite a bit of grading to do. Mr. Kiernan reported that capital improvements will start the first week in July, when money becomes available, and will continue for ten-twelve weeks. Brushing, ditching, and tree work will be done before July 1.

9. Proposed New Town Garage and Transfer Station

MSK will do the final site work, perc tests, waste water system design, stormwater management design, three or more permit applications, construction and specifications for the site work, as well as other tasks for \$47,235. (Mr. Whitman arrived at 7:05 p.m.) Normally the

Town would seek three bids, but MSK has been working on the site for nearly four years. To use a different contractor at this time wouldn't serve the interests of the town and would certainly cost more. A motion to accept MSK's bid to do this site work was made by Mr. Krulikowski. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Kiernan said he'd be meeting with MSK to discuss bid protocols, the form the RFP for producing a bid package should take.

10. SVEDZ – Economic Development Zone

Mr. Scoggins reported that he and Mr. Krulikowski met with the regional economic development group (RED) recently. They're exploring whether to form a partnership with Windham County, which has already produced an economic development strategy document. At that meeting, it was voted to create a joint economic development zone with Windham County by merging the Bennington RED with the existing Windham group. Bill Colvin at BCRC will assist in creating the joint group. Both counties will need to come up with \$40K (it can include in-kind) to make this happen. Shaftsbury has already contributed \$3500, Bennington \$15K. If each town in the county were to so give, the match would be quickly met.

11. Roadside Mowing Bid Opening and Award

Mr. Kiernan reported that we received two bids, one the day after the closing deadline (which was returned to the bidder). David Hosley was the one bidder. Mr. Hosley mows for VTrans, and has mowed for Shaftsbury in the past. The bid was for \$20,500. Mr. Whitman moved to accept the bid for \$20,500 from David Hosley. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

12. All Fuels Bid Opening and Award

Mr. Kiernan reported that four companies submitted bids. He opened the bids, from West Oil, on heating oil only; Robert Greene; Suburban Propane; and GA Bove. Mr. Kiernan will compile the bids for review and a vote at the next meeting.

13. Other Business

Mr. Whitman met with Peter Walk, deputy commissioner at ANR, re PFOA testing. ANR considers levels 10-20 ppb a "possible actionable level" and could, possibly, require that the town test those wells. Mr. Walk said the law is very clear that the state is not responsible, which means that the town could be. But Mr. Walk understands that the town could be bankrupted were it required to mitigate PFOA-contaminated wells. Mr. Walk told Mr. Whitman that he'd be willing to visit with the Select Board, and to make a public presentation.

Mr. Whitman said a citizen asked why the Select Board doesn't say the pledge of allegiance before starting the meeting. No one had an answer.

Mr. Harrington asked and Mr. Kiernan confirmed that road fabric had failed in only two instances.

14. Review of Action Items

Old items:

Water Board rule revisions will be discussed going forward, as will water board budget.

Mr. Kiernan said we will have to work with VTrans to remove the parking space at 7A and Buck Hill Rd.

Mr. Harrington and Mr. Whitman met with Morton Buildings.

New item:

Mr. Kiernan will compile the fuels bids and share with the board.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Krulikowski moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.