

Shaftsbury Select Board

May 7, 2018

1. Call to order
The meeting came to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Tim Scoggins (chair), Art Whitman, and Joe Barber. Also present was town administrator David Kiernan.
2. Conflict of interest statement
No conflicts of interest were reported.
3. Approval of minutes
Mr. Whitman moved to approve the April 2 minutes. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.
Mr. Whitman moved to approve the April 11 minutes. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.
Mr. Whitman moved to approve the April 30 minutes. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.
4. Warrants
Check warrant # 39: \$7109.84. Mr. Whitman moved to approve the April 30 minutes. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.
5. Announcements
Mr. Scoggins noted that May 18 is Big Truck Night at the elementary school, 5:30p-7:30p, honoring fire department volunteers. Awards will be given.
A Memorial Day parade will be held Monday May 28 in town, beginning at 9 am.
Saturday June 2 is National Trails Day. A group from the region is sponsoring seven hikes in the area that day. Mr. Scoggins drew special attention to a 10 am hike around Lake Shaftsbury to be led by tree warden Jim White. Other hikes include a 6 mile hike to Bald Mtn. to tours of the Bennington Museum Hadwen Woods.
6. Public comments
There were none.
7. Treasurer report
Melanie Dexter said nothing of interest is going on re revenue. She said she moved \$100,000 in the listers reappraisal account to a CD (from the reserve fund). This year's compared to last year's budget is virtually identical. Any significant budget change is usually due to highway overtime. Spreadsheets for realtors and for tax preparers are now on line. They contain information drawn from the grand list, including assessed value and taxes for homestead vs non-resident. Both are searchable all the time and anytime using "control f." Both are on the town website, which has been recently revised. One can also pay fees and bills on line, again from the website www.shaftsburyvt.org.
8. Scrap generator bids
Mr. Scoggins opened two bids. Walloomsac Metal Recycling: \$600 for 2 diesel generators and \$400 for the tow-behind trailer. Joe Strohmaier: \$500 for surplus equipment. Mr. Whitman moved to accept the bid from Walloomsac Recycling. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0. Mr. Kiernan will reach out to the other bidder to see whether he would be interested in the grass generators.
9. Roads Report
 - a. Roads grant
Erosion inventory, \$8000, in conjunction with the creation of the Stormwater Master Plan. The board had no objection to Mr. Kiernan's signing the grant.
 - b. East Road paving

Furnace Brook to Bennington Line, \$175,000. \$158,400 will be provided by the State. Mr. Kiernan, with the Board's approval, will sign the grant and get the bid out. Mr. Kiernan will work with tree companies to reduce the canopy over the road. Town tree warden Jim White recommended those trees to be addressed.

- c. Shaftsbury Hollow culvert
This slip culvert project will probably be installed in 2019, following a year's worth of paper work.
 - d. Summer hours suggested by the crew are 6:30a-4p, Mon-Thurs, and 7a-11a on Friday. Mr. Kiernan has no problem with this schedule. Longer days will allow the crew to focus on projects. Fridays will be devoted to planning meetings and safety meetings. The board had no objections to this schedule.
 - e. Mr. Kiernan reported that the crew is grading, cleaning up after the weekend storm, and preparing the park for the season.
10. Select Board goals
This item was postponed until more select board members are present.
 11. Insurance bids
Mr. Kiernan solicited bids from VLCT and Richards Group and will place an ad for bids. He will look into additional insurance to protect the computer system from hacking. Mr. Scoggins noted that the town periodically puts its service contracts out to bid, to ensure the best and most affordable coverage.
 12. Park improvements
Mr. Kiernan said the rec committee is planning to install a playground at Howard Park. Siting is complicated. They are also looking at placing a dog park there. There has been recent vandalism at the park, and a dumping problem. The existing camera doesn't capture the parking lot. Mr. Whitman will try to find a solution. Public works also has plans to create a surface for an ice rink at Cleveland Park.
 13. Town garage/town transfer station project
Mr. Kiernan reported that state Fire and Safety will need to issue a permit for the design now being produced by Russell. That could take well into the summer. Demolition is to be completed by August 6. December 24th is the projected completion date. The sand pile will be left at the Cole Hall site for winter 2018-19.
 14. Mr. Scoggins reported that Kathy Cardiff has asked to be appointed to the cemetery committee, which has endorsed her. Mr. Whitman moved to approve the appointment. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.
Mr. Kiernan will check to see if N. Bennington voters voted to make a contribution to the cemetery at 2018 Town Meeting.
 15. Executive session – personnel
This item was postponed to a time when more select board members are present.
 16. Other Business
 - a. Mr. Kiernan said the ballot contained a mistake. Diana Mayer ran for a three year term when her previous term hadn't ended. Judy Knecht did not run. The Secretary of State suggested Mr. Mayer resign from her earlier post, and stay in the new three year term; and that Judy Knecht should be appointed to the last year of Ms. Mayers term. Ms. Mayer resigned from her first term. Mr. Whitman moved to appoint Judy Knecht to a term as lister for a term expiring in March 2019. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.
 17. Review of action items
 - Mr. Whitman: park camera

- Mr. Kiernan: check on N. Bennington vote on cemetery contribution

18. Adjournment

Mr. Whitman moved to adjourn at 7:30. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.