Town of Shaftsbury Select Board September 4, 2018

1) Call to order

The meeting came to order at 6 pm. Present were Select board members Tim Scoggins (chair), Ken Harrington, and Tony Krulikowski. Also present was town administrator David Kiernan.

- Conflict of interest statement No one reported a conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.
- Approval of minutes Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the minutes for the 8/20/18 meeting. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.
- 4) Warrants

Check warrant #6: \$45,573.98. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.

Payroll warrant #4: \$21,282.66. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.

5) Announcements

Mr. Scoggins reminded the public that the sheriff will be assigned to random spots around town, especially those with 25 mph speed limits, to enforce traffic laws.

- 6) Public comments
- 7) Naomi Miller, candidate for planning commission, described herself and her commitment to public service. She is interested in finding ways to move toward the future that can preserve its "townness" while bringing in new voices and opportunities. She answered a question about "regulations." Mr. Kiernan noted that the public has a period in which to comment on Ms. Miller's candidacy. The Select Board will return to the issue at its next meeting.
- 8) Treasurer's report

Melanie Dexter reported that she made her first draw on their line of credit. "Actuals to budget" closely resemble last year's. The auditors will visit tomorrow. She is fielding numerous requests for information about when the tax bills will come out. She explained the delay, caused by the lack of an approved Grand List, due July 23. She noted that during her tenure here the listers have always requested an extension of time to complete the Grand List. That delay comes with some costs to the town, the school, and to citizens.

9) Roads report

Michael Yannotti reported the crew has been developing plans to get back on schedule, mowing, ditching, grading, culverts, seeding and mulching. He working on a Better Roads grant, and a pilot project using recycled asphalt shingles. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve signing a grant to explore recycled shingles. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.

10) Town garage/transfer station project

Footings for the garage have been poured. The building will be delivered on Sept. 16. The transfer station has been demolished. A new contract with TAM will soon be crafted. The transition from old to new garage will be gradual. All old items to be auctioned off will be stored in the old garage. We continue to stay well within budget. Weekly meetings between Russell, MSK, Goldstone, and the Town are scheduled. The transfer station shed will be moved next week (though a new shed should be purchased soon). The swap shed will be greatly downsized (as it is largely a collection of junk). A propane generator will be installed; its size is still to be determined.

- 11) Letter of support for a grant to update the SWIP. Mr. Krulikowski moved to allow the chairman to sign a letter of support for SWIP grant. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.
- 12) Mr. Kiernan reported that the town received a \$10,000 grant to install a playground at Howard Park, and to paint the tennis courts for pickleball. Mr. Scoggins suggested trying to get the water fountain in this year.

The Town Clerk reported that an auditor position is open. Mr. Kiernan encouraged anyone interested to apply by reaching out to him.

A tax sale will be held 10 a.m. on October 4. A single property. It is best to have at least one selectman present. Mr. Scoggins will plan on attending.

13) Review of action items Mr. Kiernan reported he'd talked with the sheriff about traffic control, including the actual speeds observed.

Ms. Miller needn't return to the next meeting unless the board received negative comments she might want to address.

14) Adjournment

Mr. Krulikowski moved to adjourn at 7:31 pm. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.