

Shaftsbury Selectboard Special Meeting

January 24, 2022

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order via the remote platform Zoom at 6:18 p.m. Present were selectmen Art Whitman (chair), Tony Krulikowski, Joe Barber, and Mike Cichanowski. Also present was town administrator David Kiernan

2. Conflict of Interest Statement

No one reported a conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.

3. Announcements

There were none.

4. Public Comments

There were none.

5. Warrants

Payroll warrant #15a, \$186.56. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Payroll warrant #15, \$29,325.19. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Check warrant #24, \$29,902.72. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

6. Vote on remote Town Meeting for 2022

Mr. Whitman explained that a motion tabled at the last meeting called for an in-person Town meeting the night before the balloting day. Mr. Whitman said he would vote to proceed with Town meeting entirely by Australian ballot. He said holding a vote from the floor in the midst of a Covid surge could mean that only a few citizens would attend, and that just a few citizens should not have the power to vote a large budget up or down. Mr. Cichanowski, Mr. Krulikowski, and Mr. Barber all agreed. By roll call vote, the motion was voted down 0-0-4. Mr. Krulikowski moved to hold a remote public informational hearing and use Australian balloting for Town meeting in 2022. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Mr. Kiernan explained that another selectboard meeting would need to be held Thursday, January 27, to approve the warning he is in the process of crafting. He said he has been in discussions with people from CAT-TV about broadcasting the informational meeting. They can't yet commit to a schedule (they are waiting to hear from other towns what their plans are). Mr. Kiernan will have to post the final warning on Friday, January 28. The board agreed to meet at 6 p.m. on January 27 to vote on the final warning.

7. Review of Action Items

There were none.

8. Other business

Mr. Kiernan reported that he has been serving on the Sunderland Planning Commission, which was notified yesterday the their zoning administrator would be leaving effective immediately. Because

the town has no one else to take over, Mr. Kiernan will serve as an interim zoning administrator until a new person can be found.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Krulikowski moved to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.