

Town of Shaftsbury Select Board

Monday, May 1

In person at Cole Hall and remotely via Zoom

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 6:33 p.m. Present were selectpersons Art Whitman (chair), Tony Krulikowski, Martha Coleman, Mike Cichanowski, and Naomi Miller. 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.

Mr. Whitman noted additions to the agenda: a presentation from Jim Henderson of BCRC; a vicious dog hearing; and transfer station charges.

3. Minutes

Ms. Miller moved to approve the April 3 minutes. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the April 17 minutes. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion. Mr. Whitman asked that a reference to a rail bridge near Twitchell Hill Rd. be deleted. The amended motion passed 4-0-1, with Ms. Miller abstaining.

4. Warrants

Check warrant #35, \$42,521.95. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

Payroll warrant #21, \$27,472.08. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

5. Announcements

Ms. Miller announced that the New England Board of Education is giving its 2023 annual award for Vermont to Alice Miller, at Montpelier on May 2.

A public presentation on the proposed solar project will be held on May 2 from 5p to 7p at the elementary school.

Green-up day is Saturday May 6. Bags are available at Cole Hall. Filled bags can be left along the roads or in a container at Cole Hall. DPW staff will retrieve them.

May 1 was the deadline for cemetery clean-up. Two members are needed for the cemetery committee. Information is on the website.

Mr. Henderson said the town's road crew is hosting a road crew foreman meeting at the town garage on May 2, on culverts and wetlands.

6. Public Comments

There were none.

7. Treasurers Report

Ms. Dexter said our bank's website was down today so some items such as interest and activity since Friday are missing.

The cash balance as of April 30 is \$567,491.36. It appears we won't need to secure a line of credit this year, but that could change. The reserve fund contains \$1,543,847.26. Some water payments

have come in. Listers reappraisal funds have been deposited. Restoration fund reflects monies collected to modernize the land use records. Development of the grand list seems to be on schedule.

8. DPW Report

Jim Henderson of BCRC reported he'd received a grant from the Vermont Clean Water Fund to review and update the region's existing stormwater master plans, including meeting with the road foremen and meeting with selectpersons to choose one priority project per town and to thereafter seek funding to implement that project. Mr. Henderson shared excerpts from the original plan for the Town. He said he and Mr. Yannotti have identified two projects (for two different grant programs). The grant-in-aid program would fund work on Trumbull Hill Road, including stone-lined ditches and new culverts. The second project would be off Daniels Road where Mountain View and Glastenview come together and perennially flushes of sediment are sent to Paran Creek. The project would be an ideal candidate for a Better Roads grant. Another possible project would be at the Paulin's parking lot; Mr. Henderson has set aside some funds from the new grant to do design work there.

9. Other Business

Transfer station fees

Mr. Whitman noted that it was brought to the board's attention that the transfer station scale is broken and would be expensive to replace. Additionally, it costs about \$500 annually to maintain. Mr. Kiernan said it might be best to impose fees by bag size instead. He shared Pownal's fee schedule with the board. He said the changeover could be done by mid-June should the board approve the fees.

Grandview/Hawks Ave project

Mr. Kiernan said he would be placing the Dufresne presentation on the website later in the week. The board agreed that a survey letter is appropriate. Survey letters will be mailed out to every resident on those streets. Results will be presented at the next meeting.

Vicious dog hearing

After a complaint from a citizen about a vicious dog, the animal control officer, after investigating, would like to call a vicious dog hearing. If the board votes to hold a hearing, the victim and the owner will be notified of a hearing date. In this case, the hearing is likely to occur during the week of the 15th. Mr. Kiernan asked that each board member read the complaint and the partially complete report from the animal control officer and vote on whether to hold a hearing. Mr. Krulikowski moved to hold a vicious dog hearing. Ms. Miller seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0. Mr. Kiernan said the hearing would be held in public but that the deliberation need not be held publicly.

Lake Paran

Mr. Whitman said he met with the Lake Paran group regarding their invasive species management plan. They have decided not to use herbicides. They are considering buying a harvesting boat (at a cost of \$110,000). They are short now about \$30,000. Mr. Kiernan suggested hiring such a boat. They are not using the Shaftsbury appropriation for the boat. Ms. Miller said sterile grass-eating koi are a possibility. Mr. Whitman will mention it to the group.

10. Review of Action Items

Ms. Cornwell asked about May meetings. Mr. Kiernan said a special meeting would probably be needed on May 25.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Krulikowski moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Cornwell seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.