

**Town of Shaftsbury**

**Special Select Board Meeting**

Monday, January 8, 2024

In person at Cole Hall and remotely via Zoom

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 6:14 p.m. due to audio issues on zoom.

Present were selectpersons Art Whitman (chair), Mike Cichanowski, Naomi Miller and Tony Krulikowski.

Also present was Town Administrator David Kiernan.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement - None

3. Announcements - None

4. Warrants a. North Bennington – Equipment Purchase \$25,000, Motion to Approve Mike Cichanowski, second by Naomi Miller, passed 4-0-0

b. Bennington College – Tax Refund \$1,002.23, Motion to approve by Mike Cichanowski, second by Naomi Miller, passed 4-0-0

5. Shaftsbury Host Town Agreement with VT Real Estate Holdings 1 LLC

Motion to adopt by Mike Cichanowski, seconded by Naomi Miller.

Mr. Krulikowski opened discussion. Karen Mellinger presented a series of questions to the Board including clarifying that commercial traffic only enter Holy Smoke Road from the south along East Road. Other comments focused around section 6b especially the portion of a sentence that ends “and that any concerns it may have had concerning orderly development of the region, traffic, and aesthetics (section 248(b)(1) and (b)(5)) have been addressed”. Comments were also made to a revised site plan that had reduced two of the solar fields but had not eliminated them as suggested in a PC document.

TA Kiernan suggested that the motion be tabled allowing for consultation with the Town Attorney to modify the agreement specifying that commercial traffic can only enter Holy Smoke Road from the south along East Road and that the sentence segment referenced above be deleted.

Naomi Miller made the motion to table the original motion and send the agreement to the Town Attorney for modification. Seconded by Mike Cichanowski, motion passed 4-0-0.

6. Action items: TA will contact Town Attorney for modifications.

7. Adjournment Motion by Naomi Miller, seconded by Mike Cichanowski, motion passed 4-0-0