

FOR APPROVAL MARCH 17
Harrington, Race, Scoggins to vote in affirmative to adopt

**Town of Shaftsbury
Selectboard Selectboard Special Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014**

Members Present: Karen Mellinger, Mitchell Race, Carl Korman, Tim Scoggins, Ken Harrington,
Staff Present: Margy Becker, Town Administrator; Joe Herrmann, Water Superintendent, Jim McGinnis Assistant Superintendent

1. Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:32P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Selectboard minutes for February 3rd, 2014. Moved by Ken Harrington/Tim Scoggins 2nd. Motion carried 3-0-2. Korman and Race abstained as they were absent from that meeting.

3. Conflict of Interest

None recorded.

4. Announcements

Karen Mellinger announced that the Shaftsbury town report was to be mailed out during the week.

There was an announcement to use caution along the town roads as the town is currently experiencing a salt shortage. The road crew was commended for a good effort.

Margy Becker provided insight to a Selectboard training session on April 12th for current and future Selectboard members.

Margy Becker announced that TAM is currently proposing a conversion of a former saw mill in Pownal, VT into a potential recycling facility. There will be a public hearing in Pownal on Thursday night February 20th at 6pm.

Margy Becker announced that there were scheduled tax appeal hearings for March 5th and 13th.

5. Warrant approval

Motion to approve retirement warrant PR17 in the amount of \$69.62. Moved by Carl Korman/Mitchell Race 2nd. Motion carried unanimous 5-0-0.

Motion to approve payroll warrant #17 in the amount of \$19,508.76. Moved by Mitchell Race/Carl Korman 2nd. Motion carried unanimous 5-0-0.

Motion to approve check warrant #23 in the amount of \$754.58 for the mailing of the town report. Moved by Carl Korman/Mitchell Race 2nd. Motion carried unanimous 5-0-0.

Motion to approve check warrant #24 in the amount of \$36,168.79. Moved by Carl Korman/Mitchell Race 2nd. Motion carried unanimous 5-0-0.

Items over \$1,000: Amercian Rock Salt, Express Copy, John Ray & Son, Mountain Air Assessor, TAM, William Dailey

6. Public Comments

There was an inquiry regarding the town's solid waste implementation plan and its ties to the potential Pownal recycling project. Margy Becker explained that the Pownal location would provide a local disposal option to local contractors for demo debris.

Jared Della Rocca inquired as to the fate of zoning bylaw amendments should they be voted down at Town Meeting. Karen Mellinger explained the Planning Commission would re-introduce the bylaws and hearings would again be held before both boards. Chris Williams noted that homeowners will not be able to get national flood insurance, if the flood hazard area regulations were voted down. The Selectboard agreed on the need for a brief public information piece on the proposed zoning articles.

7. FY14 Budget YTD and Cash Flow projections

Bill Fisk joined the Selectboard discussion to provide a budget status report and the first cash flow projections for June 30th. Cash flow projections will occur monthly through June 30th.

8. Town officer vacancies

Interviews for DRB and Planning Commission appointments or re-appointments were postponed until the next Selectboard meeting on February 24th, 2014.

Jim White joined the Selectboard to discuss being re-appointed for the position of Tree Warden. He has served as the Tree Warden since 2009. He is a former County Forester.

Jim White advocated for the highway crew to be trained further to handle and maintain tree hazards affecting the roads.

Jim White described to the Selectboard pest control practices used to protect the trees within the town. There are three pests of real concern including the Asian Longhorn Beetle (which attacks Maples) and the Emerald Ash Borer – which is soon to arrive in Vermont. He then asked the Selectboard to be re-appointed as Tree Warden.

Motion to re-appoint Jim White as Tree Warden for a term of one year. Moved by Mitchell Race/Ken Harrington 2nd. Motion carried unanimous 5-0-0.

9. VTrans Road and Bridge Standards

Discussions tabled to February 24th, 2014.

10. Town Meeting Preparations

The Selectboard discussed preparations for the upcoming town meeting.

The Selectboard suggested that candidates for open positions introduce themselves at the town meeting as they felt the Selectboard meeting may not be the proper forum for introduction to town residents.

11. Health Insurance Plan Selection

Ken Harrington made the motion to clarify the choices of Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Plans to be made available to employees will include the “Gold Blue For You Plan” and the “Standard Gold Plan”, not the Platinum Plan.

12. Town Administrators report

Margy Becker reported she had received a response to the Selectboard's request for more financial information from the Grandview Cemetery Association. Carl Korman noted that Shaftsbury is asked to contribute \$1,000 versus North Bennington's \$1,000. He asked why the appropriation requests are as they are. Margy Becker suggested perhaps the Cemetery Committee could follow-up on this matter.

13. Adjournment

Carl Korman made the motion to adjourn at 8:45PM. Mitch Race seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,
Shawn Sterling