

Shaftsbury Select Board  
June 18, 2018

- 1) Call to order  
The meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were select board members Tim Scoggins (chair), Ken Harrington, and Joe Barber. Also present was town administrator David Kiernan.
- 2) No one reported a conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.
- 3) Minutes were postponed.
- 4) Payroll warrant #25: \$17,592.83. Mr. Harrington moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.  
Check warrant #43: \$84,190.58. Mr. Harrington moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.
- 5) Announcements: Mr. Scoggins announced the weekly community walk, every Wednesday, 5p-8p, held in the village.
- 6) Public comments: there were none.
- 7) Treasurer's report.
  - Sullivan and Powers will be coming in this week, in part to check out the books before the close of the year.
  - The Town can't set a tax rate until the Grand List has been finalized, and until the state budget issue is resolved.
  - We're chipping away at the garage bond.
  - Water bill payments are coming in.
- 8) Festival permit application from Pullman Farm, "farm to ballet" with music and alcohol, part of a statewide initiative. July 21, 4p-8p. Mr. Harrington made a motion to allow the Town Clerk to sign the festival permit. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.
- 9) Parks  
Request for pickleball court: Mr. Scoggins played a video of a pickleball court, a game resembling racket ball, played on a court one-third the size of a tennis court, with a ball like a whiffle ball. The presenting citizen said the game was easy to pick up, user friendly, and less space-intensive than tennis. Their group presently plays at the Rec Center in Bennington, where they chalk the lines. They have hopes of getting permission for a permanent court in Bennington as well. There are about 43 members in their league. Interest in the game is growing. They now play Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. Pickleball nets are temporary. Perhaps pickleball courts could be painted on the tennis courts, in yellow rather than white (as is being done around the state). Mr. Kiernan is waiting to hear from the tennis court contractor re the best color to use to re-line the courts. He said the painting and repair would be covered by existing funds. The members of the Select Board said they were in support of adding pickleball to the Park's facilities.
- 10) Roads report
  - Mr. Kiernan said \$175,000 for the culvert on Shaftsbury Hollow Road has been received. Will probably take place in FY 2021. The total cost is \$240,000. Remaining funds will be set aside beginning immediately. Mr. Harrington moved to give Mr. Kiernan the authority to sign the structures grant. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.
  - Mr. Kiernan said the \$18,700 Grants in Aid project on Tinkham Rd. has been completed. That project also completed the mulcher purchase grant. Tinkham Rd. will be closed June 25 and 26 when fabric will be laid down on the road. (The Tinkham project was designed by Tim and Ron on the road crew.)

- On June 27 and June 28, Trumbull Hill will be closed from Holy Smoke to Oak Hill, when a drainage project will be completed. (This work on Tinkham is not grant funded.)
- Projects on Myers Road and West Mtn. Rd., originally planned for FY 2018, have been moved to FY 2019, when grant funds will finance them.
- East Road will be closed on at least ten occasions in July when culverts will be installed. The paving on south East Road will be done in August.
- Other projects planned for this field season are on West Mtn. and Murphy Hill by Sally Gannon (where a spring under the road will be captured and carried to a ditch). Those roads will be closed for those projects. A state-funded project on upper Shaftsbury Hollow Road will take place in September.
- The stormwater master planning project will begin shortly. The plan will provide the Town with a priority list of projects for which funding can be sought in future. Such projects could include West Mtn. at the orchard, the top of Cider Mil, Sally Gannon, and subsidence on White Creek Rd. (This latter project might best be completed this year. There are no grant funds for it.)

11) Town Insurance proposal vote

Mr. Scoggins said the Town usually re-bids its insurance every few years. For many years the Select Board has been very pleased with Wills Insurance. This year, VLCT PACIF and Richards Group (which purchased Wills) bid. The price was essentially the same (about \$50,000 annually), but, Mr. Kiernan said, PACIF offers extras, including a scholarship program for courses; a grant program to help purchase back up cameras, traffic cones, and more; risk management services including free training courses; free and convenient drug testing services; and more. Mr. Barber pointed out that Wills would make the fire department whole after a disaster, while PACIF would replace only in kind. Mr. Barber said Wills served his family very well after a disaster. At their home. Mr. Kiernan said Wills served the Town excellently after a truck fire at a vendor's facility. Mr. Scoggins said Wills and Dave Newell has done a fine job for the town, but PACIF offers more. Mr. Harrington moved to purchase the Town's insurance from PACIF. Mr. Barber seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.

12) Glastenbury agreement

Mr. Kiernan asked that the issue be tabled until the Glastenbury supervisor can weigh in on the agreement. (No changes to the agreement are proposed.)

13) TAM/TS contract renewal

Mr. Kiernan asked to postpone this issue as the new transfer station is being built. He will ask the Town attorney to draft a three-month extension of the existing agreement until the Town and TAM can see how things are working out with the new station. Mr. Kiernan noted that recycling has no market now, and fees are going up.

14) Town garage/transfer station

MSK CA proposal. The original proposal didn't include construction administration. The bids received had issues, and Mr. Kiernan would like to table this discussion. An update: materials testing will cost up to \$14,000. The hope is that the transfer station will be done by the end of June. Site work for the garage should start shortly thereafter. The sand/salt pile will remain at its current site this winter.

15) Review of action items

- Getting a repair schedule for the tennis courts
- Visit Studio Hill Farm and get information about the festival on the Town's website
- Mr. Scoggins will be meeting with Julie Dixon, who is working on a cultural plan for the county and draft language re culture for each Town Plan.

- Mr. Harrington asked about plowing on Glastenbury Rd. Mr. Kiernan said he thought he might need to hire a surveyor to map the Town's land there, because right now it is very hard to turn around up there. Mr. Harrington said there was always only a narrow corridor there. There might be better ways to address it. It was agreed that members of the Select Board would talk with the neighbors.

16) Adjournment

Mr. Barber moved to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.