

Shapleigh Select Board

Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2024

I. Open Meeting

Chairman Scott E. Cudworth called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, Selectman Shawn J. Cavanaugh and Tom J. Small were present as well. Also present, Town Administrator, Michelle Rumney, and Office Assistant Brooke Stuart.

II. Attendance:

Steve Guillemette, Gene Streck, Kody Lagasse, Darren Rogers, Bill Mageary, Wayne and Gloria Pillsbury, Bruce Lamb, Jeff Williams, Kevin Brown, Tyler Huff, Roseanne Chessie, Anna Desmond.

III. Approval of minutes from 04/16/2024

- *Shawn J. Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Tom J. Small. Motion carried 3/0.*

IV. Public Comment

Bill Mageary - would like to touch on a very important/and heartbreaking topic. A Shapleigh resident and a mother to a 16-year-old daughter in the RSU57 district, did an interview with Channel 6 News last week. On that interview the mother talked about her daughter Kyah who was a sophomore at Massabesic High School. Kyah took her own life on April 9th, 2024, Kyah was an aspiring cheerleader. Kyah had been subjected to constant verbal harassment day in and day out, according to her mom. A student at the high school repeatedly told Kyah to “kill herself,” and unfortunately, she succumbed to all this bullying and negative comments. **Selectman Scott E. Cudworth** would like the board to draft a letter to send to the administration at RSU57. **Selectman Tom J. Small** would like the Board to sit down with the School Board Members and have a discussion on what the Board can do to help.

V. Unfinished Business

i. Updates from the Administrator

- a.** Fence installer ready to go, the Handyman has flagged around the solar array and dig safe has been contacted.

- b. Revaluation to start in 2027 and be completed for 2028 commitment, cost estimated to be \$300,000. We are currently below the 70% ratio of our property value which triggers a revaluation. The last revaluation was done in 2018. We will need to start putting money in the reserve with the next budget to prepare, recommend 75k minimum.

ii. Insulation Bids

Shawn J. Cavanaugh met with the three contractors on the installation bid, Simplified Green Homes came in at the lowest bid of \$6,800. Fire Chief Guillemette is worried that the rescue will lose some valuable storage space they need to have for their team. The Town Administrator will call the bidders to see if they will insulate just the living quarters.

- *Tom J. Small made a motion to Insulate ONLY the living quarters, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried 2/1 with one opposition.*

iii. Community Building Bids

- The Board would like to schedule a workshop with the lowest bidder, Hardypond Construction. Once information from that workshop is obtained there will be a town meeting held.

VI. New Business

i. Department Head Briefings

- Road Commissioner North – Darren Rogers: Darren has had Nicholas Richardson in the town most of the week logging the roads clearing up the ditches. Darren believes Richardson will need 7.5 days to complete the work instead of the original quoted time of 5 days. Once the logging is completed Darren will continue to clean-up side roads.
- Emergency Management Agency Director – Darren Rogers: Darren and the Town Administrator met with FEMA on April 24th to discuss cost analyst for the most recent storm. Estimates from all departments due by Friday (April 26).
- Fire Chief – Steve Guillemette: There were two brush fires today (April 23) one in Newfield and one in Acton. Be extra careful while burning and be sure to put the fire out by 11:00pm.
- Rescue Chief – Gene Streck: Gene would like to welcome the newest member of their team; Tyler Huff started his first shift today (April 23). Motorcycles are out early this year, so please be extra cautious while out on the roads. There have been four fatal motorcycle crashes this season. Gene will be using \$12,000 out of his \$15,000 grant, for shift stipends for his crew. The other \$3,000 will go towards

the purchase of new helmets for the crew. Gene will need The Board to approve the purchase, due to the remaining money on the grant will not cover the total.

- *Shawn J. Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the purchase of new helmets for the rescue squad, seconded by Tom J. Small. Motion carried 3/0.*

ii. **Forester Jeff Williams- Town Forest Harvest Update and Harvest Plan**

Jeff Williams is Shapleigh's town forester; he began working for the town in 2014. Since 2014 Jeff has over seen three different harvests in the town's forest. Jeff is working on getting a grant from Project Canopy which is Maine's forest program. The next project is to prepare a commercial harvest on the southern part of Ceder Drive, it has been over 20 years since that section of forest has been harvested.

iii. **Abatement- Lessard Map 011-023-A**

- *Shawn J. Cavanaugh made a motion to abate for \$446.98 in tax map 011-023-A, seconded by Tom J. Small. Motion Carried 3/0.*

iv. **Ballot Clerk Appointments**

- *Shawn J. Cavanaugh made a motion to appoint Donna Morton and Margaret Moody as Unenrolled Ballot Clerks, seconded by, Tom J. Small. Motion carried 3/0.*
- *Tom J. Small made a motion to appoint Joan Dyer, Eileen Mageary, Martha Chessie, Patricia Kaye-Schiess, Richard Kaye-Schiess, Katherine Fagan, Liam Connelly, Else-Marie Cook, and Dianna Garry, as Democrat Ballot Clerk, seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. Motion carried 3/0.*
- *Scott E. Cudworth made a motion to appoint, Anna Desmond, Bethanne Harmon, Brenda Goodwin, Doris Brown, Roseanne Chessie, Donna L. Johnson, Richard Nason, and Nancy Ganem-Bond, as Republican Ballot Clerks, seconded by Tom J. Small. Motion carried 3/0.*

v. **Re-appointments: EMA/Deputy EMA & Community Day Committee, Fair Hearing Authority, Planning Board**

- *Scott E. Cudworth made a motion to re-appoint Karla Bergeron-Wilcox as a member of the Zoning Board, seconded by Tom J. Small. Motion carried 3/0.*
- *Scott E. Cudworth made a motion to re-appoint Harold Cebulla as a Fair Hearing Committee Member, seconded by Tom J. Small. Motion carried 3/0.*
- *Scott E. Cudworth made a motion to re-appoint Suzanne Gagnon, Nancy Hodgdon, and Penny Mills as members of the Community Day Committee, seconded by Tom J. Small. Motion carried 3/0.*
- *Scott E. Cudworth made a motion to re-appoint Monica Lemaire as a member of the Community Day Committee, seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. Motion carried 2/0, with one abstention.*

- *Scott E. Cudworth made a motion to re-appoint Maggie Moody as a member of the Planning Board, second by, Tom J. Small. Motion carried 3/0.*

vi. **Scholarship Awards- Holdsworth, Ferguson & Thyng Scholarships**

- The Board would like to table the scholarships till next meeting.

vii. **Commons Use Request for 4/27 and 5/4**

- *Tom J. Small made a motion to allow use of the Commons to sell Girl Scout Cookies on 04/27 and 05/04, seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. Motion Carried 3/0.*

VII. Information

- a. Planning Board Community Building Public Hearing 4/23/24 at 6:30pm
- b. Planning Board Meeting Agenda 4/23/24 at 7:00pm
- c. RSU57 Budget Vote @ MMS Waterboro 7:00pm 5/7/2024
- d. No Select Board Meeting 5/7 due to RSU57 vote
- e. Sentiment from the Senate to 2023 Spirit of America Award Winners
- f. YCSO- Quarterly Newsletter

VIII. Executive Session

****was not needed****

IX. Signatures

- a. Warrants
- b. Appointments
- c. Abatement

X. Any other business the Board may wish to present.

XI. Adjourn

- *Tom J. Small made a motion to adjourn at 7:26pm, seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. Motion carried 3/0.*