

**Shapleigh Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting – Time 6:00 pm
March 2, 2021**

Call to Order

Chairman Jennifer J. Roux called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Scott E. Cudworth and William J. Mageary in attendance. Karla B. Wilcox, Town Administrator and Joanne Holland, Office Assistant were also in attendance.

In Attendance:

Mike Cote, Roland Legere, Madge Baker, and Anna Desmond

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

A motion was made by Scott E. Cudworth to approve the minutes of February 16, 2021 with a minor change; seconded by William J. Mageary. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Madge Baker & Anna Desmond Conservation Easements Town Forest & Goose Pond Overlook
The Shapleigh Conservation Trail through a section of the Town Forest saw an increase in activity due in part to the many warm days, dry weather, and the coronavirus bringing people outdoors. The Trail was reblazed, vegetation was removed from the paths, and additional signs were put up by members of Shapleigh's Conservation Commission and a number of volunteers. Maps are available at each end of the trail at the Town Beach and Route 11. Recommendations and Follow up: Continued clean up and maintenance at the Town Beach and on the Conservation Trail should continue as needed throughout the year.
- Steve Foglio - White Tail Lane/Subdivision
White Tail Lane/Subdivision will be discussed at a later date.

Unfinished Business:

1. Transfer Station Culvert - John Burnell

It was brought to the Board of Selectmen's attention that there is water issue and the water is pooling between ankle and knee high. William J. Mageary stated that there had been 2 holes that were dug to help drain the water and until the ground thaws. It was recommended to put up caution cones around the holes. A town resident had brought to the attention of Chairman Roux that a Transfer Station employee was bad mouthing the Board of Selectmen. This has been an ongoing situation with this same employee for 3 years. Another resident addressed the BOS mentioning that he had been to the Transfer Station and the 2nd lane was not being used and more than half of the residents in line did not have stickers and this same employee was not checking for stickers or redirecting vehicles to utilize the second lane. The Board of Selectmen will further discuss at next week's meeting.

New Business:

A. Sports Field Use Form

Massabesic Little League submitted a Sports Field Use Form; After discuss it was stated that if Recreation Committee needs the field they would have priority. William J. Mageary made a motion to sign the

Sports Field Use Form; Scott E. Cudworth seconded. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Release Deed

The Board of Selectmen discussed a deed that had not been cleared properly in 2000 and after discussion regarding William and Juanita Dustin Map# 004, Lot# 003 it was recommended to issue a Quit Claim Deed. William J. Mageary made a motion to release the deed; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. TANS Letters

Scott E. Cudworth made a motion to sign the Tax Anticipation Note Letters; seconded by William J. Mageary. No further discuss. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Second Amendment Resolution Discussion

Scott E. Cudworth previously had asked for some research regarding a resolution supporting the Constitution, Maine Constitution and the second amendment. The Town's of Paris and Fort Fairfield have adopted such resolution. The Town Administrator stated the resolution presented tonight is for discussion between the Board members.

William J. Mageary reached out to Sheriff King for more information in order to better understand the second amendment law. Sheriff King had also done research on this matter as well.

Selectman Mageary then read a statement making it clear that he was a staunch supporter of the 2nd amendment of the US Constitution as well as the Constitution of the State of Maine. Also, that he has been a responsible gun owner for over 50 years; many of them serving as a law enforcement officer. He stated that this Resolution is unnecessary as it is crystal clear that our right to keep and bear arms "shall never be questioned" as protected by the 2nd amendment. And that this proposed Resolution serves to divide our community rather than uniting it. In closing, he stated that we (the BOS) are a non-partisan body and should not let politics enter into the issue. He ended by saying that he could not support the Resolution.

Chairman Roux went through the document. William J. Mageary was asked to read the Resolution aloud. A discussion ensued regarding whether or not Sheriff King supported the Resolution.

Chairman Roux stated that she feels the Resolution reiterates the current laws already in place. Scott E. Cudworth agreed with her statement. William J. Mageary feels this resolution is not necessary and does not support signing this document. In closing it was decided that members of the Board will seek out public input before making a decision regarding this matter.

Roland Legere asked why this was being discussed as he doesn't think this Resolution is necessary. Response was a Shapleigh resident had spoken to Scott E. Cudworth regarding creating a resolution concerning the second amendment. Chairman Roux asked Mike Cote what his thoughts were on the Resolution. Mike Cote stated he understood both sides of the issue "right to bear arms" and he would support the resolution.

E. Request for Paid Time Off

Scott E. Cudworth made a motion to sign a request for Vacation time for the Town Administrator; Seconded by William J. Mageary. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

F. Application for Pole Installation

Received an application for Simon River Road to install new poles. Road Commissioner Jeff Goodwin has no concerns with this request. William J. Mageary made a motion to sign the pole permit; Scott E. Cudworth seconded. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

G. Animal Control

Scott E. Cudworth had brought up to the BOS the multiple complaints regarding the same dog and wanted to know if the Animal Control Officer could possibly impose a fine or something to rectify this problem. The Town Administrator will contact the Animal Control Officer to discuss options.

Information:

- i. Cummings Lamont & McNamee Representation Letter
- ii. Planning Board Minutes
- iii. Planning Board Letter
- iv. Conservation Commission Minutes for December 14, 2020

Signatures:

- i. Warrants
- ii. TANS Letters
- iii. Deed Dustin's

Any other business to bring before the meeting

Selectman Mageary asked the question as to why the issue of White Tail lane was coming before the Board? Town Administrator provided an explanation.

Adjourn :

A motion was made by Scott E. Cudworth to adjourn at 6:58 pm; seconded by William J. Mageary. Motion passed unanimously.

These minutes are not verbatim. Joanne Holland, Office Assistant.