

**Shapleigh Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting – Time 6:00 pm  
May 25, 2021**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Scott E. Cudworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm William J. Mageary and Michael J. Cote in attendance. Also in attendance was Joanne Holland, Office Assistant. Karla B. Wilcox the Town Administrator was absent.

**In Attendance:**

Michael Reid, Natasha Reid, Nancy Small, Duffy Gold, Skip Bartosch, Michael Sabine, aAron Sabine, Joshua Knox, Bill Mann, Bob Kirton, Brian Rand, Kathy Fagan, and Tom Small.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

Selectman Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the minutes for May 18, 2021 as presented; seconded by William J. Mageary. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Agenda Change**

William J. Mageary made a motion to change the agenda to have unfinished business before public comments; seconded by Michael J. Cote.

**Unfinished Business:**

**1. Emery Mills Bridge**

Duffy Gold asked if the Town has heard back from the City of Sanford, we have not. The Town Administrator will follow-up with the City of Sanford. Duffy Gold stated that she and the Town Administrator had reach out to the engineering company and have not heard back from them and will follow-up with them. Duffy asked the Board to approve the Town Administrator to find out the cost to disassemble and relocate the wall to the outside of the easement. Also would like to have the Town Administrator to reach out to the Forestry to see what the cost would be to move the trees and replace them so that we would have all the information before approaching the land owner. Duffy Gold voiced how important that it is to start acting aggressively now and not later. She also feels that the Board is not supportive of the project, that there are some other accounts that money could come out of to hire a consultant to advise through the project. Duffy Gold stated that if we start now there is enough money in the Capitol Improvement account to cover the extras that should cost around \$100,000.00, the total project cost now is estimated to cost up to \$2 Million dollars. There are four possibilities for financing the project and they are:

- I. The RAISE Grant
- II. Maine Municipal Association Bond
- III. Tax payer assessment over a period of time
- IV. Increase in the MIL rate

The Project will go to the Town to vote on around the 1st week in August.

Duffy Gold and the Town Administrator will do a visual aid on all four options and what the impact would

be. The Board stated that we need to contact the engineering firm and put pressure on them. Duffy stated that the engineering firm has pulled back as she thought they would and feels for the next phase it should go back out to bid.

**Public Comment:**

Michael Sabine addressed the Board regarding the Fire Department/Rescue Department application with miswording. The Town Administrator will look into the application wording. Michael Sabine also addressed the hiring process and other issues that he has with the Fire Department. After a lengthy discussion over prior and current issues with the Fire Department the Board asked if they could get the complaints in writing and the Board would look into it.

Michael and Natasha Reid have requested an executive session regarding their Fire Department denials. Chairman Cudworth stated the Board would do an inquiry following policy and they would be notified.

Skip Bartosch feels that the radar sign should not be placed on a state road as it has been, also he stated that the sign should be placed by a speed limit sign and it was not.

Skip Bartosch is concerned that the speed bumps have not yet been put down at the transfer station and that it is a safety issue. The Board stated that the Road Commissioner had been notified last week and they had reached out to him again on Monday, May 24, 2021.

**New Business:**

**I. Performance Evaluations - Land Use Secretary**

Town Administrator will complete the Land Use Secretary's Performance Evaluation.

**II. Transfer Station "Free Table"**

After discussion Michael J. Cote made a motion to re-open the "Free Table" on June 1, 2021; seconded by William J. Mageary. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Information:**

- i. Planning Board Agenda

**Signatures:**

- i. Warrants

Any other business that the Chairman may wish to bring before the meeting - None

**Adjourn :**

A motion was made by Michael J. Cote to adjourn at 7:32 pm; seconded by William J. Mageary. Motion passed unanimously.

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