

Shapleigh Select Board
Minutes of Meeting – Time 6:00 p.m.
January 11, 2022

Call to Order

Selectman William J. Mageary called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Michael J. Cote in attendance. Also in attendance was Matthew R. Williams, Town Administrator. The Chairman was not in attendance.

In Attendance:

Roland Legere, Russ Creteau, Michael Reid, Robert Russell, Michael Sabine, Chuck Starbird, Knathan Sabine, Denise D'Angelis, Joshua Lewis, Assistant Rescue Chief Jeff Leduc, and Fire Chief Steve Guillemette.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for January 4, 2022; seconded by William J. Mageary. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Michael Sabine: Michael Sabine spoke to the Board of Selectmen regarding Rescue Department concerns. Several issues were discussed regarding responding to calls.

Joshua Lewis from the Budget Committee spoke to the Board of Selectmen regarding large amounts requested for the Fire and Rescue Departments and responding to calls. Mr. Lewis also stated that the Board should remove the Fire Chief and Rescue Chief their positions. After Mr. Lewis had spoke for two minutes Selectman Mageary had informed Mr. Lewis that his time was up. Mr. Lewis that caused a disturbance and was asked to leave by Selectman Mageary. The Town of Shapleigh's policy states **PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION** at posted Board of Selectmen meetings there will be public comment allowed at the beginning of Selectmen's meetings. First consideration for speaking will be given to Shapleigh residents and/or non-resident property owners. Individuals may be limited to two minutes of time for each individual. If a group of individuals in Shapleigh wishes to comment on any agenda item to be discussed by the Selectmen at the meeting, the group's designated spokesperson may be limited to five minutes. Under the Right to Know Law, the general public is given full access to public proceedings but full public access does not mean an unconditional right of public participation. The Board of Selectmen has broad discretion in allowing the public to speak. Inappropriate, offensive or interruptive behavior from members of the public will not be tolerated by the Board of Selectmen. Whenever an individual is interfering with the orderly conduct of a public meeting, the Chairman of the Board may first ask that individual to be quiet and sit down. If that person continues to disrupt the meeting, he or she may be asked to leave. If the person refuses to leave and continues to disrupt the meeting, the Chairman of the Board may ask law enforcement to escort the individual from the meeting. If the person is combative or refuses to leave, the Chairman of the Board may recess the meeting until the person is removed.

Michael Reid spoke to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Fire and Rescue Departments. Mr. Reid asked the Board to put the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Rescue Chief, and Assistant Rescue Chief on administration leave pending an investigation for incompetence.

Unfinished Business:

- i. **Emery Mills Bridge Reconstruction**

The Board had stated that the additional meeting that they had was helpful.

ii. Budget Approvals

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve Article 9, 35, and 50 as presented: seconded by William J. Mageary. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

iii. Casella Contract Request

Casella Contract Request was tabled until further notice so that the Board can review the contract.

New Business:

i. Robert Russell - Maine Ambulance Association

Robert Russell Chairman of the Maine Ambulance Association spoke with the Board regarding outsourcing the Rescue Department. Mr. Russell had stated that there is a shortage on Rescue Departments nationwide and he felt that it would not be in the towns best interest to outsource because it would be around 1 million dollars a year. He strongly recommended a regional approach and to pool resources.

ii. Schedule Public Hearing for Warrant Articles

The Board of Selectmen asked the Town Administrator to schedule a Public Hearing for the Warrant Articles for February 1, 2022 at 5 p.m. with a tentative second meeting on March 1, 2020 at 5 p.m. Michael J. Cote made a motion to schedule the two dates; seconded by William J. Mageary. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Recreation Committee asked if they could get their own storage unit. William J. Mageary stated that he would look into it and let the Board of Selectmen know.

Information:

i. Planning Board Agenda & Letters

ii. Medical Director Contract w/MMA Liability Insurance Confirmation

Signatures:

i. Warrants

ii. Application for Condition Use Permit - Gravel Pit

Michael J. Cote made a motion to table the application for conditional use permit of the gravel pit until a full Board was present; seconded by William J. Mageary. All in favor. Motion carried.

Any other business that the Chairmen may wish to bring before the meeting:

None

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Michael J. Cote to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.; seconded by William J. Mageary. Motion passed unanimously.

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