

Shapleigh Select Board
Minutes of Meeting – Time 6:00 p.m.
January 4, 2022

Call to Order

Chairman Scott E. Cudworth called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. with William J. Mageary and Michael J. Cote in attendance. Also in attendance was Matthew R. Williams, Town Administrator.

In Attendance:

Roland Legere, Jeff Goodwin, Steve Guillemette, Michelle Rumney, Michael Reid, and Darren Rogers.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The Board of Selectmen(the Board) approved the Minutes from the December 28, 2021 meeting.

Public Comment:

Roland Legere commented he has observed an increased York County Sheriff's Office presence on Goose Pond Rd. This observation was acknowledged by the Board who agreed there seemed to be a noticeable increased presence of York County Sheriff's Office patrols in Shapleigh.

Fire Chief asked Town Administrator if there was progress on establishing an agreement with local plowing contractors to respond upon request when Fire/Rescue can not access a respondent due to road conditions. Town Administrator advised he had not heard back from several contractors yet but will continue this process.

Unfinished Business:

i. Emery Mills Bridge Reconstruction

The Board decided the highest two bids were outside the budget parameters for the town. The lowest bid, from M.A. Bean, LLC was selected for further review. The bid has not been awarded at this time, pending further inquiry and information. William J. Mageary commented on differences between the current bid from M.A. Bean and their original proposal which require further clarification. Michael J. Cote discussed concerns surrounding the State of Maine approving the bridge upon completion. A list of questions for M.A. Bean LLC was developed for further clarification. William J. Mageary requested it be recorded that the Board and Road Commissioner South attended a meeting with Central Maine Power (CMP) at the Emery Mills Bridge to discuss the relocation of CMP poles at the bridge.

ii. Fire Chief – Proposal of new rescue personnel

Fire Chief advised he supported the hiring of three or four additional full-time Rescue employees and was inquiring about guidelines concerning sleeping quarters in accordance with federal guidelines, which require a place to rest for extended shifts. Fire Chief and the Board discussed financial aspects of how the hiring would work. Chairman Scott E. Cudworth advised that money currently exists to fund per diem employees. William J. Mageary advised because shifts are going unfilled, this money remains available to fill these shifts.

iii. Garland Road

Chairman Scott E. Cudworth brought a complaint from a homeowner to the Board. The complaint by the homeowner was that Garland Rd. was washed out and needed grading. Road Commissioner North had received the complaint and acknowledged it was in need of repair. The homeowner advised Chairman Scott E. Cudworth that nothing had been repaired yet.

iv. Budget Approvals

The Board reviewed warrant articles for the referendum vote in March 2022. Articles 9-64 were reviewed and approved and/or discussed for further review. Fire Chief was in attendance and discussed Article 21, a proposal for a 6-wheeled UTV for Fire/Rescue calls that would otherwise be inaccessible. Fire Chief advised the UTV would include equipment facilitating forestry-related responses as well as access to the 20-acre solar array. EMA Director recommended the town start saving for a new Public Safety building following discussion of Articles 27-28.

v. Town Report Printing

William J. Mageary inquired of the Town Administrator the status of the printing of the Town Report. Town Administrator advised that Minuteman Press had agreed to print the Town Report, and this would be confirmed tomorrow.

vi. Employee Recognition

At the suggestion of William J. Mageary, Chairman Scott E. Cudworth presented EMA Director and Fire Chief with the "York County 2021 Spirit of America Award" for essential workers during the Covid19 pandemic.

New Business:

i. Postings on Social Media

Chairman Scott E. Cudworth advised Town Administrator to engage the public on the "What's Shakin' in Shapleigh" Facebook page. This engagement will include public postings for municipal government events and meetings.

Information:

i. Planning Board Agenda & Letters

Signatures:

i. Warrants

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

Adjourn:

A motion was made by William J. Mageary to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.; seconded by Michael J. Cote. Motion passed unanimously.

These minutes are not verbatim. Matthew R. Williams, Town Administrator.