

**Shapleigh Select Board**  
**Minutes of Meeting – Time 6:00 p.m.**  
**March 8, 2022**

**Call to Order**

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

**In Attendance:**

Michael Reid, Natasha Reid, John Stanley, Beatrice Stanley, Gene Streck, Susan Marcoux, Donna Johnson, Susan Penney, Karen Cudworth, Clarissa Guay, and Mike Sabine.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the BOS minutes for March 1, 2022; seconded by William J. Mageary. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Michael Reid stated that the Board should look into the Fire call on March 3, 2022, Mr. Reid stated that the call was not handled in a proper manner. Michael Reid wished Scott E. Cudworth good luck in the election and stated that if the Chairman was not re-elected he thanked him for all that he had done while being a selectman, Chairman Cudworth wished Mr. Reid good luck as well.

John Stanley asked the Board why the Fire Chief does not go to the Selectmen's meeting every week. The Board stated that he usually does but don't know if it is conflicting with other things or not. Mr. Stanley feels the Board should make him attend every week. Chairman Cudworth stated that he might want to attend the Fire department's training every Wednesday night and ask himself why he is not attending.

After discussion about the YCSO and their contract ending this year Michael Sabine stated that the YCSO is trying to get out of doing contracts and the State Police wants to see the YCSO patrol the rural towns so that they don't. Both agencies are having trouble with manpower.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

**i. Rescue Chief Briefing**

The Interim Rescue Chief, Gene Streck asked the Board if he could request employees to work overtime to cover more shifts. William J. Mageary made a motion to allow Gene Streck to offer 48 hours as a cap instead of 40 hours; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Streck also stated that the Town of Shapleigh is only charging \$18.00 an hour for ambulance response and he would like to increase it to \$28.00. William J. Mageary made a motion to raise the mileage from \$18.00 to \$28.00; seconded by Michael J. Cote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Streck also asked the Board to consider the following; the creation of an ordinance(s) that would allow Shapleigh Rescue to bill for the following two motor vehicle accident responses.

1. In accordance with Sec 1 29-A MRSA 2411, sub 9 Emergency response costs: A person who

commits the offense of OUI causing an incident that requires the response for law enforcement, fire rescue, or emergency medical services is liable for costs up to the amount of \$2,500.00.

He requests, that the Town adopt an ordinance that would permit Shapleigh Rescue to bill the at fault party in violation of OUI laws, to assess them for a fee for response of \$750.00 for EMS response.

2. He also requested that the Town consider an ordinance that would assess a fee for crash response that involves persons that are not residents of Shapleigh. It is his recommendation that this fee be charged per hour with a minimal of 1 hour, and then per 15 minutes after, at a cost of \$250.00 per hour for the ambulance and crew. The Board asked the Town Administrator to research on how to make an ordinance.

**ii. Fire/Rescue Complaints**

William J. Mageary asked the Board to have Roger Hooper, York County Fire Chief come in and perform an independent review of the Fire and Rescue Departments. William J Mageary and Michael J. Cote had stated that they had a hard time hearing the audio of the complaints that was given to the Board. Scott E. Cudworth made a motion to have the Town Administrator contact Greg Zinser at 207-459-9232 to get approval before setting up a review to take place; seconded by Michael J. Cote. All in favor. Motion carried.

**iii. Mask Policy**

William J. Mageary made a motion to have the Mask Policy changed from recommended to optional per as per the CDC recommendation; seconded by Michael J. Cote. All in favor. Motion carried.

**iv. Town of Acton Letter**

William J. Mageary requested that Chairman Cudworth read the letter from the Town of Acton regarding ambulance response for public knowledge. Mr. Cudworth read the letter.

**v. Emery Mills Bridge**

William J. Mageary requests that the Board inform the public in the area of the Emery Mills Bridge to inform them when the bridge will be closed due to its replacement. It could be anywhere from the end of April to early May. There would need to be traffic control as well.

**vi. Fabian Gas - Boonies**

William J. Mageary presented to the Board a membership card to Boonies to get a ten cent discount on gas. The Board asked the Town Administrator to look into it.

**Information:**

- i. Planning Board Agenda & Letters**
- ii. Maine Local Roads Center Information**
- iii. Expenditure of ARPA Funds**

**Signatures:**

- i. Warrants**

**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 6:35 p.m.; seconded by William J. Mageary. Motion passed unanimously.

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