

Shapleigh Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
November 22, 2022

**Call to Order:**

Chairman William J. Mageary called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, Selectman Michael J. Cote and Selectman Scott E. Cudworth were present, also present Town Administrator, Michelle Rumney.

**In attendance:** Fire Chief Steve Guillemette, Steve Mallon, Kevin McKeon, Bud Johnston

**Pledge of Allegiance:** was recited

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

Michael J Cote made a motion to approve November 15, 2022 minutes as presented; seconded by Scott E Cudworth. Motion carried 3/0.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

**i. Town Administrator updates**

-The Town Administrator presented the board with ideas that had been brought up about the cover of the 2022 Town Report. It was agreed that the Emery Mills Bridge and Shapleigh Rescue would be featured.

-The Waterboro Eagles donated Thanksgiving baskets to the Town for distribution to residents in need. The Town Administrator has delivered the baskets and will send a thank you letter to the Eagles.

-A reminder that the Board has a workshop next Tuesday with the Acton Board of Selectmen to discuss the Deputy Contract renewal. The meeting will be at 8am in the conference room at Shapleigh Town Hall.

-The Town Administrator provided the Board with copies of the maintenance packages supplied by Revision Energy. The Board discussed the buyout of the solar array and it was decided that more information was needed to make that decision. Scott will research the cost of any replacement parts at current value, Michelle will get clarification on the service package options and provide the Board with annual costs for electricity that the Town is currently paying to purchase the power from Revision.

**ii. Eco Maine Contract**

Scott E. Cudworth made a motion to approved the Eco Maine Recycling Contract as presented, seconded by Michael J. Cote. Motion carried, 3/0.

**New Business:**

**i. Rescue Chief Briefing-** *was not able to attend, out on a call*

**ii. Fire Chief Briefing-**

The Fire Chief notified the Board that he is applying for another forestry grant. He would be looking to use the grant for hose adapters and some battery-operated chainsaws. He should know by the end of

December if they have been approved for the grant. The Chief also explained that there is a Federal Grant that the Town could apply for to address the concern for fires on Treasure Island. Currently there are 2 portable pumps on the island. One of them is gas powered, and the other electric. In the event of a major fire on the island, power would be shut off, thus making the electric pump inoperable. His idea would be to put a diesel pump on the island with piping run throughout the island. This grant could also be used for forestry operations such as Fireline cutting, brush chipping. The funds become available in March 2023 and again in October 2023. A representative would be able to come help with the grant writing, but explains that it is very detailed. He suggested finding someone who is experience in grant writing.

The Chief reported that the exterior lighting at the Public Safety Building is complete. He also updated that CMP will be out to evaluate the pole and wires in a couple weeks. The Cascade system should be in NH from Bauer by mid-December. The Security company will be sending the Town Administrator a contract for the Board to sign to upgrade the system.

**iii. Sanford-Springvale Mousam Way Land Trust**

Three representatives from the Mousam Way Land trust were present to discuss property acquired on Walnut Hill off from Back Road. Bud Johnston explained that the original deed appears to have given away the rights of the Town of Shapleigh to a spring that was being used to provide water to the Ross School House, however subsequent deeds reference rights that Shapleigh has to the spring. The Land Trust would like Shapleigh to Quit Claim their rights so that the property can be improved by the Trust and the spring can be secured. It was agreed that we would have the Town Attorney reach out to Attorney Ferguson to discuss if there is any action the Town needs to take, and the ramification of any action. Until the Board can fully understand whether the Town does indeed still hold those rights, a decision on how to proceed cannot be made.

**iv. Deputy EMA Director Appointment**

Michael J. Cote made a motion to appoint Gene Streck as the Deputy EMA Director, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried, 3/0.

**v. Pole Permit- Tattle Street**

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the Pole Permit for 2 poles and anchors on Tattle Street, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried, 3/0.

**Information:**

Planning Board Agenda, Letter to Attorney for clarification  
Code Enforcement violation letter  
Solar Contract, inspection and operating report

**Executive Session – none**

**Signatures:**

- i. Warrants
- ii. Eco Maine Contract
- iii. Deputy EMA appointment

**Any other business the Chairman may wish to bring before the meeting**

**Adjournment:**

Michael J. Cote made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried 3-0.

These minutes are not verbatim, Michelle Rumney, Town Administrator