

Shapleigh Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
November 29, 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 and Office Assistant, Joanne Holland.

In attendance: Gene Streck, Andrew Auger, Brittany Lampe, and Darren Rogers.

Pledge of Allegiance: was recited

Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

Michael J Cote made a motion to approve November 22, 2022 minutes as presented; seconded by Scott E Cudworth. All in favor. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business:

i. Town Administrator updates

- i. The last workshop in the series for General Assistance will be this Friday December 2, 2022 regarding winter issues. The Town Administrator will be in Augusta all day.
- ii. Tuesday December 6th, at 5 p.m. will be the first budget workshop.
- iii. The Town Administrator suggest closing early on December 23rd to possibly have a luncheon for employees. The Board agreed.
- iv. The Seacoast Security contract needs to be e-signed and asked the Board how to proceed. Michael J. Cote made a motion authorizing the Town Administrator to e-sign the Seacoast Security contract; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.
- v. The Town Administrator informed the Board that she had contacted legal and there are no concerns with the Anthem contract for the ambulance service. Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the Anthem contract for the ambulance service; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.
- vi. The Town Administrator informed the Board that on November 30th there will be a storm with high winds of up to 50mph.
- vii. The Town Hall Streams on average is 13 people watching live and most views of 40 on replay.
- viii. There will be a Property Tax Exemption credit for 100% disabled veterans effective January 1, 2023, not handled through the Town like the existing exemption, credit is given when filing your 1040 State Tax Returns; will post on website, social media and the Post Office.

ii. Solar Array purchase

After discussion the Board decided not to pursue the purchase of the Solar Array at this time. Michael J. Cote made a motion to table for 90 days; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

iii. Mousam Way Land Trust - spring legal update

The Board discussed the Mousam Way Trust's legal aspects of the spring on Walnut Hill and decided to create a warrant article for the residents to vote on extinguishing the towns interest.

iv. YCSO Deputy Contract

William J. Mageary discussed the YSCO Deputy contract with the Board. The displeasure in the county's unwillingness to amend some of the wording as requested was noted. Michael J. Cote made a motion to sign the contract for one year; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

i. Rescue Chief Briefing

Rescue Chief, Gene Streck updated the Board on the call log, November of last year the Rescue department responded to 15 calls and this November it has been 23 so far. He also wanted to thank Andrew Auger for the great job he has done on the social media platform and acknowledge Kevin Romano and Darren Rogers for their service to the department since 1999. Chief Streck had a reminder of some winter precautions.

ii. Recreation Committee proposal

Brittany Lampe came before the Board with a proposal of purchases for the Recreation department; two Portable LED Work Lights in the amount of \$258.00, Letter-board in the amount of \$280.00, Portable Score Board in the amount of \$247.99 and Scoreboard Tripod in the amount of \$65.00 totaling \$850.99. Also the Recreation will be holding a Commons volunteer clean-up to prepare the pond area for winter skating (date to be announced later). Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the Recreation department to purchase this equipment in the price of \$850.99 to be taken out of the appropriations fund; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

iii. Reappointment - MWDC

Michael J. Cote made a motion to reappoint Jeff Kolord to the Mousam Water Dam Coalition; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. All in for. Motion carried 3-0.

iv. Speed Trailer

Scott E. Cudworth asked if someone could reach out to Deputy Sanborn and ask him to remove the speed trailer from Ross Corner Road and put away for the winter.

Information:

- i. Planning Board Minutes
- ii. Nomination Papers

Michael J. Cote made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:45 pm; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session –Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6)(a), Personnel Matters.

Michael J. Cote made a motion at 7:26pm to come out of Executive session; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Signatures:

- i. Warrants
- ii. Employee health insurance agreement
- iii. Reappointment - MWDC

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

Adjournment:

Michael J. Cote made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 pm; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried 3-0.

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