

Shapleigh Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 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:** Rescue Chief, Gene Streck, Donna Morton, Samantha Rodriguez, Sandra Anderson, Jim Brown, Dee Brown

**Pledge of Allegiance:** was recited

**Public Hearings:** Michael J. Cote made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the proposed General Assistance Appendices adoption. Seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion Carried, 3/0. Town Administrator explained what the appendices were and explained the increases over last years. No public comment given. Michael J. Cote made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried, 3/0.

Michael J. Cote made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the November 8<sup>th</sup> referendum article, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried, 3/0. The Chairman read the referendum article, "Shall the Town allow the Board of Selectmen, in conjunction with the Town of Acton, to negotiate and enter into a contract for up to 4 years with the County of York for Contract Deputy Services beginning January 1, 2023". Donna Morton inquired what would happen if Acton did not agree to this. The Board explained that Acton had already voted on this at their Town Meeting in June. It was explained that if ever either Town did not vote to move forward, then it would be up to the other Town to bring it back to the Town and come up with the money on their own, or cancel the contract. Sandra Anderson inquired whether this would change the services that we currently get. It was explained that this is basically the same service that we have now, it is merely a renewal of contract with some minor contract language changes proposed. Michael J. Cote made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried, 3/0.

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

Michael J Cote made a motion to approve September 20, 2022 minutes as presented; seconded by Scott E Cudworth. Motion carried 3/0.

**Public Comment:** Samantha Rodriguez gave the Board an update on the soccer program that the Recreation Department held for the Tiny Tots. She informed the Board that for the upcoming Basketball season, they needed to purchase new jerseys. The Chairman asked if this was something that could be covered by sponsorship. She explained that because these jerseys would be carried from year to year, it wasn't something that could be sponsored like baseball hats. Samantha also explained that the \$40 registration fee covered the t-shirts and water bottles and any additional balls that they made need to purchase, but not the Jerseys. She provided 3 quotes, and would like to use Bee's Creations 207. The total purchase would be \$950.40. Scott E. Cudworth made a motion to approved the purchase of basketball jerseys in the amount of \$950.40 from Bees Creations 207, seconded by Michael J. Cote. Motion carried, 3/0.

**Unfinished Business:**

**i. Town Administrator updates**

The Town Administrator informed the Board that there was a critter burrowing under the concession stand at the Rec Field. Also, the benches were in and ready to be picked up by the Rec department.

**ii. Adoption of General Assistance Appendices**

Michael J. Cote made a motion to adopt the new overall maximum appendices to the General Assistance Ordinance to be effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Scott E. Cudworth seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3/0.

### **New Business:**

**i. Rescue Chief Briefing-**

Chief Gene Streck notified the Board that the new scoop stretchers were in service replacing the old metal ones. He reminded the Board of the renewal of the Anthem contract. The representative from Anthem has not gotten back to the department, and our billing agent said that this seems to be the standard. The Chief would like to have legal reach out to them if we do not hear back soon. The new map books have been put in service in both the fire and rescue apparatus. Chief Streck notified the Board that the department was out doing recon and found that there are several private roads that are not accessible to Emergency vehicles which would require emergency services to “walk-in” if anything happens out there. The chief informed the Board that September and October shifts were 100% filled. He would also like to encourage the public to think ahead for storm preparation, to have a plan if you ever have to evacuate, and make sure to have storm kits prepared, especially with the cold winter months approaching.

**ii. Abatements and Supplementals**

Michael J Cote made motions to approve abatements for the following:

Reach:	\$32.45 tax dollars
Mang:	\$231.75 tax dollars
Williams:	\$231.75 tax dollars
Alecia:	\$262.08 tax dollars
State of ME:	\$510.78 tax dollars
Divel:	\$210.40 tax dollars
Esponette:	\$231.75 tax dollars
DeLage	\$27.19 tax dollars

The motions were seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motions carried, 3/0.

Michael J. Cote made motions to approve supplemental tax bills for the following:

Hidden Cove LLC	\$2,521.08 tax dollars
Gerry Family Trust	\$3,470.26 tax dollars
Pamela Snowe Trust	\$1,509.00 tax dollars

The motions were seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motions carried, 3/0.

**iii. Fixed asset management agreement**

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the Fixed Asset Management Agreement with RHR Smith, motion seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried, 3/0.

### **Information:**

Recreation meeting minutes 9/23  
Absentee ballots

### **Executive Session - Postponed**

### **Signatures:**

- i. Warrants
- ii. Abatements/Supplementals
- iii. Fixed Asset Agreement

iv. General Assistance Appendices Adoption

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

Jim and Dee Brown stopped into the meeting and wanted to commend the Board for the good job they are doing in keeping the taxes low.

The Board asked the Town Administrator to reach out to Road Commissioner North for an update on the guardrails for Hargraves Bridge and Goose Pond Bridge.

**Adjournment:**

Michael J. Cote made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried 3-0.

These minutes are not verbatim, Michelle Rumney, Town Administrator