

Shapleigh Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes – Time 6:00 pm
August 15, 2023

I. Open Meeting

Chairman, Scott E. Cudworth called the meeting to order at 6pm, Selectman, Shawn J. Cavanaugh, and Michael J. Cote were also present. Also present was the Town Administrator, Michelle Rumney and Office Assistant, Joanne Holland.

II. Attendance:

Bill Mageary, Gloria and Wayne Pillsbury, Gene Streck, Darren Rogers, Sharon Jackson, Jeff Goodwin, Tom Clement, Mike McMahon, Kody Lagasse, and Jo-Ann Cavanaugh.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – was recited.

IV. Approval of minutes from 08/01 and 08/08

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the minutes for 8/1/23 as presented; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. Motion carried 2-1. Shawn J. Cavanaugh abstained.

Shawn J. Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the minutes for 8/8/23 as presented; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. Motion carried 2-1. Michael J. Cote abstained.

V. Public Comment

Gloria Pillsbury stated that the lines on Route 109 have been painted.

VI. Unfinished Business

i. Town Administrator Update

- Large Road Maps have arrived for Roads, Fire, EMS, E911.
- Looking for sponsors for the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ being held September 15th.
- Bell Tower RFP has been re-opened for another month to hopefully get submissions.
- T.A, out on vacation days Thursday, Friday, and Monday, will be local and available for emergencies.

ii. Community Building Committee updated plans

The Board reviewed the updated plans for the community building. Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the plan as presented; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. Motion carried 2-0. (Shawn J. Cavanaugh recused himself)

VII. New Business

i. Department/Committee Head Briefings

a. Road Commissioner – North, Darren Rogers

- Received 4” of rain on Tuesday; maintained the sides of roads that washed out.
- Finish up with Carroll, hauling and pushing up Ledgepack.
- Graded Pinecone Road.
- Should be burning brush/stumps at the Transfer Station on 8/16 with all the rain that has been received but will check with the Fire Chief first.
- Got quote back from Gloyer for the awning; still waiting on other quotes.

b. Rescue Chief, Gene Streck

- Treasure Island held a fundraiser and raised \$2,000 for the Rescue Department.
- Subscriptions have been coming in steadily.
- Minor ding on the passenger side of the Ambulance side fender flair.

- Maine EMS Explorer Program (Juniors ages 16 – 21 years old): The State requires 3 to 4 pilots, and the Rescue Chief would like to be a pilot agency and take part in it. The program provides youths with access to a low-barrier entry into EMS. It increases completion and pass rates in initial EMS educational programs. Board voted to move forward with the program.
- The Rescue Chief would like public awareness of driving now that it is getting darker earlier. Be aware of your surroundings for people and animals.

ii. 2023 Tax Commitment

The Board discussed the 2023 tax commitment; due to increases in several areas. The MIL rate will have to be increased; 20, 30, or 32 cents, after careful consideration Michael J. Cote made a motion to increase the MIL rate from \$10.30 per thousand to \$10.60 per thousand; seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

VIII. Information

- i. Planning Board Minutes and notices

IX. Executive Session- as needed.

X. Signatures

- i. Warrants

XI. Any other business the Board may wish to present – None.

XII. Adjourn

Michael J. Cote made a motion to adjourn at 6:53pm; seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.