

Shapleigh Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2023

I. Open Meeting

Scott E. Cudworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, Selectmen, Michael J. Cote and Shawn J. Cavanaugh were present. Also present, Town Administrator, Michelle Rumney.

Attendance

Rescue Chief Gene Streck, Fire Chief Steve Guillemette, Road Commissioners Darren Rogers and Jeff Goodwin, Assistant Rescue Chief Sharon Jackson, Scott Corliss, Greg Brown, Charlie Emerson, Andrew Auger, Doug Akeroyd, Kristen Sobolewski, Bill Mageary, Wayne and Gloria Pillsbury.

II. Pledge of Allegiance - was recited.

III. Approval of minutes from 5/02/23

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve minutes for May 2, 2023, as presented; seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

IV. Public Comment – Scott Corliss introduced himself and gave a synopsis of the proposed firearm ordinance that he submitted to the Board last week. Shawn Cavanaugh expressed that he understood the intention of the proposal but found a few areas that should be reworded. Scott Cudworth suggested that the idea in general should be run through legal before we get too deep into it to make sure the general proposal is permitted by law. It was consensus of the Board that this should be brought to the public before it is even considered being put on a Town Meeting Warrant. Bill Mageary reminded the Board of the area in Town which has been a thorn in the side for many years and many Boards. This proposal is a step to move forward and be able to help address this issue.

V. Unfinished Business

- i. Paving Bid Award- Michael J Cote made a motion to accept the bid from Carroll Materials/All State Construction for \$505,464.28 with understanding that based on liquid asphalt price that price may change.
- ii. Town Administrator Update
 - Bell Tower, a piece has broken off the corner which will allow rain and critters to get in. Steve Foglio has offered to do a drone video so that we can get a more accurate look of what is needed on the scope of work for bids.
 - Reminder of public hearing on the ADU ordinance tonight at 6:30pm, we need to schedule a Public Hearing for the June 3rd Special Town Meeting Warrant suggestion of Tuesday May 23rd.
 - Next Monday, RSU57 budget vote at MMS at 7pm. May register to vote on site with the Town Clerk. The budget has an increase of nearly \$200k to the residents of Shapleigh this year.

VI. New Business

i. Department Head Briefings

- **Fire Chief, Steve Guillemette**-Chief Guillemette noted that despite all the rain that came through last week, the fire danger is high. As the Fire Warden, he is suspending any burn permits through at least Monday when more rain is expected. The fire last evening at Ted's Fried Clams had 12 agencies and 19 pieces of apparatus engaged. The security company was supposed to be out on two different occasions in the past week and did not show up to finish the installation. As for the electricity, Jeff will be ready to dig the ditch as soon as the electrician is ready to run the lines.
- **Rescue Chief, Gene Streck**- Chief Streck introduced new employee Kristen and noted Doug's 1 year anniversary with the department. He commended Andrew for his initial assessment of the fire last night as first on scene listening over the radio it was clear he was able to give Chief Guillemette a better picture of what may be needed to dispatch. There have been 13 rescue calls for the month of May as of 1:00pm today, only nine days into the month, where last May there were 15 calls for the entire month. The rim cover on the ambulance finally came in and is replaced.
- **Road Commission North, Darren Rogers**- Darren reported that he has been working on shoulders that got washed out last week, some driveway entrance fixes, and continues grading. He hopes to fix the shoulder washouts on Ross Corner Road completed by the end of the week.
- **Road Commission South, Jeff Goodwin**-Jeff has been working on shoulder washouts as well and some road grading. The southern side of Town didn't fair too bad in the storm.

VII. Information

- i. Planning Board Agenda, public hearings
- ii. So. Maine Area on Aging annual report
- iii. Budget worksheets

VIII. Executive Session- none scheduled.

IX. Signatures

- i. Warrants
- ii. Letters

X. Any other business the Board may wish to present XI. Adjourn

Michael J. Cote made a motion to adjourn at 6:32 pm; seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

These minutes are not verbatim, Michelle Rumney, Town Administrator.