

Shapleigh Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2023

Public Hearing in regards to March Town Meeting Warrant:

William J. Mageary opened the public hearing at 5:00pm

In attendance: William J. Mageary, Michael J. Cote, Scott E. Cudworth, Michelle Rumney, Mike Demers, Gene Streck, Rob Hughes, Steve Guillemette, Shawn Cavanaugh, John Perkins.

William J. Mageary read the warrant articles and solicited Public Comment. A resident had reached out to the Town Administrator prior to the meeting to inquire about the Fire Truck Reserve Fund and asked which truck was in schedule for replacement and when that replacement was scheduled for. Chief Guillemette, explained that Engine 1, which is 28 years old, is next in line for replacement and explained that it is approximately 3 years out.

No other public comment was offered. Public hearing adjourned at 5:40pm

Regular Meeting

Call to Order:

Chairman, William J. Mageary called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Selectmen Scott E. Cudworth and Michael J. Cote were present. Also present, Town Administrator, Michelle Rumney.

In attendance: Shawn Cavanaugh, Rescue Chief, Gene Streck, Rescue Captain Rob Hughes, Roseanne Chessie

Pledge of Allegiance: was recited

Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for February 21, 2023 as written; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment: William J. Mageary asked for moment of silence to honor the passing of Roland Goodwin.

Unfinished Business:

i. Town Administrator updates

- Staff meeting/luncheon is scheduled for this Friday from 12-1, the office will be closed to the public during this time

- The in-house audit work has been completed. An audit report should be coming at the end of March and will be posted on the website when available
- The Workers Comp Insurance audit is also complete, results should be forthcoming in the new few weeks, a refund is expected.
- Shapleigh PTC is all set to sell lunch/baked goods at Town Meeting to fundraise for School Activities.
- Shapleigh Memorial School is schedule for a Field Trip to Williams Park this week. According to the principal it is usually a fun ½ day of winter activities for the kids.
- The Administrator attended an MWDA roundtable meeting on Wednesday with other GA Administrators. A consensus of frustrations with the State run program was noted. Topics of contention included requests for a centralized database, too many “gray area” answers from the State, fraud of the system is not being prosecuted, temporary housing costs are out of control . Expanded Relief Snap (food benefits) ending, fear of putting another burden on the GA System. Food pantries are sure to see an influx of need.
- York County Soil and Water reached out about the Grant that has been in process of the last couple years. In 2022 the Town appropriated \$13,000 for the construction match to the Goose Pond/Mousam Lake Grant Project. Due to a changeover in staff at the YCSWD and the Maine DEP, the project didn’t get underway. The State has given an extension to the end of 2023. Too late in the game to add it to March Town Meeting to reappropriate the money. The new project manager YCSWD would like to be on the agenda for the March 21st meeting (remotely) to discuss bringing this back to the voters in a Special Town Meeting and confirming the project needs from the Road Crews. The Road Commissioners will be invited to attend as well.
- The heating system was not working on Friday, Mousam Valley Tech came and found it was a bad ignition switch. Again, on Tuesday the heat was not working, it was found to be a failing blower issue. A new blower has been put on order and the Administrator was shown how to reset it to get it to operate to get us through if it shut off again.

ii. RSU 57 meeting

Selectmen Mageary attended the joint meeting with the Superintendent of Schools and Selectmen from other Towns in the district. He explained that there was no discussion of the budget, as it is too early in the budget process for that. The Fund Balance was a major topic of discussion, it seemed a consensus of the representatives of the district towns that they would like to see the fund balance used to help reduce the amount of taxation to the district. It was also explained that the State Subsidy would be decreased by approximately 700,000 and noted that Shapleigh and Lyman have increasing

enrollment rates predicted for the upcoming year.

New Business:

i. Rescue Briefing

Chief Streck informed the Board that as of this date, 25 calls had been responded to for the month of February, in comparison to the 9 calls in 2022. He had attended a regional meeting of Atlantic EMS partners, topic of discussion was expanding the scope of practice for Advanced level EMTs, advanced cardiac life support, and other things. The Maine State EMS has an “Explorers” program, much like the junior firefighter program. Chief Streck is in discussion on getting this started so that the youth can be mentored by seasoned EMT’s and eventually complete their EMT certification. This will help seed the community with involved and committed individuals for future employment with the department. The program is facilitated by the State and those who have participated have given positive feedback.

ii. Fire Chief Briefing

Chief Guillemette gave the following updates on the Public Safety Building: The new security system is in the process of being installed, the compressor should be arriving soon, the ceiling building has been insulated, and the plumber is due to be out to repair the pipe. He explained that he is 1 of 5 Chiefs in a committee currently in talks about mutual aid, facilitating how far a Station should cover and how many towns are included in mutual aid efforts for the areas.

iii. Snow Closure Policy

Chairman Mageary presented a policy proposal to the Board for consideration in regards to closing Town Hall due to snow or other circumstances. The policy reads, “ In the event that inclement weather or other unforeseen events necessitates the closure of Town Hall, it shall be determined by the Administrator in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. After such decision, the rest of the Board will be notified by the Administrator. The usual postings and notices shall be made by the Administrator.” Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the policy as written, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth, motion carried 3/0.

Information

- i. Public Hearings/Meeting Agenda- Planning Board 3/1/23
- ii. Town Meeting and Election Schedule

Executive Session – none scheduled

Signatures:

- i. Warrants

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

Adjournment:

Michael J. Cote made a motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

These minutes are not verbatim Town Administrator, Michelle Rumney.