

Shapleigh Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2023

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: EMA Director Darren Rogers, Shawn Cavanaugh, Rescue Chief Gene Streck, Rescue Captain Rob Hughes, Assistant Rescue Chief Sharon Jackson.

Pledge of Allegiance: was recited

Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the January 4, 2022 minutes as written; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried 3/0.

Public Comment:

Unfinished Business:

i. Town Administrator updates

- The Planning Board Review of the Town's Conditional Use Permit application for the proposed Community Building is scheduled for Tuesday January 24th, at least one member of the Board should attend.
- Looking ahead, the 2023 recipient of the Spirit of America Award needs to be chosen by June.
- The Transfer Station Hauling Contract expires in April of 2024.
- Benefit Dinner for Assistant Chief Jackson is this weekend the 14th at 4:30.
- The Free Demo Cards will be in the mail on Friday, the cards are red, taxpayers should be on the lookout for them so they do not get thrown away and are good for 2 years.
- Scholarships available specifically to Shapleigh Residents: Wilma Thyng, Emily Ferguson, Community Forest, Holdsworth, and Community Day scholarship applications are due April 15th. Students can see the school guidance office for an application.

New Business:

i. Rescue Chief Briefing

Chief Gene Streck presented the board with the run statistics for 2022 with comparison to 2021. Runs were up 50% to the year prior and response time averages 7.6 minutes, which is below the national average of 8 minutes. Increased runs are due to a number of factors. There were more calls for service, possibly due to an aging community and the calls were answered because of increased staff and filled shifts. He commended his staff for stepping up and helping make the department what it is today. He also noted that the transition into his role as Chief would have been much harder without the help of support staff such as Lt Rogers and Assistant Chief Jackson. On another

note, the Chief recognized Denise DeAngelis for her seven years of service to the department as her date of hire was in January 2016.

ii. Fire Chief Briefing-

The Chair noted that the Fire Chief was in earlier during the budget workshop and let the board know that he had applied for and received a Forestry Grant in the amount of \$4,974 that will be used to buy equipment. He could not attend this meeting as he had another scheduled.

iii. Abatements and Supplementals

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the supplemental tax bill in the amount of \$3,821.09 for David & Lee Ann Jordan for Map 007-041-E, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried 3/0.

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve an abatement in the amount of \$3,917.02 tax dollars for David & Lee Ann Jordan for Map 007-041, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried 3/0.

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve an abatement in the amount of \$312.09 tax dollars for Lee & Gail Dezan for Map 007-041-E, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried 3/0.

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve supplemental tax bill of \$408.00 tax dollars for Lee & Gail Dezan for Map 007-041, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried 3/0.

iv. Planning Board Legal Engagement Letter

The Board agreed to allow the Chair to sign the engagement letter for Jensen Baird law office for the review of a conditional use permit for a campground.

Executive Session – None scheduled

Information:

- i. Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Jackson Family, January 14th at the Shapleigh Baptist Church 4:30-6
- ii. Winter Plowing Bid due February 7th
- iii. Town Clerk/Tax Collector Job Posting
- iv. MMA dues letter, \$520 increase
- v. Planning Board Agenda

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

Adjournment:

Michael J. Cote made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried 3-0.

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