

Shapleigh Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes – Time 6:00 pm
July 18, 2023

I. Open Meeting

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

II. Attendance:

Rescue Chief, Gene Streck, Andrew Auger, Kody Lagasse, and Thomas Blow.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – was recited

IV. Approval of minutes from 07/11

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the minutes for July 11, 2023, as presented; seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

V. Public Comment – None

VI. Unfinished Business

i. Town Administrator Updates –

- Chipping quote for the wood pile at the Transfer Station from J.A. Simpson came in at \$8,000, same price as previously charged in 2021, but there is less volume. Shawn J. Cavanaugh made a motion to approve J.A. Simpson in the amount of \$8,000 for chipping the wood pile at the Transfer Station; seconded by Michael J. Cote. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.
- ASYCC completed their part of the Square Pond Beach project, putting down mulch, planting, infiltration path, and checking dams to reduce the flow of water/sediment entering the lake. The crew also completed another project at Mousam Lake Beach. Due to the invasive bladderwort found on Mousam, additional positions/shifts have been added for the ASYCC for the CBI program. Most of the cost of this project will be reimbursed through grants with the YCSWD.
- The DEP has flagged the trees at the ozone monitoring station at the rec fields that they plan to cut, approval has been given. They will notify us when they are going on site to do the removal.
- Received a restitution check of just over \$180 for an illegal burn that got out of control back in 2021. Those funds have been placed in the fire department account.
- The Town Administrator went on site at the private gravel pit last Wednesday and took pictures of all the trash there. She found TV's, tablets, lots of beer cans, broken glass, mattress, couch, paper and plastic debris, Styrofoam, and clothing.

It really is quite saddening to see how disrespectful people can be to other people's property.

- The Board had offered to help set up on Friday evening at the Community Day Event. The committee reached out and asked if anyone from the Board is available, they will be loading up at the storage shed at 4pm and could use some help unloading and setting up at the commons shortly after that. The Board members will be at the Town Hall to assist in unloading.
- The Town Administrator reached out to 5 other architectural design companies in the area to request quotes and availability. Have requested that quotes be submitted by 7/27 when the committee next meets.
- Feedback from Insurance company on recommended fix for safety issue at the Transfer Station, suggest adding a mid-chain, secure posts that they connect to, and keep them up.
- Tax Stabilization program has been rescinded by the State. The amounts for this year's commitment will still be stabilized. MMA is hosting an online seminar next Wednesday to explain the plans for expanding other income-based tax relief programs for seniors so that we can educate the public.

VII. New Business

1. Rescue Chief, Gene Streck Briefing
 - Call volume down slightly compared to last June.
 - Had an interview with a new prospect that is relocating from New Jersey.
 - Received papers from the State regarding call reporting submissions and department meets state standards.
2. Request for permission for Bear Baiting and Trapping on Town Property, Thomas Blow
Shawn J. Cavanaugh made a motion to approve Thomas Blow to bait and trap bears on town property on Mann Rd; seconded by Michael J. Cote. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Request for Commons use 10/21/2023 – Shapleigh Rec Trunk or Treat
Shawn J. Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the request for the Commons on 10/21/2023 for Shapleigh Rec. Trunk or Treat; seconded by Michael J. Cote. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.
4. MMA Executive Committee Election Ballot
The Board reviewed the MMA Executive Committee Election Ballot and signed.
5. County Assessment
The County Assessment came in at \$341,455.64, an increase of \$25,000 since last year.

VIII. Information

- Planning Board Minutes 6/14, abutters notices, 7/11 agenda
- Concert in the Commons Friday evening at 6pm
- Community Day Saturday 9-3 – Parade begins at 9am at Knox Road w/line up at 8:30am
- Building Committee Agenda 7/27
- YCSWD – Steering Committee minutes 7/3
- Recreation Committee minutes 7/12

IX. Executive Session – *as needed*

X. Signatures

- i. Warrants
- ii. County Assessment
- iii. Chipping proposal
- iv. Bear bait/trapping approval
- v. Request for Commons Use
- vi. MMA Executive Committee Ballot

XI. Any other business the Board may wish to present

XII. Adjourn

Michael J. Cote made a motion to adjourn at 6:22pm; seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

These minutes are not verbatim, Joanne Holland, Office Assistant.