

Shapleigh Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes – **Time 6:00 pm**
November 7, 2023

I. Open Meeting

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

II. Attendance:

Bill Mageary, Steve Guillemette, Gloria and Wayne Pillsbury, Gene Streck, Jo-Ann Cavanaugh, Mike McMahon, Mike Dubois, Peter and Ann Ward, Adam Goad, and Roseanne Chessie.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – was recited.

IV. Approval of minutes from 10/31

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve October 31, 2023, minutes as presented; seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

V. Public Comment

- Mike Dubois wanted to say that the Goose Pond Project on Goose Pond Rd. and Totte Rd. are awesome. Also suggested a possible solution for the “Pit” problem; the Board stated that the CEO and Town Attorney are in the process of a solution.
- Steve Guillemette and Ann Ward stated that since the no ATV signs on Rt 11 North have been posted they have been riding down the other side of the road. The Town Administrator stated that the Sheriff Deputy has been watching for this.
- Ann Ward asked the Town Administrator if she could forward her the email from the Town Attorney regarding the ROW on Hodgdon Rd., the Town Administrator will forward.

VI. Unfinished Business

i. Town Administrator Update

- When closing the recreation field irrigation lines, found a broken pipe near the well. It was apparent the someone ran over the pipe recently. It appears that when the State was out clearing around the ozone monitoring station and doing maintenance, that one of the vehicles carrying some weight got too close and drove over the main irrigation line. Suggest putting out markers in the spring to avoid this happening again in the future. The DEP has agreed to reimburse the Town for the repair.
- 45-day foreclosure notices were sent to 6 property owners today, date of Automatic Foreclosure is 12/22/23 for 2021 taxes.
- There will be a primary election in March on the 5th which is a Tuesday, so it makes sense that the election part of Town Meeting be moved to that day instead of Friday as typically held.
- The Town Administrator thanked all the volunteers that helped with the clean up the pond at the Commons.

ii. Letter of enforcement for Goose Pond Overlook property

The Town Administrator presented to the Board the letter of enforcement for Goose Pond Overlook property and the Chairman, Scott E. Cudworth signed it.

iii. Land/Septic Bids – tree clearing/stump grubbing only currently.

Only received one bid for the tree clearing from Caleb Chessie Excavation; the bid came in at

\$23,800. Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the bid to Caleb Chessie Excavation in the amount of \$23,800; seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion Carried 3-0.

VII. New Business

i. RSU57 Adult Education Presentation

Adam Goad (Director of RSU57 Adult Education) gave a presentation on what the Adult Education offers:

1. GED
2. Quality of Life
3. Work force training
4. A lot of classes for example arts and crafts

ii. Department Head Briefings

- Rescue Chief – Gene Streck
 - i. Chief Streck attended Sharon Jackson’s EMS class at Sanford Tech today.
 - ii. 17 calls so far for November; last year’s for November was 27.
 - iii. Suicide hotline number is now 988.
 - iv. Maine EMS is mandating flu shots for the Rescue Department and has to be done by the end of the month and the cost is about \$40.
 - v. Hospitals will be busy due to the flu season.
 - vi. The tires on the Ambulance have been changed over to winter tires.
- Fire Chief – Steve Guillemette.
 - i. The Fire Department was busy this weekend. Acton Fire Department had a structure fire and Shapleigh responded as a mutual aid.
 - ii. Severe motor vehicle accident on the Gore Rd.
 - iii. Two members are taking Firefighter classes 1 and 2.
 - iv. Recommended that homes with chimneys have them cleaned as the cold weather approaches.
 - v. The pond on Eastman property is filling well.

iii. Aetna Service Provider Contract

Michael J. Cote made a motion to table until next week’s meeting; seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

iv. Traffic Study for Shapleigh Corner Road (Public Safety Building Area)

The Town Administrator gave all the guidelines needed to request a traffic study for Shapleigh Corner Road (Public Safety Building Area). The TA will start to compile the information needed.

v. Building Committee

The Building Committee for the community center estimated that the total cost could be anywhere from one million to one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$250-\$300 per sq ft). It was asked if the well was going to have one pump or two; the Town Administrator stated one new big one to run both buildings and estimated cost is between \$1,800 to \$3,000.

VIII. Information

- i. Tri-County Waste Group – negotiations meeting 11/8 at 6:30pm, North Berwick
- ii. Special Town Meeting 11/14 @ 6:30pm, re: reallocation of remain ARPA funds
- iii. Spirit of America Award Presentation – 11/15 @ 3pm York County Commissioners Office
- iv. Monthly York County Sheriff’s Office report
- v. Violation letter/attorney letter

IX. Executive Session – not needed.

X. Signatures

- i. Warrants
- ii. Letter of enforcement
- iii. Letter, no check acceptance due to history of bad checks

XI. Any other business the Board may wish to present

XII. Adjourn

Michael J. Cote made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm; seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

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