

Shapleigh Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes – Time 6:00 pm
September 12, 2023

I. Open Meeting

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

II. Attendance:

Peter and Ann Ward, Bill Mageary, Steve Guillemette, Wayne and Gloria Pillsbury, Sharon Jackson, Gene Streck, and Darren Rogers.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – was recited.

IV. Approval of minutes from 09/05

Shawn J. Cavanaugh made a motion to approve September 5, 2023, minutes as presented; seconded by Michael J. Cote. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

V. Public Comment

Fire Chief, Steve Guillemette brought to the Boards attention that the live streaming of the meetings lags and is very spotty. The Board asked for the Town Administrator to look into it. Gloria Pillsbury stated that the ramp going to the brush pile at the Transfer Station has washed out; Road Commissioner – North, Darren Rogers has been made aware of and will rectify it.

VI. Unfinished Business

i. Town Administrator Update

- So. Maine Pump was out on Thursday for the well/pump testing. 14+ gal/minute, perfect for another building utilizing the same well, water levels held nice. Also, he did not charge for his time.
- Liquor license renewal on agenda, no alcohol related issues reported from YCSO on the location.
- A draft of the firearms ordinance was prepared by the Town's attorney for the Board to review, discuss, and consider for March Town Meeting. If considering moving forward, the Board should consider a "pre-season" public hearing for feedback before the warrant is created.
- If we move forward with renewing the Deputy Contract, does the Board want to have an open Town Meeting or secret ballot with the November State Referendum vote? After discussion Shawn J. Cavanaugh made a motion to table until the estimated cost for the Deputy is provided; seconded by Michael J. Cote. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.
- Four members of the Rescue Department have been approved for grant funding from the Harold Alford Workforce Grant which will cover half of their specialized training, saving the Town \$2,300 on three of the four members; the Rescue Chief half will be covered by another agency.
- There are 2 more meetings that the Town Administrator may miss this fall, September 26th (for sure) and October 10th (She may make it back in time for meeting depending on what time the game ends).
- Would like to have the grill heating up at 5:00 pm on Friday.

- The Land Use Secretary's windowsill is rotten.
After discussion the Board asked for the Handyman be notified to repair.
- ii. Draft firearms ordinance
After discussion the Board stated that they would like to move forward with the firearms ordinance and hold a public meeting. The Town Administrator will schedule.

VII. New Business

- i. Department Head Briefings
 - Road Commissioner – North, Darren Rogers
Is working and will continue to work on clean up and wash out repairs.
 - Rescue Chief, Gene Streck
With Hurricane Lee approaching the Rescue Chief stated that if anyone loses power and is on oxygen to call the Fire Department and not 911 and they will do what they can to help. Also reminded residents to not run a generator inside of the house or garage (even with doors open).
 - Fire Chief, Steve Guillemette
Fire Chief reported that progress has been made on the "Eastman" hydrant, it appears that here is just too much muck clogging up the pump. They were able to get some water out, but it's slow. Maine DEP is sending paperwork to allow them to drain the pond and dredge the muck, and the Chief will look into raising the nozzle and putting a new head on it. The heating system at the Public Safety Building has been repaired. Also presented to the Board a quote from Sunbelt rentals for a solids pump rental with hose in the total amount of \$2,793.53 but is not accurate because he is not sure on what length of hose he will need; Road Commissioner – South, Jeff Goodwin and the Fire Chief, Steve Guillemette will be measuring the pond on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. The Board will revisit it at next week's meeting. 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.
Shawn J. Cavanaugh asked the Chief to bring over the ladder truck and personnel to place covering over the exposed wood that was under old lighting.
- ii. New applicant for hire – as recommended by the Rescue Chief
After reviewing an application for the Rescue Department Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the hiring of Bennett Andrew Carr; seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.
- iii. Liquor License Renewal – Local 130, 130 Emery Mills Road
With no alcohol-related issues reported from YCSO for this location Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the liquor license for Local 130; seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

VIII. Information

- i. Planning Board Agenda 9/12 at 7pm
- ii. Public Hearing – 9/19 @ 5:30pm – GA Ordinance
- iii. Community Building Committee – 9/14 @ 6pm

- iv. Volunteer BBQ – 9/15 @ 5:30pm
- v. Property Tax due date – 9/29

IX. Executive Session- *(as needed)*

X. Signatures

- i. Warrants
- ii. Liquor License

XI. Any other business the Board may wish to present – None.

XII. Adjourn

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

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