

Shapleigh Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance: was recited

Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for February 28, 2023 as presented; seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business:

i. Town Administrator updates

- Staff meeting/luncheon went well. Staff expressed appreciation for the time to come together to talk and also that the Board has put forward an article using the ARPA funds for premium pay bonus for essential employees. Some housekeeping and maintenance discussions. The “bell tower” at the top of the building needs some attention this year. Paint is flaking, if not taken care of soon the wood will start to rot. Also, the gutters need to be cleaned, its been several years. Little trees are growing out of them, the water is leaking on people’s heads on the handicap ramp entrance.
- York County Soil and Water Steering Committee meeting March 23rd via zoom for the Mousam/Goose Pond projects
- Maine DOT representative to meet with Administrator on Monday, March 13th at 1pm to look at road inventory. List has not been updated in over 15 years. RC’s are invited and encouraged to attend.

New Business:

i. Rescue Briefing

Chief Gene Streck, reported 25 calls for the month of February. There were two mutual aid responses from neighboring towns due to the ambulance already being out on calls and one paramedic intercept. There was a dent in the front wheel cover of the ambulance, a replacement is on order.

ii. Write off of Fees, request from the Treasurer

The Treasurer has requested that the Selectmen authorize the write off of ambulance service fees totaling \$1,119.03 for 4 accounts that are in collections, where the patient has since died. Michael J. Cote made a motion to write off the fees of \$1,119.03, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried, 3/0.

iii. Pandemic Policy Review

The Pandemic Policy from May 2022 was review and revised. The revision removes the Town's responsibility to pay for Covid related absences, unless the exposure was work related for EMS services. Employees will use Earned Paid Leave or Sick Leave for COVID related absences.

iv. Recognition of Service

Scott E. Cudworth thanked William J. Mageary for his 9 years of service as Selectman to the Town of Shapleigh. Selectmen Cudworth and Cote presented a framed certificate of appreciation to Selectman Mageary. Selectman Mageary expressed that it has been an honor to serve the community for nearly 9 years and he is very grateful to the voters who allowed him to serve.

Information:

- i. Planning Board Minutes, letters
- ii. Town Meeting/Election times and locations
- iii. York County Sherriff's Office Report
- iv. Thank you letter to Rescue
- v. Caring Unlimited annual report

Executive Session –

Michael J. Cote made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (a), Personnel Matters at 6:26 pm, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried, 3/0.

Michael J. Cote made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:57pm, seconded by Scott E. Cudworth. Motion carried, 3/0.

Signatures:

- i. Warrants
- ii. Certificates of Recognition

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

William J. Mageary noted that he hoped the Board would consider in the future, the idea of changing the Saturdays that the Town Clerk's Office is open to the 2nd and 4th or the 1st and 3rd. of the month. This would reduce the amount of time in between Saturdays being open so that non-residents who only come up on weekends don't have to wait until the end of the month if they miss the first open Saturday. He suggested that after the current Clerk's retirement might be a good time to implement the change. The Board acknowledged his and will consider it at a later date.

Adjournment:

Michael J. Cote made a motion to adjourn at 6:58p.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.