

June 3, 2023 Special Town Meeting



Public Hearing Information

Article 2:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$13,000 for Shapleigh's matching funds for a grant for the Mousam Lake/GoosePond stormwater run-off mitigation project?



-
- History:
- Money was previously appropriated in 2022 but was never used due to shortage in staff with the ASYCC and YCSWD. The money lapsed to the General Fund. In March of 2023, the Town was notified that the State Grant Funds were given an extension through the end of 2023.

Article 3:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 for the Fire Department's Turn Out Gear Reserve Fund?

- This money would be available to fit 4-5 new fully trained members with a full set of Turn Out Gear to fight fires.



Article 4:

Shall the Town vote to have ambulance services and firefighting services under one municipal department and enact the following Shapleigh Fire-Rescue Ordinance?

Current Issues

- Lack of volunteerism
- Lack of trained professionals
- Redundancy of programs/training resources
- Availability of current volunteers during working hours

Benefits

- Have 24/7 coverage for both Fire and Medical Services through Per Diem Staffing
- One Budget, one set of policies, one unified department, one Full Time Chief
- Increase FF membership by offering Per Diem Shifts



Full Time on duty Fire Chief:

Annual Salary would consist of the two salaries currently appropriated for a Fire and a Rescue Chief, plus that appropriated in Per Diem Staffing budget.

Additional benefit costs for first year (365 days) for Health and Retirement estimated at \$16,000. This could be covered by the contingency fund if Command Staff is in place before year end.

Article 5:

Shall the town vote to accept the following addition and changes to Sections 105-15 (Definitions) and 105-17 (Land Uses) of the Shapleigh Zoning Ordinance addressing **Additional Dwelling Units?**

Synopsis:

- Accessory to single family residence & independent of primary residence

May be an apartment within the dwelling, attached to, or freestanding

Minimum size 190 sq ft, no larger than 800 sq ft

Primary dwelling is owner-occupied

The primary residence must be on a conforming lot as designated for the district

Shall not be rented/leased as short-term rental. Must be 12 consecutive months or more

Only 1 accessory dwelling unit per lot

Detached unit is only permitted in the General Purpose District