

Shapleigh Select Board
Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2024

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.

II. Attendance:

Kody Lagasse, Shaun Allen, Gene Streck, Darren Rogers, Tammay Alpander, and Wayne and Gloria Pillsbury.

III. Approval of minutes from 01/23/24

Michael J. Cote made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. Motion carried, 3/0.

IV. Public Comment- none offered

V. Unfinished Business

i. Updates from the Administrator

- Annual audit process has begun and will continue through most of February.
- Out of the office Wednesday afternoon for General Assistance Administrators meeting in Arundel.
- Bid package for building is ready to go out, pending decision on sprinkler system. I have contacted Eastern Fire Protection for a ballpark price and am waiting to hear back.
- The Board has not received any bid specs for blasting yet, Shawn J. Cavanaugh will follow up on this.

VI. New Business

i. Department Head Briefings

- Rescue Chief, Gene Streck- reported that it was a busy month and the call average was about 1 a day. Regional Maine EMS finally hired a new EMS Director, who comes from Oregon. New EMS protocols go into effect on the 1st, and testing has been done in advance. Floor liners for the front of the Ambulance have been ordered as the mats that were in there were causing a safety hazard. Electrodes are going up in price significantly so the Chief purchased what he believes the department will need for the year in bulk. Discussion was exchanged on the new rules that allows Medicare to now pay for on scene treatment that does not result in a transport. Both the Chief and the Board are unsure which way to go on the matter. Also discussed was if this were implemented in the fee schedule, would the department also allow for the Subscription “discount”. The Board asked the Chief to come up with the Town’s Cost for basic response without transport to help weigh on the decision.
- Road Commissioner North, Darren Rogers- reported that not a lot happening on the roads this week other than weather, checking roads nearly daily for snow/ice. The crews

are doing a great job. A couple loads of salt were ordered and put up. Planning on moving the leaves/pine needles out at the Transfer Station to the Town Pit to allow them to decompose and get them out of the way at the Transfer Station.

ii. Fireworks ordinance/livestock request

- Tammy Alpander addressed the Board about concern with her horses on the 4th of July. She operates a horse sanctuary for retired thoroughbreds and fears some of the horses will not make it through another round of fireworks. She requested that the Board create an ordinance restricting fireworks within 1 mile of livestock. The Board expressed sympathy to her situation and explained that this had been talked about in the past. They explained that it would be difficult for property owners to know if there was livestock within a mile of livestock based on the geographic nature of the town. It would also be hard to enforce unless there was a town-wide restriction, and the Board does not feel as though that would be supported by the tax payers. The Board informed Ms. Alpander that she could start a petition and create an ordinance on her own and with enough signatures, the Board would bring it to a Town Meeting for the residents to vote on. Gloria Pillsbury mentioned that beyond the noise annoyance, many are shooting them off near trees and it becomes a fire hazard.

iii. Pole Permit- Gray Road/CMP- 1 pole

- In conjunction with the previous 7 poles permitted, CMP has submitted an application to add an 8th pole on Gray Road. The Road Commissioner has reviewed the application and has asked them to move it back a couple feet if possible, otherwise it is fine. On a motion by Michael J. Cote, seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh the pole permit was granted, 3/0.

VII. Information

- i. Planning Board Minutes and Abutters Notices
- ii. Planning Board Public Hearings (3) 2/13 @6:30pm

VIII. Executive Session- Michael J. Cote made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:47pm, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (a), Personnel Matters, seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. Motion carried, 3/0.

Michael J. Cote made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:02pm, seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh, motion carried, 3/0.

Michael J. Cote made a motion as a result of the executive session to terminate employment of the employee discussed, seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. Motion carried, 3/0.

IX. Signatures

- i. Warrants
- ii. Pole Permit

X. Any other business the Board may wish to present

XI. Adjourn- Michael J. Cote made a motion to adjourn at 7:03pm, seconded by Shawn J. Cavanaugh. Motion carried, 3/0.