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Town of Shaftsbury
Municipal Offices at Cole Hall

Meeting Minutes

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Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday February 18th, 2025 – 6:00pm

Town of Shaftsbury Select Board Meeting
In person at Cole Hall and remotely via Zoom

1. Call to Order:

The meeting came to order at 6:00pm Present were selectpersons Naomi Miller (chair), Mike Cichanowski, and Brad Peacock. Also present were Town Administrator Paula Iken and Fire chief Joe Vadakin.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement:

No one expressed a conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.

3. Minutes:

There were no minutes.

4. Announcements:

Ms. Iken announced that the closing of the medical building purchase would be held on 28th of February. The new zoning administrator, Carlyn Mickle, started on Feb. 18th and a PFAS update meeting will be held March 10th at 6pm at Cole Hall.

5. Warrants:

Check warrant #25022, $268,822.15. Mr. Cichanowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Peacock seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.

6. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Dexter reminds people to file their HS-122 homestead declaration every year for their property taxes.

8. Department of Public Works Report:

The road crew is plowing and maintaining equipment as the winter continues and cleaning up from a recent storm.

9. Update from Fire Chief Joe Vadakin:

An AFG grant proposal has been submitted for a brush truck. Many repairs have been necessary on 3 trucks totaling ~$13,000. A new truck has been purchased. Shaftsbury will need to start thinking ahead to a future truck replacement in 2031. Quotes are being received to replace the base radio at station 1. A new boiler for station 2 is needed. A new extrication tool would be useful as well but can wait if money is tight. Mr. Vadakin will keep the Select Board updated.

10. Discussion of Cyber Security:

Shaftsbury plans cyber security updates. RCS Consulting will help protect our network and Jen Holly will attend state training. Rob Steuer of RCS Consulting recommends an increase in monitoring for cyber-attacks, especially ransomware.

10. Executive session for personal issues:

Mr. Cichanowski moved to enter executive session. Mr. Peacock seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.

The select board entered executive session at 6:34pm
The select board excited executive session at 7:32pm

12. Meeting adjourned:

Mr. Cichanowski moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Peacock seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0 at 7:32 pm.