

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Thursday July 7th, 2016**

Present at Meeting:

Bert Potter, Selectman; Steven Nicholson, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Linda McGuire, Treasurer; Sharon Winnicki, Lister; Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Members of the Public: David Fretz, Korrine Rodrique

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Selectman Potter

Approval of Agenda:

Aaron moved and Bert seconded to approve the agenda. Bert indicated that he has some information pertaining to Animal Control that he will impart during the New Business portion.
Approved

Brown Bridge:

David Fretz presented documentation regarding the placement of barriers along the Upper Cold River Road, along the south eastern edge of the road, on the east side of the Bridge. David indicated that boulders along the road would inhibit off road activity and act as a safety barrier from vehicles going off the road. Previous to the extended construction of both the Bridge and the Upper Cold River Rd. slide the deterrent was "naturally" in place in the form of rocks and trees. Post construction those barriers are no longer in place.

It was explained to David that the Road Commissioner is unable to place stone barriers in the Right-Of-Way in so far as it would be contrary to the established VT DOT Codes and Standards that Shrewsbury is obligated to comply with. The Road Commissioner indicated that he would be able to install break away reflectors to mark the edge of the roadbed instead.

Listers' Update of Use Value Appraisal and Veterans Exemptions:

Sharon Winnicki wanted to give a status report to the Selectboard in regards to the continued uploading of information by the Department of Taxes, particularly dealing with Current Use and Veterans exemptions, that at times are in conflict with the schedule of the Treasurer in establishing the Tax Rate and consequently sending out the 2016 Tax Bills. Sharon indicated that there is no intent to purposefully impede the ability of the Treasurer to accessing the information, but often times the Listers are subject to delays that originate with the Department of Taxes on a statewide basis.

Sharon indicated that the Abstract of the Grand List was filed on the 4th of June and that after Lister Grievances that Grand List was lodged on the June 23rd. This schedule is consistent with the deadlines established statutorily.

New Business:

Bert reported that he has received a report from the Sheriff with options regarding the Dayton dog issue. Bert will contact the bite victim to see if they do want to make a formal complaint, which would determine how the Selectboard will proceed in resolving the demonstrated problem with the animal.

Tax Rate:

The Selectboard acknowledged receipt from the Department of Taxes of the Education Tax Rate for Shrewsbury:

Homestead Education Rate: \$1.3586

Non-Residential Education Rate: \$1.4588

Linda presented the calculation for the Local Agreement Rate: \$0.0008. The Local Agreement Rate is the non-approved locally voted exemptions (such as increases in the veteran’s exemption) that forgoes the education revenue. Total forgone education tax divided by the municipal grand list = \$0.0008

Linda proposed the following Tax Rate for 2016 that includes the 2016 approved Warned Items and the Warned Amount to be Raised by Taxes:

2016 Tax Rate

	MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION	LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE	TOTAL	CHANGE FROM 2015
HOMESTEAD	0.4197	1.3586	0.0008	1.7791	2%
NON-RESIDENTIAL	0.4197	1.4588	0.0008	1.8793	-1%

Bert moved and Steven seconded to accept the 2016 Tax Rate as calculated by the Treasurer. Approved.

Open to the Public:

David Fretz inquired as to the ability of the Town to maintain the current condition of the Brown Bridge area, i.e. does the Town have insurance for the newly erected signage and the bridge itself. It was explained to David that the structure was insured by VLCT including the NPS signage that is now attached. In regards to the Historic Marker along the roadside, that it is like the other historic roadside markers throughout Vermont subject to VT DOT and State Commission for Historical Preservation jurisdiction. In respect to rubbish that is left in the area, Steven indicated that prior to the Tuesday dedication he was cleaning the area and determined that most of the trash was residual from years previous and that it did not appear that there was a current and on-going problem of dumping in the area. Sharon indicated that in years past there had been Sheriff patrols, but that there have not been any regular patrols in quite some time.

David inquired as to the Selectboard procedure for approving meeting minutes at the end of the meeting rather than at the beginning. Bert indicated that is the way Shrewsbury has proceeded for some time and it seems to work fine.

Korrine Rodrique:

Candidate for State Senator of Rutland County wanted to introduce herself to the Selectboard and inquired as to any particular pressing issue that they would want to impart to her. Public Health researcher, Co-founder of Project Vision working with former Rutland police Chief James Baker, Rutland Town resident. Ms. Rodrique stated that Project Vision has helped reduce property crime by 60% and it is her intent to bring similar dedication to addressing the

continuing problems of addiction by expanding educational and economic opportunities. The Selectboard thanked Ms. Rodrigue for coming by and speaking with them.

Minutes:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the minutes of 6/15/2016 and 6/24/2016.
Approved.

Parcel Mapping:

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve Russell Graphics for Shrewsbury Parcel Mapping in 2017. Approved

Orders:

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve Road Commissioner Orders # 7 of July 7, 2016 for \$19,800.17 (Note: \$15k of total was expended for Winter Sand) and Selectboard Orders #7 of July 7, 2016 for \$4,059.66. Approved.

Monthly Drawing of Transfer Station Cards:

Lisa Steckler

Meeting was duly adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.