

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Wednesday July 20th, 2016**

Present at Meeting:

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

Louise Duda & Peter Grace; Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Aaron moved and Steven seconded to approve the agenda. No Modifications Approved

Conservation Commission:

Louise Duda & Peter Grace wanted to appraise the Selectboard to their current activities and status of ongoing projects.

- The SCC is informing themselves via Jens Hilke, Community Wildlife Program Conservation Planning Biologist, VT Fish & Wildlife Department in regards to Shrewsbury Natural Resources via VT Bio-Finder and Natural Resources Atlas tools.
- Requesting input on any particular projects that the Selectboard might have for the SCC.
- Commented on how well the Brown Bridge and Jim Jeffords Dedication Celebration went.
- The SCC does have concerns that the current pristine state of the Waner Swimming Hole / Brown Bridge area will have some durability in so far as most of the SCC members do not live in proximity to the Brown Bridge. The Selectboard referenced the Brown Bridge Neighbor Group and David Fretz's as possible contacts for establishing partner relationships for maintenance of the area.
- Request for funds and support for a "positive and inspirational" no littering sign, possible locally made, to erect in the area. Similar to the current "Moveable Moose" sign, but envisioned to be more permanent.

Steven moved and Aaron seconded to authorize the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission to develop "no Littering" and "Waner Swimming Hole" signage to be reviewed and approved by the Selectboard for the placement in the area. Approved

- The SCC requested to be kept informed as to the development of the Management Plans for the Jim Jeffords State Forest as the start to emerge from ANR.
- In the effort to control and eliminate invasive plants, the SCC is requesting that an area in or around the Transfer Station be set aside so that black plastic bags of hand pulled invasive can be treated by sun exposure. Similar to what is done at the State level for invasive that are collected in the State Forest.
- The SCC wanted to verify that the Selectboard and Road Commissioner were aware of the Nature Conservancy Culvert Assessment Report that was developed with ANR and the Better Back Roads (VT DOT). The Selectboard was made aware that the Road Commissioner was made aware of the report back in December of 2015 and in integrated into standards for ACT 64

Appointments:

The Selectboard acknowledges the resignation of Lily French from the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission and thanks her for her service.

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to appoint Pam Darrow to the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission. Approved.

Listers' Update of Veterans Exemptions:

Sharon indicated that there will be a change in the population of Veterans Exemptions and she is investigating precisely what action the Selectboard will need to take in order to record the changes in the Grand List.

Open to the Public:

No members of the Public present

New Business:

Bert reported that the 2nd Qtr. Transfer Station revenues are in compliance with the mandates of ACT 148.

Minutes:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the minutes of July 7, 2016. Correction:

It is noted that the reported change in the Tax Rate from 2015 was incorrectly stated based on the information provided by the Treasurer. The corrected data is

2016 Tax Rate

	MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION	LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE	TOTAL	CHANGE FROM 2015
HOMESTEAD	0.4197 -5% decrease	1.3586 3% increase	0.0008 -27% decrease	1.7791	1% rather than 2%
NON-RESIDENTIAL	0.4197 -5% decrease	1.4588 -2% decrease	0.0008 -27% decrease	1.8793	-2% rather than -1%

Approved.

Orders:

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve Road Commissioner Orders # 7A of July 20, 2016 for \$12,922.29 and Selectboard Orders #7A of July 20, 2016 for \$1,737.33. Approved.

Meeting was duly adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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