

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
July 19, 2017**

Present at Meeting:

Bert Potter, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Steven Nicholson, Selectman; Jamie Carrara, Road Commissioner; Linda McGuire, Treasurer; Mark Goodwin, Clerk

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Selectman Potter

Approval of Agenda:

Aaron moved and Bert seconded to approve the agenda. Approved
Order of Agenda Modified in order for the Treasurer to prepare updated data for the calculation of the Tax Rate.

Appointments:

Steven moved and Bert seconded to appoint Lee Wilson Auditor for a term commencing July 19 through 2018 Town Meeting Day (March 6, 2018). Approved

New Business:

Bert received a letter from VLCT in regards to a Webinar on the topic of Impact of Climate Change on Municipal Water Systems. In so far as Shrewsbury has no municipal water systems, the letter was non-consequential and tabled.

Road Commissioner's Report:

Drainage Bids:

Jamie reported that he has been working with Aaron Korzun, Selectman and Jeff Smith to rescope the drainage project in Shrewsbury Center as well as the Northam segment of the proposed project. This is causing some delays in obtaining the proscribe number of qualified bidders for the project. Jamie is attempting to obtain at least documentation of "No Interest / No Response" from local contractors. He indicated that he might have to go outside the local area, but because of recent flooding, contractors are too busy even to respond. Jamie reported that this is putting the present paving schedule in jeopardy to some extent. However, he reported that he believes he can work around the drainage projects or postpone them and still be able to complete the vast majority of paving scheduled for this season. Jamie is confident that if the drainage projects need to be postponed that it will not impact the grant funding and that the funding will be extended into next year.

Jamie expects bids to be available for award at the first Selectboard Meeting in August.

Jamie informed the Selectboard that he intends to submit an advertisement to the Times of Shrewsbury for hiring a member of the Road Crew. In respect to the hiring process, Jamie requested that the Selectboard approve the utilization of the Town Clerk in assisting the Road Commissioner in interviewing prospective candidates, so that he had the benefit of at least two Town officials conducting interviews. The Selectboard indicated that if the Clerk was willing that they had no issue with that process.

The Road Commissioner is reviewing the Shrewsbury Personnel Policy in order to address issues of employee conduct and certification that had developed over the course of the past seven years that the policy has been in effect. The Road Commission will move ahead with hiring to fill the current vacancy, while simultaneously working to update the Personnel Policy, which he indicated should not deter the hiring process. Jamie hopes to have an updated policy for review by the Selectboard relatively soon.

Setting the Tax Rate:

2017 Tax Rate

	MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION	LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE	TOTAL
HOMESTEAD	0.5605 34% Increase	1.3514 -1% Decrease	0.0003 -63% Decrease	1.9122 7% Increase
NON-RESIDENTIAL	0.5605 34% Increase	1.3820 -5% Decrease	0.0003 -63% Decrease	1.9428 3% Increase

Steven moved and Bert seconded to approve the 2017 Tax Rate as prepared by the Town Treasurer. Approved

Dog Licenses:

Bert indicated that the Sheriff has been out of town and unable to be contacted in respect to enforcement procedures in regard to the 2016 Shrewsbury Dog and Wolf Hybrid Ordinance. Bert will continue to attempt to contact the Sheriff.

Open to the Public:

No members of the Public present at this time.

Minutes:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the Minutes of July 5, 2017. Approved

Orders

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve:

Road Commissioner Orders # 7A of July 19, 2017 for \$17,907.26 and Selectboard Orders # 7A of July 19, 2017 for \$563.63. Approved

CORRECTION: Correction was made to the Road Commissioner Order 6A of June 22, 2017 with a new calculated total of \$25, 035.28.

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.