

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Wednesday December 21st, 2016**

Present at Meeting:

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

Shrewsbury Conservation Commission: Grace Brigham, Pam Darrow

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. Modifications with additional items to be included: Auditors will not be presenting this evening, Shrewsbury Conservation Commission presentation added, VTrans notice of proposed improvements to Rail Road Crossings on VT Rte. 103 within Shrewsbury. Approved with modifications

Shrewsbury Conservation Commission:

Grace & Pam presented the SCC prototype of the new "Leave No Trash" sign to the Selectboard. They indicated that they had four signs in total to give to the Town and were asking for suggestions on where to place them. The Selectboard reminded the SCC that per the Road Commissioner the Road Standards will not allow for non-regulatory signs to be in the Town Right-of-Way. With that in mind, suggested locations were the Waner Swimming Hole / Brown Bridge area, the Old Plymouth Road parking area and possibly the old Pavilion area on the CCC Road (although in the Coolidge State Forest it is still in Shrewsbury).

Grace also inquired, that because the SCC was considering the possibility of selling signs as a fund raiser, if there were constraints with property owners putting up signs on their property. The only limitations that the Selectboard was aware of was like any other non-regulatory sign, that it could not be in the ROW per the Road Standards that Town must adhere to.

2017 Treasurer Budget:

Linda indicated that she is anticipating that the Treasurer's Office 2017 budget will be remaining the same.

2017 Board of Listers Budget:

Sharon indicated that she is not anticipating any increase except for possibly an adjustment to the salary portion of the Listers budget. Based on new actual data received this evening, Sharon will re-examine and possibly adjust that part of the Lister budget and present at the January 4th Selectboard meeting.

Lister Error & Omissions 2016 Notification:

Sharon notified the Selectboard of updates to the Grand List as Errors and Omissions: They included three Current Use changes and a Veterans Exemption. These modifications will have no significant impact on the overall value of the Grand List.

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the Error and Omissions Report as presented by the Listers. Approved.

2017 Clerk's Office Budget:

Mark indicated that he is anticipating that the Clerk's Office 2017 budget will be remaining the same.

Liquor License- Crisanver House:

Bert moved and Aron seconded to approve the 2017 Liquor License for Crisanver House.
Discussion: all paperwork and appropriate fees were included in the renewal application.
Approved.

2017 Solicitations for the 2017 Annual Meeting Warning:

The Clerk reported that the Town had received two solicitations for inclusion on the 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warning. One solicitation was from Big Heavy World of Burlington which is a 501 (c)(3) *organization working to bring the state's musicians together to strengthen their ability to help each other, foster and champion the contribution of music to the economies of the towns across the state and work to preserve original Vermont made music for future generations.* The Clerk will respond back that the Selectbaord does not see any direct benefit to the Town of Shrewsbury and does not consider the request an appropriate social service program per 24 V.S.A. §2691 for inclusion on the Town Warning. The Clerk will respond back to the requesters indicating the same.

The second solicitation was from the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program. This is an organization that has evolved from the previous George D. Aiken Resource Conservation & Development Council which was disbanded sometime around 2011- 2012. The organization essentially spearheads the Dry Hydrant initiative that the Aiken Conservation & Development Council used to coordinate. The solicitation was withdrawn and will possibly be requested with the appropriate presentation to the Selectbaord in the summer of 2017.

Work in the Right of Way:

The Road Commissioner returned the application from Walnut Hill Realty in regards to creating a curb cut for 211 Frank Lord Road with his comments and requirements.

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve the request for Work in the Right of Way for 211 Frank Lord Road, with the stipulation that the Road Commissioner's requirements be adhered to. Approved

VTrans Proposed work on VT Rte. 103 RR Crossings:

The Selectboard acknowledges the proposed VTrans work for the Rail Road crossings on VT Rte. 103 in Shrewsbury (and Cavendish), and has no particular comment to VTrans regarding the project for submission.

Open to the Public:

No members of the public present

New Business:

Bert notified the Selectbaord of a solicitation letter from an Public Accounting firm that he will add to the list of possible firms to send a RFP and utilize when the Town conducts its' next audit.

Minutes:

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the minutes of December 7th, 2016. Approved

Orders:

Bert moved and Steven seconded to approve Road Commissioner Orders # 12A of December 21, 2016 for \$8,679.69 and Selectboard Orders #12A of December 21, 2016 of \$4,582.07.

Approved.

Meeting was duly adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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