

**Selectboard Meeting
July 23, 2008
7:00–9:00 p.m.**

Present: Paul Saenger, Bob Warren, Steve Goodrich, Karen Shackett, Marthe Fisher, Amy Douglas

Absent: Barb Kivlin

Guests: Lindsay Carl, Matt Carl

Call to order:

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

Announcements: See agenda hand-out

(1) Public Concerns:

- a) **Lindsay Carl**—She and her husband came to the meeting to address an issue about which she had made a formal complaint, concerning the road crew. The Board issued an apology, noting that the speed issue would be taken up with the crew.

(2) Minutes :

- a) Bob MOVED, Karen SECONDED, to approve the **July 9 Minutes**, with a correction to the name “D & F” (not “P”) *Motion passed*.
- b) Marthe MOVED, Bob SECONDED, that the **Minutes of June 18**, the Special Joint Meeting with the Planning Committee, be accepted as written. *Motion passed*

(3) Roads:

- a) **Paving**—Richville and Watch Point areas nearly done; Despite contract, D&F raised the rate by \$2.
- b) Work on Doolittle continues.
- c) **Ditching, grading**—School Street ditching is nearly finished, work is being done by Jeremiah's contractor not the town; they use different methods, it bears watching to see how the results hold up.

Inquiries have been received re **grading**—Board suggested a notice on the website; weather has made scheduling difficult as conditions have been so soggy, work will continue as possible.

(4) Buildings & Grounds:

- a) **Generator**—Waiting on CVPS to replace pole
- b) **Firehouse/Town Garage**—Ballasts in overheads need replacing throughout the garage portion of the building; heaters should be cleaned before winter. Ballasts will cost around \$3000 to replace all; plan is to replace in stages, phasing in more energy efficient units as we go. Karen will contact Fyles about the heater cleaning. Bill Telgen submitted an estimate of \$500 to replace the garage entry door and frame. Karen MOVED, Bob SECONDED, that the Board accept Telgen's estimate for replacement of the garage entry door on the south end of the building, and that

Karen proceed with plans to have Fyles clean the heaters, and for replacement of interior door locks. *Motion passed.*

- (5) **Tax Rate**—Board reviewed to-date budget reports and financial revenue estimates for 2008, in preparation for setting tax rate
- (6) **Neighborhood Watch**—Discussion on how to set up communications to receive reports, how to encourage participation; Mike Matot expressed interest in Neighborhood Watch program, if he were to be provided with a truck, he would be happy to patrol the town. Board wishes to have excerpts from materials in next newsletter.
- (7) **Ancient Roads Mass Discontinuance followup**—Tabled
- (8) **Vacancy on ACRPC**— No candidates yet
- (9) **Selectboard Orders:** signed
 - a) **Newton Academy**—Benj's revised property description received, re: easements; Steve MOVED, Marthe SECONDED. that the Board accept the revised property description as received from the Town's lawyer. *Motion passed.*
- (10) **Other Business:**
 - a) **Newsletter**—deadline to be earlier rather than at the last-minute as has been the case. Robin will send out notices. She will include info from the Neighborhood Watch materials.
 - b) **Scrap Metal**—pickup scheduled for Sept. 27, 9Am to Noon, at the Firehouse
 - c) **Next meeting:** July 30 set for 3 meetings: 6:00PM for Board of Abatement, 6:30 for BCA, and 7:00PM for the Selectboard to continue with the tax rate issue.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully submitted by,
Robin Conway
Minute Taker

Signed: _____
Marthe Fisher, Secretary
Town of Shoreham Selectboard