

**Selectboard Meeting
January 27, 2010
7:00–8:50 p.m.**

Present: Paul Saenger, Karen Shackett, Bob Warren, Steve Goodrich, Marthe Fisher;
Amy Douglas, Barb Kivlin
Guests: Bill Edson, MVAA; Ginny Spadiccini

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

AGENDA:

Announcements: See agenda hand-out

(1) Public Concerns: Ginny, representing the Community Involvement Task Force, requested funding of \$200 for the group to develop, print, & mail a brochure of volunteer information to town residents. Board advised that group needs to present the SB with a proposal, including costs, for the mailing.

MVAA: Bill Edson, Operations Manager for the Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Assoc., came to the meeting to discuss support for MVAA services. MVAA has moved to a contract-based service (as has Vergennes Ambulance, Brandon Ambulance, and others around the state). A “Service Agreement” is put in place with each town MVAA services. This affords MVAA with a known, steady source of revenue, relieves them from annual Town Warning petitions, and assures town residents of necessary services when needed. The MVAA Service Agreement seeks a \$2 per capita annual fee which is low in comparison to Vergennes (\$4), Brandon (\$5.20), White River (\$55.80), or Valley Rescue (\$84), for example. The funding supports services, salaries, equipment, and helps defray the approximately \$60,000/year of non-recovered expenses. Seven of the ten towns MVAA serves have signed agreements in place. Bill explained that this differs from the “Subscription” serve they offer residents on an individual basis, which is more of a fund-raising effort, and guarantees the subscriber various services. The agreement is more of an operating funds type of revenue.

(2) Minutes: Steve MOVED, Karen SECONDED, that the **Minutes of January 13th** be accepted with corrections. *Motion passed.* Steve MOVED, Karen SECONDED, that the **Minutes of the special budget meeting of January 20th** be accepted. *Motion passed.*

(3) Roads: [Steve] The recent rains have resulted in water over most town roads at one point or another—complaints received about lack of warning signs, but available signage has been deployed to the most heavily-travelled locations.

(4) Buildings: [Karen] **Newton**—HUD grant and attendant forms need joint discussion with the NA Committee, and will need comprehensive oversight.

(5) Emergency Management: [Robin] Discussion about expense amounts to be authorized. Amounts decided upon were inserted into the document. Marthe MOVED, Bob SECONDED, that the Board adopt and sign the “Letter of Authority for Incident Command.” *Motion passed.* Document signed.

(6) Town Warning: Warnings finalized.

- Discussion of how to proceed with **MVAA contract request**, since budget for 2010 had been finalized and closed.

Karen MOVED, Marthe SECONDED, to add the MVAA request for \$2,590 (\$2 per capita, annual charge) as an Australian ballot Article to the Town Warning, for vote on March 2. *Motion passed.*

- Karen MOVED, Steve SECONDED, that an additional article be added to the Warning for vote at Town meeting, Monday, March 1: **Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to establish a reserve fund for reappraisal?** *Motion passed.*
- Steve MOVED, Marthe SECONDED, that an additional article be added to the Warning for vote at Town meeting, Monday, March 1: **Shall the Town approve the sum of \$227,875 to defray current expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding obligations and orders?** *Motion passed.*
- Steve MOVED, Marthe SECONDED, that an additional article be added to the Warning for vote at Town meeting, Monday, March 1: **Shall the Town approve the sum of \$559,670 for the support of its town roads for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding obligations and orders?** *Motion passed.*

(7) **Newton Academy—Town Meeting Dinner:** The Newton Academy Committee will handle the Town Meeting Supper prior to the Meeting on Monday, March 1. The 4-H will handle drinks and desserts. Each group will retain proceeds from their sales to benefit their projects.

(8) **Selectboard Orders**—reviewed and signed.

Tax Map Updating—Bob MOVED, Karen SECONDED, that the Board sign a contract in the amount of \$2,200, with Sewall Mapping, to update the tax maps.

Adjournment: Paul adjourned meeting at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Conway
Minute Taker

Signed: _____
Marthe Fisher Secretary
Town of Shoreham Selectboard