

Approved: April 10, 2006

Selectboard Meeting

March 27, 2006

7:00 - 11:10 p.m.

Present: Paul Saenger, Walt Pyle, Bob Warren, Marthe Fisher, Steve Goodrich,
Mary Jane James, Barb Kivlin

Guests: Phil Kivlin, Art Remick, Randy Strong, Liz Fitzsimmons, Linda Larrabee,
John Sullivan, Roberta Blodgett

Call to order:

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

Minutes approved:

Minutes from March 13, 2006, were approved. Walt MOVED and Bob SECONDED to accept minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Minutes from March 20, 2006, were approved as corrected. Walt MOVED and Bob SECONDED to accept minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Additions to Agenda:

Newton Academy
Tax Sale Policy
Road Ordinance
Truck Purchase
Firehouse-Bone Builders

Liquor Commission:

Board reviewed 2 liquor licenses, one for R.L. Lavallee and the Inn. R.L. Lavallee is also applying for a tobacco license. Bob MOVED that the Board approve the liquor licenses for RL. Vallee Inc and the Shoreham Inn and the tobacco license for R.L. Lavallee. Motion carried. Board signed the licenses.

1. An electrical line between the new firehouse and the old shed has become a problem due to the recent Vermont Leagues of Cities and Town's insurance report. Mary Jane related that Mark Spitzner was here to fix the electrical problem in the Town Clerk's and wondered whether to ask him about the firehouse issue. Walt MOVED and Bob SECONDED that Town have the needed electrical repairs done at the firehouse. Motion carried. Further discussion later in the meeting-Steve MOVED that electricity be installed from the red barn and that power run just to the fuel tanks. Bob SECONDED. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

2. Time cards were reviewed and signed.
3. Bob MOVED to postpone road ordinances discussion until the regular next meeting. Steve SECONDED. Motion carried.
4. Steve MOVED that the Board table the discussion about a new town truck for now. Bob SECONDED. Motion carried. Randy suggested that the Town think of purchasing a new single axle truck along with a 1-or 2-ton truck to use in town. Could buy a diesel that would use less fuel and they could get two vehicles for the price of the tandem.
5. Steve handed out a copy of Orwell's tax sale policy, which he received, from Bill Telgen. Board briefly reviewed how the tax collection process works in Shoreham. Board can suggest to tax collector a policy if he/she wants to follow it. Board reviewed the sample and how it would work. Bob MOVED that the Town of Shoreham adopt the Town of Orwell's Delinquent Tax Policy with changes. Walt SECONDED. Motion carried.
6. Phil Kivlin shared his public concern about Harrington Hill Road. Phil showed the Board pictures of how his fence was pushed in and said that the major issue is the culvert that has been covered up and needs to be fixed so his tenant can get back onto the land. The other issue where the fence was pushed road crew was trying to solve the ditch problem and now the dirt piles need to be fixed.
7. The Bone Builders group has requested the use of the Firehouse meeting room for Mondays and Wednesdays along with their usual days. Board agreed to this use but felt this group should also check with Rescue and Fire Departments.
8. Mary Jane reported that the Town received a letter from the Land Trust announcing the Wood's purchase of the Jackson property and that it has been conserved.
9. Newton Academy – Liz, Linda and John made a presentation to this new Selectboard about the needs of the Newton Academy Committee for the building. They felt this project fulfills a need for a community center in the town and referred to the Shoreham Task Force report. They are trying to preserve the building before it deteriorates any further. Tom Keefe has done a structural analysis report, which was detailed in a December letter. Liz summarized the Task Force's high priority was preservation of the building. This is a historic building. Linda and Liz went to fundraising meeting—and were told this building merits support of the town. Liz handed out timeline to the Board of the things that have been done to the building so far. The subcommittee has submitted grant applications the Vermont Division for Historical Preservation for the roof repairs. The second priority is the repair of the foundation and the basement. A grant application to the National Trust for Preservation for monies to help with the cost of conceptual drawings, which will show how the building could be used as a community space. Handed out list of potential funds. Some towns float a loan or bond for these types of repairs. The subcommittee has raised \$12,000 since last fall. They have approximately \$22,000 in the bank. However, they were told from some donors that no money would be given unless the gazebo issue was resolved. The total cost of repairs per the report is

between \$637,000-\$839,000. Measurements of the building need to be taken so that the information can be put on a CAD program. The subcommittee asked that \$4,000 be released to do this and grant has been applied to partially pay for this. It will take \$7,300 to get a drawing. As part of the Task Force grant, Liz explained, she used 1990 census figures, which enabled the Town to get the grant for the Task Force done. However, for the implementation grant which would have netted between \$300,000-\$500,000k she used the 2000 census. The Town no longer meets the low-income requirements for these grants. The Town might qualify for grants between \$35,000-\$100,000. Not all are matching grants, but there are no grants for municipal buildings.

Paul felt there were two different issues (1) there is the need to stabilize and preserve if that is what the town wants, and (2) then ask the Town about where to put the town offices. Linda explained about the townspeople's earlier responses to the Task Force. She said that the grants need a purpose and if the town's offices were a possibility, this is more effective in going after the grants. Therefore, the subcommittee needs \$7300 for cad program and they would like to explore setting up a 501(c)(3), along with applying for historic designation with the National Register (village or building itself). Shoreham is in the National Register District. By registering this would put Shoreham on the map and give it some credibility along with opening up certain sources of funding. Committee also related to the board their idea to have an auction this summer along with a dinner. Susan Peden is helping with this. They also want to sell more t-shirts and caps for the five-year Alumni reunion. (100) or \$600. They have already sold over 200 caps. The final item on their list was to have the Board recommend and apply for Village Center Designation for Shoreham with the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation. Liz explained what it entails and is willing to work with the Town on this. Bob MOVED to authorize the Newton Academy Committee spend up to \$4,300 (from Newton Academy budget) to measure the building and have the information put on CAD program and it also be authorized to spend up to \$3,000 in grants for conceptualized drawings. Marthe SECONDED. Motion carried. The Board also authorized the Committee to explore a 501(c)(3). Walt MOVED to authorize the Committee to spend up to \$1,200 for T-shirts and caps from the Newton Academy budget. Bob SECONDED. Motion carried. Mary Jane to circulate the information Liz letter. Liz will make a list of the other towns who are on the list—Orwell, Middlebury, and Bristol are the National Register list. Susan Jamele works for Historic Preservation as the State Register Survey Programs, suzanne.jamele@state.vt.us.

10. Robert Blodgett came in about a request by the Preschool to extend it day by providing afternoon daycare. She explained about the current low enrollment this year and how they have been open only 3 days a week. However, this fall they hope to have about 18-19 kids enrolled. They would provide afternoon daycare to the same age group of 3-5 years old. The Preschool is willing to give up one Thursday a month for the Gathering to use the room. The Preschool currently pays \$100 per month for 9 months. The Town pays for the heat, electricity and wastewater. Paul asked to see the expense figures. Roberta indicated their prior balloting measures in other towns and since that didn't work they are going to implement an out of town fee to make up for the costs. Paul asked what is the socio-economic situation for this school. Walt MOVED the Board grant the

Preschool permission to submit a proposal for an all day preschool/daycare. Steve SECONDED. Motion carried. Paul suggested to Roberta that she consider building in the extra of operation into their costs. She also reported that the back of the building needs a good scraping and painting.

11. Mary Jane handed out VLCT insurance report mentioned earlier in the meeting for the Board to review. Barb reviewed the report further with the Board to explain what issues needed to be fixed and that the Town should respond within 30 days. She said the biggest issue was electrical cord at the red barn and that will be addressed. Barb will give Fire Department a copy of the report. VLCT is also revaluing the buildings and will get that to Barb as soon as possible. This insurance plan is renewed in the fall. Another issue to be fixed is the door handle up at the Preschool and Roberta said they would fix this. Barb also reported that the fire extinguishers need to be updated and serviced. Board to review the report and respond to at the next regular meeting.
12. Barb called Mike's Fuels about securing a nozzle(s) for the fuel tanks and getting an automatic shutoff for them.
13. Paul updated the Board on Doolittle Road and the culvert for Lake Street, which is by Delong Road not by fishing access. Paul spoke with Larry Danyew about Champlain Construction's bid to put 16-foot extensions on both sides of the culvert on Doolittle Road. Larry is willing to come out and explain what he was going to do on Wednesday morning. Paul asked him about moving this more to the South and Larry explained about bridge abutment.
14. Walt MOVED to go into Executive Session on personnel issues at 9:10 p.m. Bob SECONDED. Motion carried.
15. Bob MOVED to come out of Executive Session at 11:10 p.m. Steve SECONDED. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Walt MOVED to adjourn at 11:15 p.m. SECONDED by Bob. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Karen M. Shackett
Minute Taker

Signed: _____
Marthe Fisher, Secretary
Town of Shoreham Selectboard