

Approved: August 22, 2005

**Selectboard Meeting
August 8, 2005
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Present: Walt Pyle, Heidi Lanpher, Bob Warren, Jeff Bronson, Larry Provost,
Mary Jane James, Barb Kivlin

Call to order:

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

Minutes approved:

Minutes from July 25, 2005, were approved as corrected. Jeff MOVED and Bob SECONDED to accept minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Announcements:

R.L. Vallee sold liquor to a minor and have received letter for first offense.

Copy of Addison County Regional Planning proposed Amendment is available to be reviewed Vermont Municipal Policy for the Town Fair - just a reminder to read it.

Additions to Agenda: See attached sheet

Reports:

1. Barb asked about excavator rental and reimbursement from Cornwall. Walt explained the status on this, but need to check with Gudge for the specifics.
2. Heidi spoke with the softball teams about the Commons use and garbage issue. They will try to meet with the Selectboard before they start next year. Litter signs are here and will be put up on the Commons.
3. Heidi MOVED that Walt Pyle and/or Larry Provost be authorized to sign the closing paperwork for the Farnham property sale. Bob SECONDED. Motion carried.
4. Bob MOVED that Walt Pyle be authorized to sign the Addendum to the Purchase and Sale Agreement on the Farnham property. Jeff SECONDED. Motion carried.
5. Bob MOVED that Walt Pyle be authorized to sign the Wastewater and Water permit application on the Farnham Property. Larry SECONDED. Motion carried.
6. Walt reported that the Town has sued Walker Feeds with a lawsuit for the Richville Road damage.
7. Board continued their work on finalizing the Tax rate. Barb reviewed her worksheets with the Board. Mary Jane checked on the Masonic building taxes since the Masons and Vermont Music Conservatory closed after April 1. The State said the Vermont Music Conservatory could not be taxed because they did not own the property on April 1st and the Masons were

tax exempt. Also concern over Michael O'Neill's current use problem and how this might affect the tax rate. Board decided to continue with their current figure. Bob MOVED that the Town set the Tax Rate for 2005 to be \$3.0964 for homestead and \$2.8323 for non-residential. Larry SECONDED. Motion carried.

- 8. Next scrap metal pickup will be Saturday, September 17, 2005. Heidi will set this up Gudge and J.R.'s Rubbish and Recycling.
- 9. Mary Jane sent out dog warrants to those who have not paid their dog fees and gave list of non-complying owners to Tim Deering. Bob MOVED the Board sign the Dog Warrant for unregistered dogs. Larry SECONDED. Motion carried. Board signed Dog Warrant.
- 10. Barb drafted a letter of support for the covered bridge roof project for the Board to sign. Larry feels that the entrance to the property should be maintained. Question about insurance on the bridge that the Town pays and whether they should be paying it or the State. This needs to be further researched. Bob MOVED that the Board sign the letter of support on the bridge roof repair. Heidi SECONDED. Motion carried.
- 11. Library wants to use the gazebo for a performance on Monday, August 15th. Board agreed to let the Library use the Gazebo for this event.
- 12. Barb explained to the Board about the current issue with the Tennis Court project and the need to put up a temporary fence between the school and the tennis court area where the Town is dumping fill for safety reasons. Elizabeth Christensen has been notified too.
- 13. Selectboard orders were handed out and signed.
- 14. Further discussion about Shoreham Festival details.
- 15. Heidi announced her intention to resign her Selectboard term in time for the March Town Meeting ballot.

Road: None
Sewer: None
Financial: See above

Adjournment:

Bob MOVED to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. SECONDED by Larry. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
 Karen M. Shackett
 Minute Taker

Signed: _____
 Larry Provost, Secretary
 Town of Shoreham Selectboard