

Town of Shirley

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES of March 25, 2013 7:00pm TOWN OFFICES

The Board of Selectmen convened its meeting on Monday, March 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices with Selectman David N. Swain as acting Chair, presiding. Selectmen Kendra J. Dumont and Armand Deveau and Executive Assistant Kathleen Rocco are in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Announcement: In addition to the SPACO audio and video taping of this meeting, the Board records the meeting with an audiotape player for the purpose of creating these minutes

TREASURY WARRANTS

Payroll warrant	# 139	<u>3/27/13</u>	\$ <u>7,406.05</u>
Payroll warrant	#6139	<u>3/27/13</u>	\$ <u>24,348.23</u>
Payroll warrant	#9139	<u>3/27/13</u>	\$ <u>23,157.82</u>
Payable warrant	#9393	<u>3/27/13</u>	\$ <u>35.45</u>
Payable warrant	#2393	<u>3/27/13</u>	\$ <u>99,665.52</u>
Payable warrant	#9403	<u>3/27/13</u>	\$ <u>5,262.14</u>

Selectman Deveau made the **Motion to accept the following Treasury Warrants as presented. Seconded.** David N. Swain vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and Armand Deveau vote Aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Deveau made the **Motion to accept the Minutes of March 4, 2013, March 11, 2013 . Selectman Dumont Seconded. Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye. Armand Deveau abstains.**

Selectman Deveau made the **Motion to accept the Minutes of March 18, 2013. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Armand Deveau vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Selectmen

In light of Selectman Deveau's resignation effective April 30th: Selectman Deveau made the Motion to appoint David Swain as Chairman to the Board of Selectmen, Armand Deveau Vice-Chair and Kendra J. Dumont as Clerk. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Armand Deveau vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye.

2. National Autism Awareness Month – Request

Shannon Mountford, a 7th grader at the Ayer-Shirley Middle School, came before the Board of Selectmen to request to light Whitley Park up in blue string lights with a banner that would display the month of April is National Autism Awareness Month. She stated that she had over 700 lights, and would like to have them up from April 2nd through April 22nd.

Selectman Deveau made the **Motion to support Shannon Mountford in her efforts to light Whitley Park in Blue in April for the National Autism Awareness Month. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Armand Deveau vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye.**

3. Appointment – Benjamin Hill Park Committee

Committee member Ward Baxter has resigned, and Rhonda Billings submitted a letter of request to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Baxter.

Selectman Deveau made the **Motion to appoint Rhonda Billings to the Benjamin Hill Park Committee, term to expire June 30, 2015. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Armand Deveau vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye.**

4. Driveway Permits – 156 Center Road

After review of the Permit, Selectman Deveau recommends that the Board of Selectmen take no action at this time.

5. Road Crossing & Pavement Cuts – Shaker Road

Selectman Deveau made the **Motion to approve National Grid’s application for Road Crossing & Pavement Cut Permit for a new gas service located on 43 Shaker Road. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Armand Deveau vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye.**

6. Joint Meeting with FinCom – Budget Discussions

Chief Massak came before the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee to review his budget requests with respect to the police department and communication. He noted that the communication did come in level funded. The Police are requesting another officer and increase in hours for the custodian. Other discussion was on the capital request for a cruiser and the Chief’s car. (*See Attached*)

COA Director John Oelfke presented to the Selectmen and Finance Committee his budget requests. He noted that there is a need to increase the hours of the Outreach worker and a need of a custodian. (see Attached)

Both the Board of Selectmen and FinCom discussed the Required Local Contribution (RLC) regarding the School District. FinCom member, Mike Swanton explained his “Plan B” in order to assist the Town of Shirley in balancing their budget. Superintendent Carl Mock spoke to the Board of Selectmen as to the Town’s Plan moving forward. Selectman Deveau asked Town Accountant Bobbi Jo Colburn to send the Town of Shirley’s Budget to the Town of Ayer’s Accountant. Chairman Swain noted that there should be a working group meeting with the Finance Team and a member of FinCom as well as himself in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS

7. ATM Warrant

Executive Assistant Kathleen Rocco reported that there are no changes at this time on the Draft ATM Warrant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Norman Albert came before the Board to remark about the War Memorial Building. He stated that he is coming before the board as a Veteran only. He asked the Selectmen when will they know about appropriating \$5000 to the War Memorial Veterans, so they can pay the oil bills. It was explained that the War Memorial Veterans, as an elected board, will need to go before the Finance Committee for that request. Further discussion on the Anti-Aid Amendment as it related to the War Memorial Veterans and the Shirley American Legion. Selectmen are still waiting on the opinion from Town Counsel on this matter.

With no further business to discuss, **Motion and Seconded to adjourn at 9:33 p.m., David N. Swain vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and Armand Deveau vote Aye.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Rocco

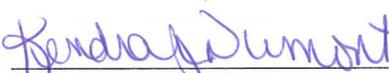
Date Accepted: April 1, 2013



David N. Swain, Chair



Armand Deveau, Vice Chair



Kendra J. Dumont, Clerk