

Call to Order: Chairman Manners called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Other members present: Joe Judd and John Payne.

Acceptance of Minutes: Joe brought forth a motion to accept the minutes of March 27, 2013. John seconded the motion and requested that Terry revise the budgetary figure noted in the Bridge Street Tree Replacement and Maintenance accounts. Motion passed unanimously.

Warrant Articles: The discussion began with an initial review of the warrant articles.

Medical Marijuana - Joe suggested that article 28 and article 29; pertaining to "medical marijuana" be removed from the warrant. The Planning Board submitted the articles in draft format and intend to discuss the topic at a public hearing this week. After speaking with a member of the Board of Health, Joe feels that there needs to be more thought and coordination amongst town boards before the discussion goes before town meeting. With that said, Joe presented a motion to eliminate both articles (28 & 29) from the warrant. John seconded the motion and noted that if a citizen feels strongly about moving the subject of medical marijuana forward, they can petition the Selectboard. Motion passed.

Planning Board Alternate Members – John suggested crafting a warrant article that would authorize the Board to petition the State Legislation to allow Shelburne to elect two alternate members to the Planning Board to serve on the Board in the absence of a regular member(s). John believes that the benefit of having alternate members include: easier to reach a quorum; when matters of conflict arise and members must recues themselves, alternate members can step in and; serving as an alternate member is a nice training ground for individuals interested in becoming a regular member. John reported that he has ~~discussed-suggested this the~~ concept ~~with~~ to Planning Board Chairman, Matt Marchese. ~~–Matt~~who intends to discuss it with his members at their meeting this week. Following the discussion, John presented a motion for the Board to sponsor an article seeking authorization for special legislation. Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. *Following discussion relating to "Remote Participation," the Board rescinded their vote.*

Open Meeting Law Provision for Remote Participation – In an email to members of the Select Board, Planning Board Chairman, Matt Marchese requested that the Board consider placing an article on the town meeting warrant to adopt a section of the Open Meeting Law (940 CMR 29.00 section 29.10) that allows remote participation in meetings. If passed, it would apply to all subsequent meetings of all local public bodies in that municipality. With the annual town meeting warrant closing on Monday, Joe felt that the Board needed more time to consider the adoption of this provision. Following a brief discussion the other Board members agreed. John presented a motion to defer taking any action on both the Planning Board Alternate Members concept and the Remote Participation provision to allow for evaluation and discussion. *John noted that his motion nullifies the earlier vote regarding special legislation.* Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. John will notify Matt Marchese of the Board's actions.

Review of FY'14 Budget

Following review of the warrant articles the Board reviewed the omnibus budget and made the following revisions:

- Planning Board: \$4,000 reduced to \$3,382
Clerical hours reduced by 20 hours; line item for legal notices reduced by \$450
- S.F. Village Partnership: \$6,000 increased to \$7,000
In keeping with Buckland's vote; Shelburne Select Board decided to fund equally.
- Streetlights: \$15,640 reduced to \$15,000
After review of the FY'13 expense report through March, 2013; a slight reduction was recommended.
- Mohawk Budget Assessment: members of the Board agree that Mohawk's budget assessment which reflects an increase of \$85,156 from last year is unacceptable. Following a brief discussion, Joe presented a motion to recommending that Shelburne Finance Committee members do not vote to support the proposed assessment. John seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Proposed Changes to the Overtime Policy: Highway department personnel are not happy with the recent changes to the overtime policy which requires employees to work forty (40) hours before being eligible for overtime compensation. As a means of compromise, Joe is recommending that the Board consider revising the policy to include the town's eleven (11) paid Holidays as time worked. In addition, Joe would like to revise the 2 hour "minimum hours called-in" provision to reflect the overtime rate. Before taking any action, John would like to speak to Chief Walker to see if the changes would impact the Police Department.

Adjournment – John presented a motion to adjourn at 5:10p.m. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Mosher
Town Administrator