



# TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room  
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building  
100 Maple Avenue  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545-5398  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 - 7:00 PM  
MINUTES

**Present:** Mr. Maurice DePalo, Chairman, Ms. Beth Casavant, Vice Chairman, Mr. James Kane, Selectman, Mr. John Samia, Selectman

**Absent:** Mr. John Lebeaux, Clerk

**Also Present:** Mr. Kevin Mizikar, Town Manager, Ms. Kristen Las, Assistant Town Manager

Mr. DePalo called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

## **Preliminaries:**

### **1. Approve bills, payrolls and warrants**

On a motion by Mr. Kane, seconded by Mr. Samia, the Board unanimously voted to approve warrants 2068, 2033, & 2070 as presented.

### **2. Approve Minutes of February 11, 2020**

On a motion by Mr. Samia, seconded by Ms. Casavant, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes as written.

### **3. Announcements/Reports**

Ms. Casavant announced that On Thursday, March 5th, at 6:30 p.m. at Shrewsbury High School in the auditorium, an important community awareness forum will be presented by the Shrewsbury Coalition for Addiction Prevention and Education (SCAPE).

### **4. Town Manager's Report**

Mr. Mizikar acknowledged a topping-off ceremony on February 14<sup>th</sup> as well as an opportunity he had taken to walk through of the new Milton Cat Rental facility. There was a West Suburban Health Group meeting this week with health insurance rates coming in at 2% under what was originally projected. At the next Board, meeting the draft Annual Town Meeting warrant will be presented. The Police & Municipal Campus project is coming along, and the Town is in close communications with state and local health officials on coronavirus outbreak.

## **Meetings/Hearings:**

- 5. 7:05 PM – Continued Public Hearing with Keith Lindem, Proposed Manager, 81 Clinton Pub, LLC, d/b/a Billy's Pub, 81 Clinton Street, for an All Alcoholic Beverages Pouring License and Entertainment License. Hours of Operation Sunday through Saturday 11:00am-2:00am. Hours of Entertainment Friday and Saturday 7:00pm-11:00pm**

Mr. Duggan requested a continuance. On a motion by Mr. Kane, seconded by Ms. Casavant, the Board unanimously voted to continue the hearing to the next meeting.

**New Business:**

**6. Review and discuss potential town meeting warrant article for zoning bylaw changes related to marijuana uses for the May 18, 2020 Annual Town Meeting**

Mr. Mizikar stated that when the Town set initial boundaries for marijuana cultivation facilities they were very limited. The purpose of the article is to expand the zoning districts where marijuana cultivations is permissible by mirroring it to where manufacturing and processing is permissible in the zoning bylaws. This would hopefully enable economic development opportunities by better positioning the Town to attract non-retail marijuana business since colocation of manufacturing and cultivation is standard in the industry. Mr. DePalo clarified that this does not expand retail establishments and agreed to refer this matter to the Planning Board as part of their public hearing process.

**7. Review and discuss potential town meeting warrant article for zoning bylaw changes pertaining to the Route 20 overlay district for the May 18, 2020 Annual Town Meeting**

Under the existing provisions of the zoning overlay district residential density within the district was limited by number of bedrooms per unit. Mr. Mizikar stated there may be ways to provide greater density should any entity want to develop a site under a different model than that proposed by developer working on the former Edgmere Drive-In site. This is in a conceptual stage and staff can flesh out details as we progress to the annual town meeting. Mr. Kane asked that this be tabled and brought forth at a future meeting so Board Members could converse with the manager about its purpose and details. Mr. Mizikar stated that he is seeking approval to move these two changes to the planning board at this time to ensure the Planning Board could conduct two public hearings on the proposed changes. If this were tabled, the planning board would not be able to hold two public hearings. Mr. DePalo stated that the Board would table this item to the next meeting and will then decide to move it forward, although there would only be one public hearing for the Planning Board.

**Old Business:**

**8. FY21 Budget Discussion**

Mr. Mizikar stated that this item would continue to be added to the agenda under old business to allow the board to discuss as the budget progresses. Mr. Samia asked for clarification on what was not funded and what the impact would be to the \$600,000 budget cut in departmental requests.

Mr. Mizikar stated that level service requests are coming in higher due to third party contractor increases and additional employee requests. The \$600,000 in requests were removed to balance the budget. Outside of required increases to cover the Town's responsible for employee health insurance, requests have been very marginal year after year. The cuts did include the removal of to increase staffing levels with the exception of where other costs were reduced to cover the new employee's salary and related expenses. The Board discussed the implications of prevailing wage. Prevailing wage rates continue to increase and the market is so overburdened that municipalities pay even higher than prevailing wage. The reductions may cause some deferred maintenance for DPW. Police also requested an additional patrol officer that is not being funded. The budget reductions should not drastically impact Town services, but reductions to the School Department request may have a greater impact on their operations. The Board discussed the need for long term planning and capital projects.

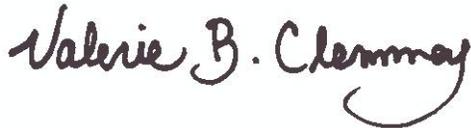
**Correspondence: The Board of Selectmen will review and possibly act on the following:**

9. Letter, dated January 20, 2020, from Angela Welch, 14 Slocum Meadow Lane, re: Kevin Welch Eagle Scout- so noted
10. Letter, dated February 11, 2020, from Timothy P. McInerney, Town Administrator, Grafton, to Kevin Mizikar, Town Manager, re: Community Preservation Committee- so noted
11. Letter, dated February 13, 2020, from Otto Leis, CMRPC, 1 Mercantile Street, Worcester, re: Costs and Expenses- so noted
12. Letter, dated February 15, 2020, from Erik Larson and Kristine Gustafson, Shrewsbury Historical Society, PO Box 641, re: CPA Shrewsbury- so noted

13. Email, dated February 17, 2020, from Anne Lally, 56 Brook Street, re: 56 Brook Street- so noted, Mr. DePalo will review with the manager and send a response to the land owner
14. Letter, dated February 18, 2020, from Jason Molina, Community Preservation Shrewsbury, 38 Stoney Hill Road, re: Community Preservation Act- so noted
15. Letter, dated February 19, 2020, from the Shrewsbury Parks & Cemetery Commission, re: Beal School Softball Field- so noted
16. Email, dated February 19, 2020, from Kristen Las, Assistant Town Manager, re: MEPA Certificate, Centech Park North- so noted
17. Email, dated February 19, 2020, from Paul Regan, MBTA Advisory Board, 177 Tremont Street, Boston, re: Jonathan "Jon" R. Davis- so noted
18. Email, dated February 19, 2020, from James Vuona, Fire Chief, re: 2019 End of Year Report and Statistics- so noted
19. Email, dated February 19, 2020, from Bryan Moss, 16 Ruthen Circle, re: Request for town to notify pregnant women about the latest study on fluoride's link to reduced IQ in children- Mr. DePalo suggested that he work with the manager and draft a letter to Mr. Moss that the Board of Health has the authority, oversight and responsibility for fluoride in the water system over state law. The Board of Health has denied this request in the past.

On a motion by Mr. Kane, seconded by Mr. Samia, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Valerie B. Clemmey  
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