TOWN OF SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING Minutes Wednesday July 21, 2021

Present at the meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Steven Nicholson, Francis Wyatt; Planning Commission: Laura Black; Lister: Sharon Winnicki; Health Officer: Kathy Felder. Treasurer: Linda McGuire.

Members of the Public: David Fretz, Eldred French, Lily French, Phyllis Wells, Kara Fitzbeauchamp.

Meeting called to order by A. Korzun at 7:02pm.

Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the addition of Health Officer report and Laurel Glen appointment and propane contract discussion. S. Nicholson seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

<u>Report from Town Health Officer</u>: Complaint about campers on Cold River Road. Concerns about waste disposal. The campers own the property. Health concerns addressed: Incinerator toilet. No garbage is being left behind. Left in neat condition. Kathy Felder does not believe there are any health concerns.

Utility Work in the ROW Ordinance: Discussed proposed revisions with Laura Black.

<u>Tax Rate</u>: After a presentation by the Treasurer S. Nicholson made a motion that we set the 2021 town tax rate at \$0.4859 and the local agreement tax rate at \$0.001. A. Korzun seconded the motion.

Note: The school homestead tax rate is \$1.5727 and the nonresidential tax rate is \$1.6311.

<u>Inclusion Statement</u>: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the inclusion statement presented by Kara Fitzbeauchamp, Eldred French, Lily French, Phyllis Wells, and David Fretz. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Unanimously approved. The statement is as follows:

Town of Shrewsbury Declaration of Inclusion

The Town of Shrewsbury welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability, and will protect these classes to the fullest extent of the law.

As a Town, we commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community.

The Town of Shrewsbury has and will continue to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their opinions.

Rte. 103 Cuttingsville Traffic Study: A. Korzun made a motion to formerly approve a letter to request a VTrans traffic study in the Village of Cuttingsville. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Bonding of Town Officials: The Town is covered via our insurance.

<u>New Business</u>: Letter from Barry Griffith regarding the Laurel Glen Cemetery: Appointed Tim Faulkner as a Trustee for a term of 5 years from 2022 to 2027. Also, proposed language for a new sign.

Hilltop Energy Buyers Group \$1.89/gal for propane for the next heating season. S. Nicholson made a motion that the Selectboard authorize the Town to sign up to be a member of the buying group and to sign a contract with Irving Energy. A. Korzun seconded. Approved.

Review 7/7/21 Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the minutes from the 7/7/21 meeting and the 7/13/21 Special Meeting. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

<u>Review Orders</u>: Motion made by A. Korzun to accept Selectboard Order #7a for \$5,072.64, and Roads Order #7a for \$18,149.37. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.