

SHARON BOARD OF FINANCE  
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A special meeting of the Sharon BOF was held on July 23, 2020 at 6:30PM at the Town Hall. Present were regular members Dignacco, Bartram, Robertson, Fowler, Duncan and Bancroft; alternates Ensign and O'Kelly; Wm. Manasse, Meghan Flanagan, Matt Andrulis Mette and the secretary.

Chairman Dignacco called the meeting to order at 6:30.

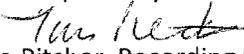
Mr. Bartram made a motion to approve the request from the Board of Selectmen/Parks & Recreation Committee for an additional appropriation of up to \$11,000 to Line Item 36a – Veterans' Field Repair/Maintenance to purchase a new mower, seconded by Ms. Fowler. Mr. Andrulis Mette explained that the current mower is 10 years old and there have been no significant repairs needed to it until now. Once you start do repairs to an old mower, other costs can come into play. He explained how the mowing time has changed with additional areas around the facility being mowed and the number of times per week to mow depends on the weather and the schedule for usage of the fields. It takes about 10 hours to mow the whole area. The Parks & Recreation Committee did get a price on a John Deere – this information was forwarded to the BOF previously. Crane's Outdoors will give \$2,000 for the old mower which was purchased from them used. Various options were discussed and getting together a more comprehensive equipment plan was also discussed. Mr. Bartram amended his motion to include that the funds are to come out of the Undesignated Fund, seconded by Mr. Duncan. No vote on original motion but a unanimous in favor on the second motion = motion carried.

Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the request from the Board of Selectmen/Town Clerk for an additional appropriation of up to \$18,018 to Line Item 12f – Records Restoration to do imaging and re-indexing of land records volume 91 back to volume 71, with the funds to come out of the Undesignated Fund, seconded by Mr. Bartram. William Manasse was present and spoke to this request as it was he who prompted the original request. He explained the title search process and why it is essential to get one done in a timely manner, with all the aspects of the usage of the land records, anyone who owns property would benefit. Not only does the search need to be done to be sure there is a clear title to a piece of property but it also offers clarification for certain zoning issues needed with transferring of property. He explained how under the current COVID situation, one has been able to get the information which has added to work load in the Town Clerk's Office – this office has been wonderful in getting the information to him in a timely manner. Having this information accessible online would be important to many people. The Town Clerk has been getting a few volumes a year done with a grant from the State but to continue with this process, it could take 4- 5 years to get these volumes done. Various questions were asked and comments made. It was emphasized that the timing to get this project started and completed is unknown. Ms. Fowler offered that she would like to have a date range and to know how the records are kept secure during this process. With all questions answered, vote on the motion – in favor 4 (Robertson, Bartram, Dignacco and Bancroft; against 2 (Duncan and Fowler) – motion carried.

With nothing further, Mr. Bartram made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bancroft, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tina Pitcher, Recording Secretary

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