

SHARON BOARD OF FINANCE
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A special meeting of the Sharon BOF was held on February 2, 2021 at 7PM via ZOOM. Present were regular members Bartram, Fowler, Duncan, Bancroft and Robertson; alternates O'Kelly and Ensign; First Selectman; Kathy Herald-Marlowe, Carol Flaton, Jill Drew and the secretary.

Vice Chairman Bartram called the meeting to order at 7PM. There was a discussion as to the need to appoint one of the alternates to be a voting member for this meeting. It was determined one was not needed.

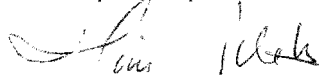
This meeting was called to discuss and fill a regular member position that was created with the resignation of Karen Dignacco. Mr. Bartram read from State Statute 7-343 which spells out how the BOF is to fill a vacancy in the regular membership of this Board. This appointment goes to the next municipal election. The Board has the option of moving up one of the alternates or appointing a totally new individual. First, Ms. Fowler thanked Karen Dignacco for years of dedicated service to the Town and this Board. Each member offered their opinion and the consensus was to move up one of the alternates. Mr. Bancroft nominated Cody O'Kelly to fill this position, seconded by Ms. Fowler. Mrs. Robertson nominated Robert Ensign to fill this position, seconded by Mr. Duncan. Each alternate spoke on their behalf on why they should be the one appointed. Vote on nominees: Cody O'Kelly – Fowler, Bancroft and Bartram; Robert Ensign – Duncan and Robertson. Cody O'Kelly is to fill the vacancy.

Now there is a vacancy in an alternate position which can only be filled by a Democratic or an Unaffiliated Registered voter. The agenda has Item 3 as "Discussion and possible vote to fill an alternate member position". There are two candidates and there has been talk amongst the Board members to "advertise" for the opening as residents may not be aware of the vacant position. No one was sure if there is a time limit for the BOF to fill this vacancy but with the budget season coming this should be done as soon as possible. The Democratic Town Committee has recommended Kathy Herald-Marlowe. Carol Flaton, who is an Unaffiliated Registered Voter, is also interested in this position. Both individuals spoke on their behalf on how they could serve the Board and the town. The Board agreed to "advertise" the position and hold a special meeting on February 16, 2021 at 7PM to make a decision. As the audit report is completed, it was agreed to see if Mr. Sinnamon could be part of this meeting to go over the audit again as he had adjustments to make after his presentation in December. The Recording Secretary will contact him to see if he is available.

As Mrs. Dignacco was the Chairman of this Board, the Board needs to elect an interim Chair and if need be an interim Vice Chair. Mr. Bartram is currently the Vice Chair and is willing to continue as interim Chair if the Board wishes. Ms. Fowler nominated Thomas Bartram as the interim Chair to the November election, seconded by Mr. Duncan. No other nominations – vote taken – carried unanimously. Mr. Bancroft nominated Jessica Fowler as the interim Vice Chair to the November election, seconded by Mr. Duncan. No other nominations – vote taken – carried unanimously.

With nothing further, Mr. Duncan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Recording Secretary

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