

SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Draft until approved at the next regular meeting

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on December 10, 2019 at 2:00PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Jamie Casey, Miriam Jones, Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6 and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 2PM.

Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda as submitted, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the 11/26/19 minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

The abandoned property situation on Drum Road is in the hands of the Town Attorney. The Board will be given options and then they can determine which action to take. This situation is moving to the legal phase which is part of the adopted Ordinance.

Meg Szalewicz has submitted her resignation from the Sharon Housing Authority effective December 18, 2019. This now creates two vacancies which are up to the BOS to fill. Per State Statute, the individual must be an elector of Sharon and not be on any other Board or Commission. Mr. Flanagan made a motion to accept the resignation with thanks for serving, seconded by Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones offered that Mrs. Szalewicz has helped to bring to the public, the issues at the Ridge. Vote taken on motion – carried unanimously. Mr. Jones reviewed for Mr. Flanagan the structure of the properties that the SHA oversees and the financial structure. It would be helpful if the new individuals have a background in or knowledge of either: construction; financial; management; and HVAC systems. It was pointed out that the SHA has to be able to contain costs with the financial limitations.

Community Update:

Mr. Colley passed out a spreadsheet showing the asphalt roads, their condition and what work has been done to them and when. There are three roads that still need attention and what may be done to them was explained. The dirt roads will be looked at next. Keeping them from “falling apart” in mud season needs to be figured out. On all the roads, getting proper drainage in place is important as well as maintenance.

There is a Town Meeting Friday night (12/13/19) to see if the Town is willing to co-sign a loan with Eversource for the Sharon Housing Authority to replace the heating systems as Sharon Ridge. These new systems should help the residents with their utility costs. The other item on the Call is for the purchase of a new F550 truck with the financing with Salisbury Bank & Trust Company. The truck features were reviewed.

It is a Town Ordinance that 911 numbers be posted so that they are visible from the street. Mr. Colley showed the signs that individuals can purchase through the Sharon Ambulance Squad.

Social Service Agent Jones stressed that Sharon residents who need assistance with fuel oil need to contact her when their tank is a ¼ full not when it is empty.

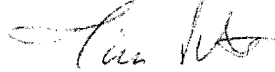
There is a Christmas Dinner being held at the Bitterman Center in Canaan on Wednesday, December 11 from 4:30PM to 6PM.

Santa's Elf Brigade has been very successful. If a family needs any gifts for their children, they need to contact Social Service Agent Jones this week. She is very impressed with how generous this community is.

The tree lighting at the War Memorial went very well. AB Landscaping did a great job decorating the temporary tree.

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:24.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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