

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

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held via Zoom on May 26, 2020 at 5:30PM. Present were the three Selectmen, Liz Cash, Jamie Casey, Harding Bancroft, Donna Christensen, Matt Andrulis Mette, Marshall Miles taping for Channel 6, reporter Hawken and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 5:30.

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

If an individual wishes to speak on an agenda item when the Board gets there, just let Mr. Colley know and he will acknowledge you.

A correction needed to be made in the 5/12/20 minutes: page 2, 6th line, change "COVIC-19" to "COVID-19". Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

Liz Cash, Director for Little Rascals Day Camp; Donna Christensen, Chairman of Parks & Recreation Committee; and Matt Andrulis Mette, Recreation Director – were present to review and discuss with the BOS their proposals/guidelines for opening the Beach and the Day Camp. Mrs. Christensen stressed that the Board along with Mr. Mette and Mrs. Cash took a lot time with the guidelines and protocols in order to adhere to the Governor's Order and be flexible to the people of the town. This was based on Phase 1 opening. They could change with Phase 2. The initial proposal for the Beach opening on Saturday, June 13th as submitted was reviewed. Mr. Jones stressed the need to follow the State protocol and offered that there is no way to do this and make all people happy. What is outlined is being responsible to the users of the Beach and the staff. Mr. Flanagan stressed that everyone will need to follow what the State has outlined to be sure everyone is protected. It could be hard to enforce the protocols and whoever is doing the enforcing will need to have a solid understanding of them and be willing and able to enforce them. It was stressed that under the current circumstances, Mr. Mette will have to be heavily involved at the Beach and the Beach Manager will have to see that things run as smooth as possible. The Beach Manager, Caryn Barber, will be working more hours and the staff (no actual lifeguards) will be college aged individuals or older. At all times, the Committee will reserve the right to close the Beach anytime deemed necessary. The Committee needs the BOS's support in opening the Beach, the proposal as outlined and with the guidelines established. The numbers allowable at the Beach need to be determined based on the size of the area. The numbers involved with Little Rascals will not be used in these numbers. It was pointed out that numbers may not work as well as just common sense if the area gets too "populated". The BOS stressed the need for BIG signs with the protocols listed and that there are no lifeguards on duty. The protocols will be handed out with the passes, the Beach Manager and Gate Attendant will have them as well to go over them with individuals using the Beach. Mr. Mette offered that there will be no lifeguards at this time because they cannot be assured of a safe working environment. There will be no floating rafts just the docks with a smaller swimming area corded off. Mr. Mette offered that he did have a long conversation with a Risk Manager of CIRMA (the Town's insurance carrier) regarding the proposals and he was in agreement with these. As far as having the gate opened when the Beach is closed, he stated that he is in agreement 100% having the gate locked. If it is opened, you are welcoming use of the facilities and someone would need to be there the whole time monitoring individual's behavior. This year, for individuals to get their stickers, a form will be placed on the Town Website to be downloaded, the individuals will complete the form, mail it in with a

stamped self-addressed envelope and the appropriate monies OR left in the drop-box behind the Town Hall. The form will be processed and the sticker, Regulations and Protocols mailed back to the individuals. If one does not have the ability to download and print the form, they can contact the Selectmen's Office and it will be handled on an individual basis. The proposal for the operating procedures for Little Rascals was reviewed and discussed. They are proposing to open June 22. Mr. Matte offered that the Town/the BOS needs to decide how badly they want the Camp open and is there a need for day care. With the limited number of children and the protocols, it is clear that the Camp will not be able to fund itself this year. The Town may have to assist with funding. This staff will not be high school individuals due to the required responsibilities. The Board agreed that they have a well worked-out plan on how to run the Camp. It is asking a lot of the staff. There will be a meeting before hand to train the staff = there will be two staff members per group that will act in the "capacity" of lifeguards as there is a concern of not having actual lifeguards. As of now, there is no staff hired so of course if there is no staff, the Camp doesn't happen. Mr. Mette and Mrs. Cash were asked to get together a possible number of families that may use the program and an estimated extra funding gap that may be needed. It was agreed that there is a real need for the program. The BOS will need a "not to exceed" funding gap figure to take to the Board of Finance. The income side of this program will be hard to figure out at this point. The busing of the kids and staff if needed to be done due to the weather was explained by Mrs. Cash. The BOS offered their support of the proposals as outlined. Mr. Mette offered that these may change with the Phases and that he has been on Zoom meetings with the State regarding recreation facilities.

The BOS needs to request an additional appropriation for the 19/20 fiscal year to the Labor Counsel line item. This is due to the cost of arbitration on a released employee. Mr. Flanagan made a motion that the BOS requests the Board of Finance to approve an additional appropriation up to \$30,000 to be added to the Labor Counsel budget to pay fees, costs and expenses pertaining to a former employee, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Mr. Colley gave an overview of how the Town Hall offices are proceeding after the May 20th re-opening. The explanation is on the outside main doors and on the Town Website.

Christ Church Episcopal has submitted a request to use the Green across from the church to hold some type of Car Event. The date is September 12, 2020 from 11AM to 2PM. They will follow the guidelines set forth by the Board in previous years and will repair any damage done to the grass as necessary. Mr. Jones made a motion to grant the request, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

The draft Five Year Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed. The projects are the same ones that have been on the Plan for years. The Board was not sure if this is the year to do any of them. The projects discussed were: cold storage building and roof replacement at the Town Garage (the building would open up the working area and the roof would allow for solar – new doors would be a future project); the status of the HVAC at the school was unknown; Town Hall Parking Lot (Mr. Colley is waiting for the engineer to look this and if expanded, with the correctly obtained permission, a pass through to West Main Street may be doable); and the renovation of Community Hall is not in plan as the Parks & Recreation Committee is working on a comprehensive overall plan for the building. After some discussion, Mr. Jones made a motion to approve and recommend to the Board of Finance the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan as outlined on this date, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

The Board needs to request to the Board of Finance the general yearly expenditures for 67 Main Street that the Town pays for, out of this separate account, for fiscal year 20/21. Mr. Flanagan made a motion

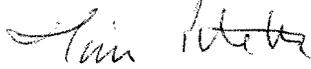
to request the Board of Finance to approve total expenditures of \$5,000 for 67 Main Street, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Community Update:

This year it was a quiet Memorial Day. What the Legion did to honor our Veterans' was very well done. Perhaps something can be done for July 4th that could involve the whole Town.

With nothing further, Mr. Flanagan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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