

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

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on January 26, 2021 at 5:30PM In-person and via ZOOM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Barbara & Brent Prindle, Jill Drew, Harding Bancroft, reporter Hawken and the secretary.

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

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

Public comment – if anyone wishes to speak on an agenda item when the Board gets there, just let Mr. Colley know.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/12/21 as written, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

A draft Food Truck Ordinance based on North Canaan's draft was discussed with some changes suggested: addition of bathroom and handwashing facilities for the Food Truck employees; the serving of "prepared" food in order to differentiate from selling unprepared food items; and eliminate #9 of the draft. Other areas were discussed: i.e. hours of operation and the fees. Edits based on this meeting will be made to the draft. The draft will be put out to the public for comment, a final draft version will be discussed by the Board at the end of February to be forwarded to the Town Attorney for review and comments, then ultimately to Town Meeting for either adopting or rejecting.

Before the letter goes to various groups for comment on the speed hump issue for Hilltop Road, Mr. Colley would like to put up stakes in the proposed areas so that individuals can visualize the locations. He anticipates at least two – one on each side of the crest of the hill. Any potential ones near the Rt. 4 and 41 ends of the road could affect drainage. The Board agreed that this was a good idea and in the end, if done, there needs to be good site lines, with the humps visible in both directions and signage.

Improvements have been made at Sharon Ridge – HVAC systems replaced, water tanks and pumps replaced and other minor items. The current Sharon Housing Authority (SHA) Board along with the Site Administrator have done a nice job getting these improvements completed. Previous members helped tremendously getting these projects started. There are still vacancies on this Board. Mr. Colley has been acting as the Chairman and will continue temporarily. Donn Castonguay has submitted a letter of interest in serving on this Board. He has attended some meetings and has building/renovation experience. Mr. Flanagan made a motion to appoint Donn Castonguay to the SHA with a term to 10/29/2024, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor and with thanks for his interest in serving.

A resignation has been received from Karen Dignacco from the Board of Finance as they have sold their house and have moved out of Town. Although they still own property, the Town Attorney advised her that she must reside in Town in order to serve on the BOF. Each Board member spoke very highly of Mrs. Dignacco as she was a very important part of the Town and our finances as both a member and the Chairman. Mr. Flanagan made a motion to accept her resignation with regret, seconded by Mr. Jones. In the discussion, the Board offered their gratitude for her years of dedicated service and her thoroughness on every issue before the BOF. Vote taken = carried unanimously. The Board of Finance fills this vacancy.

Nine applications have been received for the Road Maintainer position. The Road Foreman and Union Steward have reviewed them and recommended the three individuals to be interviewed by the BOS. The Board will hold the interviews starting at 5PM with a date to be determined by Mr. Colley once he has contacted the three individuals to see their availability.

Community Update:

The Road Crew is doing their best to keep up with the roads: frost coming out of the roads and creating ice issues

Jeff Perotti is doing a good job keeping up with tree removal

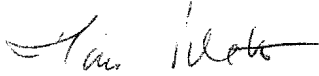
The final touches are about done for the town wide alert system. The next newsletter will have the other options for residents to choose how they want to be notified as land lines are automatic

The Town overall has done well with COVID thanks to all who have been doing what they are supposed to be doing. Individual's mental health is a real concern during this pandemic and if someone needs to talk about it, there are options – Mr. Colley will list options in the next newsletter.

As always, THANK YOU to the first responders!

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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SHAWNEE COUNTY CLERK
