

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

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on February 9, 2021 at 3:00PM In-person and via ZOOM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Brent Prindle, Bob Duncan, reporters Epstein and Hawken, Channel 6 taping and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 3PM.

To be added to the agenda: discussion on the purchase of a loader and minutes of 2/4/21 meeting. Mr. Jones made a motion to add the discussion on the loader as 4a and minutes to #4, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, 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. Flanagan made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/26/21 & 2/4/21 as written, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Bob Duncan was present to discuss the purchase of a loader. He explained how he and Tom Bartram have been working with the Road Foreman to get a better idea of the equipment replacement plan and how each piece of equipment is used on a regular basis. In doing so, the current situation with the 20 year old loader and the potential need for sizeable repairs was looked at. In obtaining quotes, a good trade-in value has been offered – between \$18,000 and \$20,000. The three quotes obtained were: H. O. Penn - Caterpillar - \$177,000 with trade-in of \$18,500 = \$158,500; Tyler Equipment – Volvo – Gross cost \$170,397 with trade-in of \$25,000 = \$145,397; and W. I. Clark – John Deere - \$187,844.34 no trade-in noted. Mr. Duncan commented that the Volvo offered is an equivalent replacement and as the Road Crew is familiar with this model, they prefer the Volvo. If moving forward with a purchase, the funding for the purchase needs to be determined before going to the Board of Finance and ultimately Town Meeting. The BOS offered their opinions on the purchase. The Board thanked Mr. Duncan and Mr. Bartram for working on the equipment replacement schedule. Mr. Flanagan made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the Volvo Loader quoted from Tyler Equipment with the financing to be determined between the First Selectman and the Board of Finance, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Thanks to the foresight of Jamie Casey, our Sanitarian and Land Use Administrator, she forwarded the draft Food Truck Ordinance to our Health Department for their comments. Christopher Chaber, our Food Establishment Inspector, has submitted his comments. It was agreed to incorporate these comments into the draft, get the draft on the website to get as much feedback as possible from the public before it is forwarded to the Town Attorney for review at the end of this month. After this, then the draft can go to Town Meeting for action.

The Board of Selectmen, along with the Road Foreman and Shop Steward held the interviews last week in executive session for the new Road Crew member. There were nine applicants with three chosen to interview. The three interviewed were all qualified for the job and the Board considered this to be a tough decision. The Road Foreman and Shop Steward both recommended applicant #5. The BOS also spoke highly of this individual. Mr. Flanagan made a motion that the BOS offers the position to applicant #5, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Community Update:

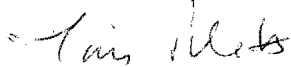
Each member spoke very highly of Edward Kirby who passed away last week. They commented on his dedication to this town and the community as a whole. The legacy he left is amazing.

The Road Crew has been dealing with the non-stop snow, and on behalf of Town Crew, Mr. Colley would like to thank the residents for their gratitude, which he knows the Town Crew appreciates. The tree work also continues.

The Hilltop Road speed hump request/petition is a work in progress. The weather has made it impossible to place the stakes in the potential locations and COVID makes it difficult to hold the required public hearing.

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:36.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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