

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

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on March 9, 2021 via ZOOM and In-Person at the Town Hall at 3:00PM. Present were the three Selectmen, Barbara & Brent Prindle, Harding Bancroft, Miriam Jones, reporters Hawken and Epstein, Channel 6 taping and the secretary.

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

A correction and an addition need to be done to the agenda: one set of minutes is 3/1/21 not 3/11/21 and (6a) add resignation of Miriam Jones effective 5/1/2021. Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

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

A correction needed to be made in the 3/1/21 minutes: 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 7<sup>th</sup> line, change "Flanagan" to "Jones". Mr. Flanagan made a motion to approve the two 2/23/21 minutes as written and the 3/1/21 as amended, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

At the previous budget workshop the Board went over the proposed budget page by page reviewing every line item. The current proposal has a Net Budget of \$4,217,597 which is \$112,427 over last year's budget, an increase of 2.739%: Gross Budget of \$4,825,748 which is \$163,751 over last year's budget, an increase of 3.512%. It was commented that some of the increases are due to an increase in capital investments and the general cost of running a town. Mr. Jones again thanked the various departments/Boards/Commissions for being reasonable with their budget requests. Mr. Jones made a motion that this proposed 2021-2022 budget be sent to the Board of Finance, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor. The Hotchkiss Library had requested a total of \$36,794.32 (\$35,000 towards the building expansion and \$1,794.32 to reimburse for conduit work done at the time of the water line replacement project) for capital projects. This request was discussed. Mr. Flanagan felt that the Board should hold back on the request for the expansion funding, for now, as there are going to be Town projects where these funds (tax dollars) should be used on Town infrastructure. This request could be made again in the future. Mr. Flanagan made a motion that the BOS requests the BOF to approve to Town Meeting the request of \$1,794.32 for the reimbursement of the conduit work, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

With heavy heart, Miriam Jones offered her letter of resignation effective May 1, 2021 as the Towns Social Service Agent and Military Representative. Each member offered her happiness in her next adventure and they appreciated all that she has done in the short time she has been with the Town. With her dedication at a difficult time, the Town was lucky to have her. Mr. Jones made a motion that with regret and thanks for her hard work and dedication to the Town, the Board accepts the resignation, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor. The current job description for the Social Service Agent is fine except for the addition of noting Eversource Grants under Essential Job Functions and being bi-lingual in Spanish would be helpful and the administration of the Soldier, Sailor and Marine Fund. Ms. Jones will edit the Veterans' Service Contact Person job description. The new individual will need to take a three-day class in order to administer this fund. She has worked out the other aspects of Veterans' Service Contact position – transferring all the files to the VSO (Veterans' Service Officer). Mr. Jones made a motion to amend the Social Service Agent and Veterans' Service Contact Person job

descriptions as discussed and then will advertise the position, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

The Director of Health has reviewed the draft Food Truck Ordinance and has submitted some suggested changes. These will be incorporated into the draft. The Board discussed the hours of operations and it was the consensus to change these to 7AM to 10PM. An actual "Application" and "Permit" need to be drafted. The fee schedule was discussed. As there is a fee through the Health Department, the fees were changed to: \$10 a day for any Food Truck; \$100 Annual Fee for those registered in Town; and \$250 Annual Fee for those not registered in Town. The draft will be revised for the next meeting.

Community Update:

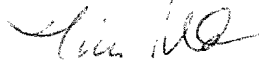
The New Road Crew Member, Jameason Russin did pass his CDL class – congratulations to him

As the frost is out of the roads, the mud is being dealt with and culverts are being cleaned out

On the 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Town Meeting to consider the purchase and financing of the new Volvo loader. The meeting will be In-person and via ZOOM. In order to participate with the voting via ZOOM, one must register with the Town Clerk by 11AM on the 19<sup>th</sup> to be sure those registered are eligible to vote

With nothing further, Mr. Flanagan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:38.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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