

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

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was on February 23, 2021 at 5:30PM In-person and via ZOOM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Betsy Hall and the secretary.

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

Mr. Flanagan asked that the email received from Matt Andrulis Mette concerning spring sports be added to the agenda (8a). Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

No public was on ZOOM (maybe ZOOM issues?) so no public comment.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/9/21 & 2/16/21 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

Betsy Hall, Chairman of the Sharon Green Committee, was present to discuss with the Board her Committee's request to proceed with Phase 2 of the Green granite curbing project – curbing along the Main Street side so that cars can't park on the Green. They would like to be ready to proceed with the project whenever the State is scheduled to re-pave Main Street. The estimated cost is a total of \$138,780.17 with the Town purchasing the materials and RAR, who did the previous project, doing the labor. As RAR were the only bidders previously, the Committee feels that there is no need to bid out the project. The funds available are: \$105,432.89 remaining unexpended from the Undesignated Fund 2019 allocation and \$41,480.46 currently in the Green Rehabilitation Account. Some of the Green Account funds will be expended to fertilize the Green in the spring and any repairs needed. If all approvals are obtained, the Committee would like the Town to purchase the curbing so that it can be stock-piled and on-hand to proceed. There was a discussion on whether any sidewalk project would interfere with this project and the possible need to coordinate these projects. It was felt that one project should not impact the other. The potential tree removal on the sidewalk side of the Green may have to be coordinated with the State re-paving project. There should be no significant drainage issues but the Committee will have Pat Hackett look at the project to be sure. Board members asked various questions. Mr. Jones made a motion that the BOS requests the Board of Finance to approve to Town Meeting the authorization to allow the unexpended Undesignated Fund 2019 allocation of \$105,432.89 for the second phase of the Green Rehabilitation Project, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

The draft Food Truck Ordinance was placed on the town website seeking comments from residents – none were received. Mr. Colley did forward the draft to the Town Attorney, who responded with some suggestions. The suggestions were reviewed and some will be incorporated into the draft. The draft will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

The Tax Collector has submitted a real estate tax refund request for Armen Babigian & Laurie Slotnick in the amount of \$78.21. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

The Board needs to set a Town Meeting date for authorization to: purchase the Volvo loader, the financing for the purchase to include a 3,000 hour/5 year warranty (\$6,390). Salisbury Bank & Trust Company offered a loan at 2.25%. The Board of Finance will need to approve this loan as it is different

from what they previously approved. Mr. Jones made a motion to set a Special Town Meeting for Friday, March 19, 2021 at 6PM to deal with the purchase etc. of the loader (if approved by the Board of Finance) and the Green Committee request (if approved by the Board of Finance), seconded by Mr. Flanagan. In the discussion it was noted that this would give the Board of Finance time to meet and for Mr. Colley to see if the Congregational Church is available for the meeting. Vote taken on motion = carried unanimously.

Matt Andrulis Mette emailed the Board seeking the Town's position on spring programming locally and region wide – does Parks & Recreation follow the school policy or not. Also he asked about “users of the facilities”. After some discussion, the BOS agreed that Parks & Recreation should maintain the schools' policy and that the “use of facilities” would not impose these policies on a private club. Mr. Jones will contact the school to confirm their policy.

There was no community update.

With nothing further, Mr. Flanagan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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SECRETARY OF TOWN

Presentation to Board of Selectmen 2/23/21

1. Main St. scheduled to be re-paved.
Tom Casey seeking state schedule.
2. Committee proposes to install granite curbing around remanides of Green.

3. Estimates of cost

LAR - 1503 linear feet

present is 1546'

A. Total job including materials
\$175,000

B. Labor and equipment only
\$95,700

Williams Stone Co. - present granite

A. \$43080.17

Cost estimate with town buying materials

A. \$138780.17

Money available

A. Leftover from 2019 - \$105432.89

B. Amount in line 25e -

Green repair

41480.46

\$146913.35

Procedure

① Board of Selectmen

③ Board of Finance

⑤ Historic District Commission

④ Town Meeting

Purchase
ahead

Dale, Casey and Brent,

I met with my colleagues from our regional towns last week to discuss spring programming, specifically Little League baseball. I would ask for some guidance regarding our position in this matter no matter which way we decide there will be some opposition. I would like to make sure that the town's PR position reflects that of our selectmen and the overall well being of our town.

To date the PR has not offered programming this school year that is in any way in conflict with the cohort policy that our school's have adopted. This policy keeps separated by classrooms during the school day and to that end there has not been any after school programs. Early on it was made clear that the schools wanted our support in this effort and while we had some fall programming lined up when it was presented it was clearly in conflict with the cohort groupings that the school had initiated, so at that time we suspended any such programming. To date, our schools have successfully remained open. It is very clear that this is and should be of top priority. While 'State' protocols are opening up opportunities for youth sports we fully anticipate our schools maintaining their present policy (I have an inquiry in to Karen Manning). I will bring this issue to my board on our monthly meeting on ¾. It would be great if I could share with them your position on this matter?

Secondly, if we maintain our no programming position in support of our schools, do we also apply that to use of our athletic facility? Specifically, we anticipate the local soccer club using our Veterans' Field facility this spring. If we continue to support the schools by not mixing their cohorts do we then allow the club, who would absolutely be mixing cohorts by grades and towns, to use our fields???? It does not seem consistent and consequently perhaps an issue.

Appreciate any thoughts and or support in this matter. Matt