

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

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on April 27, 2020 at 5:30PM via ZOOM and In-person at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Mr. & Mrs. Hecht, John Champion, Robert Lindgren, Barbara & Brent Prindle, Channel 6, reporters Hawken and Epstein and the secretary.

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

Items to be added to the agenda: 8a – Application for Use of Green; 8b – Resignation; and 8c speeding and Hilltop Road. Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda with these additions, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

As usual if anyone wants to speak when the Board gets to an item, just let Mr. Colley know.

Mr. Flanagan made a motion to accept as written, the minutes of 4/13/21 & 4/22/21, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

The Board had no changes to be made to the last draft of the Food Truck Ordinance. As this now needs to go to a Town Meeting for consideration of adopting, Mr. Jones made a motion that the proposed Food Truck Ordinance be added to the Warning for the May 14th Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor. The proposal will be on the Town Website.

As Miriam Jones' last day is May 1, 2021, the Board held interviews last week. There were three applicants and two were interviewed. Mr. Flanagan made a motion that the Board hires applicant #2 to fill the Social Service etc. position, seconded by Mr. Jones. In the discussion, both Selectmen gave their reasons – experience and knowledge of the position. The position is part time and the individual would be paid \$27.50 per hour provided she accepts the position. Vote taken on motion to hire Mary O'Reilly = carried unanimously.

The Tax Collector has submitted two real estate tax refunds requests: Salisbury Bank & Trust - \$530.64 and Patrick & Emily McCoy - \$612.72. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the requests as submitted, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

The Registrar of Voters have requested that all offices in the Town Hall be closed during the hours of the high school referendum on May 4th. The referendum is from Noon to 8PM. Mr. Flanagan made a motion to grant the request from the Registrar of Voters to close all offices in the Town Hall from 12 Noon for the remainder of the day on May 4th, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Standard Space Gallery has submitted an Application for Use of the Sharon Green on May 29, 2021 in the afternoon for a two woman performance as part of an exhibition at the Gallery. The Sharon Green Committee is okay with the event. A certificate of insurance has been submitted. Mr. Jones made a motion to grant the request for Use of The Green, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

Mandy Thompson has submitted her resignation from the Parks & Recreation Committee. With heavy heart, Mr. Colley made a motion to accept the resignation with thanks for her service and regret, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

Mr. & Mrs. Hecht, Mr. Champion and Mr. Lindgren were present to get an update on the petition submitted for speed humps on Hilltop Road and also the speeding in general. Mr. Colley told them that he is "attending" a three-hour virtual workshop tomorrow, Wed. April 28th, that will discuss roadway design and its relation to speed, setting speed limits, data and speed analyses, and the benefits of a comprehensive speed management program. He will share with them the link. He also has been in contact with a road engineer about speed hump guidelines and planning. If the Board decides to do a study of Hilltop Road for speed humps, the engineer charges \$135 per hour plus mileage. Per the Policy, before any final decision is made by the BOS on the speed humps, a public hearing needs to be held. When asked, Mr. Colley thought that perhaps the hearing could be held in June. Where to hold it needs to be determined. There was discussion on why the whole town needs to get involved in the hearing – the decision could affect budgets and other roads in town. After the workshop, information from it will get out to the public in the next newsletter so the Board can receive feedback from the public. The Board will decide on hiring the engineer in the near future. The Board thanked those in attendance for their patience in this matter.

Community Update:

The Road Crew is grading the dirt roads and sweeping the asphalt roads

The budget hearing is this Friday, April 30th at 7PM at Sharon Center School

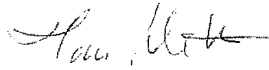
The next newsletter will go out either tomorrow or Thursday

There was a good turn-out for SEEC's road clean-up day

With help from Meghan Flanagan and Jill Drew an application for a Federal Reconnect Grant was submitted today with Rep. Hayes office. This is for Broadband

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary