

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

A special meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on February 16, 2021 at 3:00PM In-person and via ZOOM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Barbara & Brent Prindle, Jill Drew and the secretary.

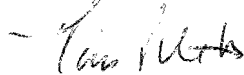
First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 3PM.

This meeting was the first budget workshop to be held. The Board addressed wage increases first. Mr. Colley commented that he has gotten information from CCM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities) which provides data on union contracts and monitors wages. It seems that a 2% increase is the norm right now. The Board felt that they have done a lot over the years to bring wages up so that they are comparable with other towns and like positions. Wages have been raised 10% in 5 years. The inflation rate is hovering around 2%. So it was the consensus that for starters, put 2% wage increases in the budget for now realizing that there may be some special circumstances. Although the Selectmen's salaries are up to the Board of Finance, there was a discussion that these are relatively low for what the positions do and the number of hours the jobs really take. As elected officials, they are on call 24/7.

The Board went through the draft budget page by page. Some budget lines are not available yet. Some of the special requests were reviewed briefly and it was agreed to have a meeting with: the Building Official/Fire Marshal; representatives from the Historical Society; and representatives of The Hotchkiss Library at the workshop to be held February 23 at 3PM and representatives from the Parks & Recreation Committee on March 1 at 3PM. The telephone cost in Town Hall has always been an issue. This is being reviewed by a Comcast Community Liaison. For now, all telephones will be put under the Town Hall budget.

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary