

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

A special meeting/budget workshop of the Sharon BOS was held In-person and via ZOOM at the Town Hall on March 1, 2021 at 3:00PM. Present were three Selectmen, Donna Christensen, Matt Andrulis-Mette, Barbara & Brent Prindle and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 3:02.

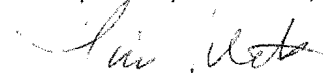
Mrs. Christensen and Mr. Andrulis Mette were present to answer any questions that the BOS had regarding the Parks & Recreation Committee's proposed budgets. The main discussion was on the revised Capital Account request of \$99,499. This amount could be reduced by \$40,000 if the replacement of the playground at Veterans' Field is put in the budget. All agreed that this playground does need replacing. Capital projects VS budget items were discussed. The Board reviewed the Asset spreadsheet, which is helpful with Parks & Recreation basic Five-year Plan. In the end, it was the consensus to put this line item (38a) in at \$60,000 with the idea that the playground project would be completed and then next budget year, put this line item in at \$50,000 to start building for the tennis court replacement. Next there was discussion on line item 36a – Veterans' Field Mowing/Maintenance and the mowing assistant. Mr. Andrulis Mette emphasized that the mowing area has increased as the area of the Dog Pound and the Lilm Kiln are done under this budget line. The discussion was basically on the need for the weed whacking to be done on a weekly basis as the mowing is. It was emphasized that when the assistant line item was created, the weed whacking was not intended to be done every week. It was the consensus to raise this line item to \$1,400 to cover additional hours. It was the consensus to remove proposed line item 37k – Computer Service and put this back under Town Hall computers. The Board thanked Mrs. Christensen and Mr. Andrulis Mette for attending the meeting.

The Board proceeded to go through the proposed budget page by page filling in blank items and discussing others. New line item 19 a-2 Wetlands Enforcement Officer – this salaried amount was set at \$7,280 based on 4 hours a week at \$35 an hour. The in-place qualified individual will be asked to keep track of the hours so that this can be reviewed for the next budget cycle. It was commented that this individual has basically been doing the Enforcing for the past two years without compensation. Large highway projects for the future will be the engineering, drainage and re-paving of Sharon Valley Road. Mr. Flanagan commented that crack sealing should be a priority rather than chip sealing the roads. Mr. Colley will update the road work spreadsheet that he has created. This shows what work has been done when on which road. After discussion with the Town of Salisbury, the Transfer Station line item amount was set at \$252,564 (\$228,564 for station & \$25,000 for SSRRA).

The draft budget will be updated and the need for another workshop before the final recommended budget is complete was discussed. The Board agreed to have a special meeting/budget workshop on March 9, 2021 at 2PM before their regular meeting.

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:17.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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