

SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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A budget workshop of the Sharon BOS was held on February 28, 2019 at 2:00PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6 and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the workshop to order at 2:03.

Hotchkiss Library budget request representation – Present were Thomas Trowbridge (Board Chairman); Brian Ross (Treasurer); and Gretchen Hachmeister (Executive Director). Ms. Hachmeister reviewed the request for an increase to their operating budget to \$90,000 (up \$20,000 and 25% of operating budget) and a request for funding of \$44,560 for critical needs & safety enhancements (which was explained). Recommendations from the Strategic Plan that was done have started to be implemented. The BOS asked various questions and thanked the individuals for coming to explain their requests.

Highway budget – Road Foreman Bobby Carberry reviewed his proposed budget, current vehicle repairs and the proposed road repairs for next fiscal year. The Board thanked him for coming to review his proposed budget.

Assessor's office – Assessor Patricia Braislin and Asst. Assessor Jennifer Dubray were present to review their proposed budget. The proposed salary increase for the Assistant is based on experience and an attempt to close a wage gap. For future discussion – benefits for the Assessor position – possibly shared with other towns. The Board thanked them for coming to review the proposed budget.

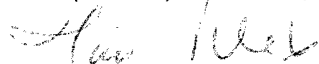
Contributions – The requested information was received from Greenwoods Counseling Referrals, Inc. The Board agreed to add them to the budget at their request of \$5,000. The Board would like someone from the Community Mental Health Affiliates to come to the March 7 budget workshop to discuss how they assist residents of Sharon.

Budget over all – The Board continued where they left off at the previous workshop, inserting proposed amounts. There was a discussion on asking groups who receive funds for capital improvements to report back to the BOS on how these funds were expended.

The next workshop is March 7, 2019 at 3PM.

Mr. Jones made a motion to close the workshop, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor. The workshop closed at 3:47.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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