

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

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on July 9, 2019 at 2:00PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Nancy Green, Wm. Kelsey, Edward & Mary Kirby, Jim Krissel, Jamie Casey, Ella Clark, Maria Horn, reporter Hawkins, Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6 and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 2:00PM.

Ms. Fowler made a motion to adopt the agenda as written, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

The date for the minutes to be approved was incorrect on the agenda, so no minutes were approved.

Mr. Colley commented on how Edward Kirby would give a History Moment at each Selectmen's Meeting when Mr. Colley first came into office. The Board wanted to publicly thank Mr. Kirby for his impact to the Town and the whole community over his many years of service on the Inland Wetlands Commission and in other capacities. State Representative Maria Horn read and presented Mr. Kirby with a Proclamation from the General Assembly. Mr. Kirby commented that he is not done serving yet, he is Chairman Emeritus but liked his first Wetlands meeting not having to sit at the head of the table. He thanked the Board, Ms. Horn and his wife Mary. He also thanked Jamie Casey for all her assistance over the years.

There have been problems over the years with the Town Hall lights being left on overnight or the building not being locked after it has been used by groups. There is an "Application For Use of Town Hall" that requires a name of a Responsible Sharon Resident along with Regulations. The Regulations do require the deposit of \$10 for a key to the building, if being used when the Town Hall is normally closed, which is given back when the key is returned. The revised Application & Regulations have been drafted to include that the Responsible Resident is responsible for "turning off all the lights and locking the doors". Ms. Fowler suggested adding the revision date to the documents. After reviewing the documents, Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the revised forms, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor. Mr. Colley apologized to Jamie Casey as she is the first one in the building in the morning and it is concerning not knowing if anyone is in the building or not.

The basic approved expenditures for 67 Main Street in fiscal year 2018/2019 went over by \$251.32. The Board needs to request the Board of Finance to increase the allocation for 18/19 by this amount. Ms. Fowler made a motion to request the BOF to increase the 18-19 allocation out of the 67 Main Street account by \$251.32, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

At last meeting, there were some re-appointments to Commission that were not done as the individuals had not responded that they wanted to continue. They have since responded that they would like to continue. Mr. Jones made a motion to make the following appointments: Historic District Commission – J. Barclay Collins (Regular member, term to June 30, 2024) and Scot Samuelson (Alternate member, term to June 30, 2022) and Sewer & Water Commission – Douglas Hobby (Regular member, term to expire June 30, 2024), seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor. There are vacancies in alternate positions on the Inland Wetlands Commission and the Housatonic River Commission. Ms. Fowler offered that the Board ask the Chairs of these Commissions come to the next meeting to give updates on what their Commission is doing and this may bring forward some interested individuals.

The Sharon Energy & Environment Commission has recommended the appointment of Katy Kinsolving to fill the vacancy created by Dr. Tesoro's resignation. Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the request by appointing Katy Kinsolving to the SEEC Commission, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Attorney DiBella has submitted draft Ordinance revisions for Highway Construction and the Annual Town Meeting. The revisions were reviewed with some minor changes suggested. The whole documents will be drafted for the next meeting for Board approval on to a town meeting for adoption. It was commented that there is a correction needed to be made in the Driveway Ordinance that can be done at the same time (change concrete to asphalt). Also, verbally Attorney DiBella has suggested that the Building Fee Ordinance be amended to rescind the additional fee for work commenced before a permit is issued as he can't find anything that addresses this in the statutes. Jamie Casey commented that the office has not ever used this fee.

Mr. Colley gave an update on Ordinance enforcement: he has met with the resident concerning a storage trailer in the Town right-of-way. There is a question as to the width of the road in order to determine if the trailer is in the right-of-way and the owner states that it is used currently for storage and not abandoned. There are a lot of questions that need answering in this particular situation. There also is a piece of equipment sitting there that is waiting for parts before it can be moved. It was commented that there have been verbal complaints about other situations – Jamie Casey, the Administrator for the Authority Having Jurisdiction, stressed that there is an avenue for filing of such complaints. On the letter sent to the property owner about violations of the Abandoned Motor Vehicle and Abandon Premises Ordinances, the letter stated that the owner was to contact the Selectmen's Office to confirm which meeting date in July they would like to meet with the Board – to date no contact has been made with this office.

Community Update:

The Sharon Green Rehabilitation project is to start this week – Thursday. Test holes will be done first to check for water & sewer lines. The catch basins will be placed in the locations where they will be put in so that residents are aware of the locations. The contractor will be starting in the Hotchkiss Library area and working north. The curbing will be available in the next 3 weeks and the timing of the grading is unknown at this time.

Road projects continue with chip sealing for maintenance being done with Mudge Pond Road being done first. Residents can find out about the other locations via social media and the newsletter.

The Parks & Recreation Committee's concerts are now at Veterans' Field on Wednesday nights thru August 7 at 6PM.

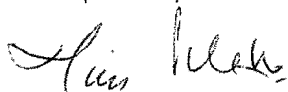
The Sharon Ambulance Squad have their monthly pancake breakfast this Sunday.

The Diva's return to the Sharon Playhouse on 7/13 & 7/14.

There is an informational meeting at the Cornwall Town Hall this Thursday at 7PM concerning Broadband, 5G, health effects and Northwest ConneCT's plans.

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:28.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary



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