

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

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on January 22, 2019 at 5:30PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Robert Levinstein and Alan Wager of the Sharon Playhouse, Valerie Von Volz, Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6 and the secretary.

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

To be added to the agenda: Sharon Day Care Race (5a) and resignation of John Crodelle (add to 11). Ms. Fowler made a motion to accept the agenda with these additions, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the 1/8/19 minutes as submitted, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

Robert Levinstein and Alan Wager were present to make a request of the Board of Selectmen. The BOS complimented the two gentlemen on the good job they have been doing. Mr. Levinstein gave a brief history of the Playhouse and how through their ticket sales (the price selections offered) they are making the theatre accessible to everyone. They are also using local residents in all their shows, as was done in the past. They are going to look into having a “partnership” with local businesses and organizations, i.e. show your ticket and get a percentage off your purchase. Ms. Fowler asked for information on the current ties between the Playhouse and local businesses. The Playhouse is planning on offering educational programs in the fall, enhancing the Children’s Theatre Programming, and using the BOK Gallery more over the winter as it is heated. The Playhouse is a 501 3 c with 30% of the ticket sales covering their costs – the rest comes from donations and sponsors. The Playhouse is asking for town support in the amount of \$5,000 which would be used either for their general operating costs or in part to support the Children’s Theatre Programming (which would be around 1/3 of the funds – ages 7 – 15). Their big capital campaigns in the future would be to insulate the main stage and paint the entire compound. The two gentlemen thanked the Board for allowing them to come and make the request.

The Sharon Day Care has requested the use of town roads and the Green for their road race to be held May 4, 2019. The Town roads would be Upper Main Street, West Woods Road #1, Boland Road AND the State Road would be Rte. 41. The Day Care is aware of the Green Project and would appreciate the construction timeline and what impact it may have on their event. As the project probably won’t go out to bid until sometime in February, the Board didn’t see any problem with this event on the Green as the grading probably wouldn’t be done at this point in time. Ms. Fowler made a motion to grant the request, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

The individuals who asked that “Roads” be placed on the agenda were not present. Ms. Von Volz said that the Road Crew did a terrific job on the roads with this last storm. She was present to express her concerns about upper Calkinstown Road and the culverts that need repair. Mr. Colley stated that the repairs are on the list for spring and signs have been ordered for both ends of the road essentially asking that “Lime Rock traffic/carriers use Rt. 41 to Rt. 112. Mr. Colley stated that he had asked the State DOT about installing a crosswalk between XtraMart and the Shopping Center. They said that they can’t have crosswalks that are close together so Mr. Colley will be talking to the bus company to see if they can

drop-off the kids in another location. Placing flashing lights coming into the shopping center area was discussed and Mr. Colley stated that in the next newsletter, he will be asking residents to contact DOT about this. The Board again will look into the "speed sign" and ask the sales representative to either come to a meeting or talk on the phone at the next 2:00PM meeting.

There are 41 Towns that have been asked to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the NW Regional Workforce Development Area. This organization helps individuals in finding jobs and with writing of resumes. It promotes apprenticeships with various companies. All 41 Towns must sign the Agreement for it to be effective. Some of the NW Hills COG towns were concerned with some of the language in the Agreement. Attorney DiBella has reviewed the document and feels there is only a slight risk to the towns. If all 41 towns sign, the NW Regional Economic Development Initiatives will receive a \$10,000 Grant. If all approved, the Agreement becomes effective June 1, 2019 and shall automatically renew every 3 years on July 1st of the 3rd year. There are provisions for withdrawal. After some discussion, Mr. Jones made a motion that the BOS enter into the Agreement and authorize Brent Colley to sign the document, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

Ms. Fowler spoke on the need for Sharon and Salisbury to comply with DEEP's Municipal Waste Reduction Initiatives Compliance Plan. This was talked about at the last TRAC meeting held January 16, 2019. Connecticut's Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy Objective calls for the waste reduction initiatives to be in place on or before 12/31/18 but DEEP is granting municipalities until 7/1/19 to implement such measures. The basic idea is to reduce municipal solid waste by 20% by various means. There is a list of Tier One and Tier 2 options, some of which are already being done and others that can be done. Ms. Fowler offered that a joint meeting be held with the Salisbury Board of Selectmen, this Board of Selectmen, Patricia Chamberlain (Chair of TRAC) and Brian Bartram (Transfer Station Manager) so that the Plan can be drafted. The Plan should note the existing strengths in managing waste that are in place.

The Tax Collector has submitted 5 tax refund requests: Carolyn DiDomenico – MV overpayment \$13.13; Richard DiDomenico – MV overpayment \$14.07; Corelogic Tax Service – RE overpayment \$2,730.25; David Supino – RE overpayment \$40.00; and Daimler Trust – MV overpayment \$190.04. Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the requests, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

A date for a Special Town Meeting needs to be set. The items as of now would be: renewal of the lease for 67 Main Street and possibly STEAP. As of now, the whole \$500,000 from STEAP for the transfer station is coming through Sharon. Salisbury needs to adopt a Resolution authorizing this. It is unclear at this point if anything needs to be done for Sharon handling the whole amount – Board of Finance or Town Meeting authorizing the receipt of the whole amount and expending it. This needs to be looked into with either or both Town Counsel and Auditor. In order to give time for this to happen, Ms. Fowler made a motion that a Special Town Meeting be held Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7PM for the lease and if necessary, the appropriate language pertaining to the STEAP Grant, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Two resignations from the Parks & Recreation Committee have been received: Joan Yahn and John Crodelle. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the resignations with thanks and appreciation for their service on this Committee, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

Mr. Jones reported that one of the issues that came before the Authority Having Jurisdiction is being addressed. The other three are still active. There has been a question if the complaints are public record and can be reviewed. Mr. Jones stated that they are a public record.

Community Update:

The June 30, 2018 audit is complete and available for the public to look at. All the materials have been sent to the printer for the Annual Report.

With this last storm, the Road Crew did a good job. Next they will have rain to deal with and plugged drains. The public was asked that if they see an issue, contact the Selectmen's Office.

With nothing further, Ms. Fowler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29.

Respectfully submitted,


Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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