

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

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on September 12, 2017 at 2:00PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Ed Wilbur, reporter Hawken, Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6 and the secretary.

First Selectmen Colley called the meeting to order at 2PM.

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

Ed Wilbur commented that the Green looks fantastic. Mr. Colley commented that there is a group called the NW CT Rocks that goes around placing decorated rocks in certain locations. Mr. Prindle commented that the roads in Ellsworth look really nice.

Some minor corrections needed to be made in the minutes: 8/8/17 – 1st page, 7th paragraph, 11th line, change “peepers” to “beeper”; 8/22/17 minutes – 1st page, 7th paragraph, 6th line, add “be” after “probably” and 10th line, change “submitted” to “submitting”. Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Betsy Mauro of the Women’s Support Services joined the meeting to thank the Board for the Town support given to them over years and to offer information on their services. Ms. Mauro gave her background. She explained their involvement in: community partnerships in the area; relationships with education programs in schools; providing emergency shelter; and having an individual within the court system to assist clients or potential clients. They had 517 new clients last year of which 71 were children and 132 adult males. When asked about Trade Secrets traffic issues, she offered that this year with the assistance of the Sharon Fire Department, the increase in parking area done by Lion Rock Farm and a retired State Trooper on Rt. 41, things went very smoothly. She offered that they have a 24/7 hotline in which the number is blocked so that if someone calls in, it cannot be traced back to the hotline. They continue to: get the word out about their services; look for more partnerships; are working on opiate addiction programs; assist with homelessness; and start with primary prevention in the schools. The Board thanked Ms. Mauro for all that her organization does, for coming to the meeting and expressed that they are happy to have them in our community.

Additional proposals have been obtained concerning the boiler replacement at 67 Main Street. An option discussed was switching the system to propane. Brent Prindle spoke in favor of the switch. There was discussion on piping the exhaust directly outside the building rather than using the chimney. Mr. Colley will go out for proposals, with specifications, for the possible switch to propane. The proposals should be back for the next meeting. Ms. Fowler asked that for next meeting, Mr. Colley have a plan/time line for the repairs on this building.

Three Revaluation bids were received: Vision Government Solutions - \$59,800; eQuality Valuation Services - \$65,000; and Municipal Valuation Services - \$68,000. At this point, the Assessor is looking only at the revaluation service, no software changes. In the near future this will need to be done and at that time the Town Hall server will also need to be upgraded. The data mailers sent out have helped to save money on the revaluation – there has been a 90% return. The Board applauded Patricia Braislin and her office for this work. Mrs. Braislin has recommended that the bid go to Vision Government Solutions. After some discussion, Mr. Jones made a motion to award the bid to Vision Government

Solutions for the Revaluation for the October 1, 2018 Grand List, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Josita Bennett has submitted a request to use the Green on October 14, 2017 from 12 Noon to 2PM for the 8th Annual Public Square Rosary Rally. Ms. Fowler made a motion to grant the request, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

The replacement of the Keeler Road Bridge was discussed. Two bids have been received: one through Anchor Engineering based on a State bid from Dayton Construction Company - \$95,000; and the other obtained by this office – SBK Construction \$72,545.00 per the plans and specifications put forth by Anchor Engineering. Anchor Engineering sent out 7 bid requests to contractors and we asked 2 local contractors. The Road Crew would be working with SBK Construction if they are awarded the bid. Several issues were discussed. Mr. Jones made a motion to award the bid to SBK Construction at a price of \$72,545.00, seconded by Ms. Fowler. In the discussion it was noted that a construction bond, proof of liability insurance and proof of workers compensation needs to be submitted prior to work commencing. Vote taken on motion – unanimously carried.

A motor vehicle tax refund request has been submitted by the Tax Collector – Honda Lease Trust in the amount of \$80.26. Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Some re-appointments need to be made on the Sharon Energy and Environment Commission, all terms to expire October 9, 2019: Carolyn Mattoon, Oscar Martinez and Michael Tesoro. Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the re-appointments, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor. It was commented that this group will be happy that the BOS is looking into energy savers for 67 Main Street.

Community Update:

Mr. Colley showed the Board a photo of the walking track at Veterans' Field. This work was done by Upcountry Services with a little help from the Road Crew. The NW CT Rocks group have placed a rock in this area. It was emphasized that this project has been done by all donated funds.

The Green has had a re-awakening with new businesses on West Main and Main Streets. There is an Art Walk this Saturday.

The Equus Effect event this year is Saturday, 9/16/17, from 4PM to 6PM being held at the Quarry Farm in Lakeville. This is a Sharon based non-profit organization.

Eversource will be taking down more trees in the area to protect their lines.

The new basketball court at Veterans' Field is complete and was done well. The Parks and Recreation Committee are looking into installing a ½ court at the Beach.

Mr. Colley reported on the Open Your Eyes Studio Tour 2017.

The Sharon Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Bunco Fundraiser on Friday, September 22, 2017.

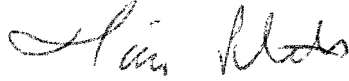
The Towns are waiting on the decision from the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission on the new transfer station. Ms. Fowler will be talking to Curtis Rand on the status of the Grants, etc.

With the State budget not yet adopted, our TAR (Town Aide for Roads) funds have not yet been received. It appears these funds will remain in place in the State budget. Some projects cannot be done until these funds are received.

The Town Website has a calendar of events. Mr. Colley stated that he is putting together an "All Information" mini Selectmen's newsletter that will let the townspeople know what the Board has done, what they are working on, and what to look forward to.

With nothing further, Ms. Fowler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:58.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tina Pitcher".

Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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