

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

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on August 8, 2017 at 2:00PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Ed Wilbur, Wm. Kelsey, Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6, reporters Epstein and Hawkin and the secretary.

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

To be added to the agenda: 6a – resignation of Lisa Selino and 6b – appointment of Douglas Rick. Ms. Fowler made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Some minor corrections needed to be made in the 7/11/17 minutes: first page, 6th paragraph, change all “Mobilite” to “Mobilitie”; seconded page, 1st paragraph, 3rd line, change “today” to “today’s”. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

Ed Wilbur commented that the Green really looks good and wanted to thank Bobby Carberry for doing the mowing these last 3 months. He has done a lot of work.

(John Scofield joined the meeting at 2:10)

William Kelsey had requested to be on the agenda concerning three topics: scale at the new transfer station, wet garbage and school enrollment. Mr. Kelsey made various comments/statements pertaining to the scale and asked the Board to endorse the installation of the scale along with the purchase of the software connected to it in the process of building the new station. There was a lot of discussion on this and the Board emphasized that the actual scale installation is not going to happen in the original design build. The site plan shows the space and the concrete platform will be in place. The plan as it exists is a good plan with TRAC, the Building Committee and SSRRA all working together on it. Ms. Fowler emphasized that there needs to be time for transition to the new site before anything new is added to the operation of the facility. As far as the wet garbage is concerned, composting is on the list of goals for TRAC. Mr. Kelsey commented that he attended the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission hearing and one of the concerns was noise from the back-up beepers. He stated that hush alarms could be installed on the vehicles. As far as school enrollment goes, Mr. Kelsey stated that Sharon Center School is teaching subjects that some parents are opposed to hence taking them out of school and home teaching them. It was emphasized that this is a Board of Education issue, not the BOS. Mr. Kelsey also commented that with the Trailer Ordinance issues being raised, it seems to him that this is two neighbors arguing and they should be left to deal with each other. It was emphasized that the BOS is not getting involved with the two neighbors, they are looking to update ALL the Ordinances. Mr. Kelsey gave the history of the original Ordinance – trailers brought in for farm help to live in. It was pointed out, that with all the Ordinance revisions/deletions, the Town makes the ultimate decision via Town Meeting. The Board thanked Mr. Kelsey for the overall information.

A resignation has been received from Alton Golden from the Sharon Green Committee. Ms. Fowler made a motion to accept the resignation with heartfelt thanks for his years of service, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor. A resignation has been received from Lisa Selino from the Sharon Energy & Environment Commission. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the resignation with thanks for her time on this Commission and to appoint Douglas Rick to this Commission to fill this vacancy, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

Two proposals have been received for the replacement of the boiler at 67 Main Street. In reviewing the proposals, it was noted that they are not necessarily "apples to apples" – different make boilers and one states replacing all the piping etc., while the other doesn't. The Board requested new proposals that are comparable. Members of the audience commented on the two boiler units proposed. It was commented that the funds for this replacement comes out of the separate account where the rent money is placed.

The Sharon Green Committee has submitted a request that the balance in their Line Item 25e (new equipment) in their 2016-2017 budget be encumbered to fulfil the purchase of a new piece of equipment for the Green - \$2,505.94. The BOS had a list of other items to request the Board of Finance to encumber (see attached). Ms. Fowler made a motion that the BOS requests to BOF for approval, the encumbered Green Committee funds and the BOS funds as listed, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor. The Board reviewed the list of 2016-2017 budget transfers to submit to the BOF for approval. They total \$3,616.51. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the BOS budget transfers on to the BOF, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

It was announced that the Green Keeper/Highway Laborer position was filled by Stephen Wasley. His job description was reviewed.

The Tax Collector has submitted two Tax Refund requests – both MV taxes: Irene Zabransky - \$23.55 & Richard Hazelton - \$66.59. Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the requests, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Mr. Colley commented that he is still waiting for the documents from Anchor Engineering in order to go out to bid on the Keeler Road Bridge project. While waiting for these, other options have been thought about – basic repair and close road for the winter. This will require further thought. The BOS needs to look at all the bridges for the future and prioritize any repairs for long term planning. For the road update, almost all of the roads that were paved in 2010-2011 have been protected with chip seal. The material being used is working well. Any other road work will depend on the receipt of the State money.

Mr. Jones reported that the first meeting of the Adhoc Blight Ordinance Committee was held. All members attended and offered their different opinions. Land Use Administrator Casey gave very valuable information. Most concerns were of junk cars and abandoned properties. Their next meeting is August 28, 2017. It was important to the members to protect contractors and agricultural activity. The Committee Chair is Dale Jones, Vice – Jamie Casey and Secretary – Johanna Haan.

Community Update:

The Town was very active this past weekend despite the weather – Book signing and Crafts Fair.

The Library will having a concert on their Green.

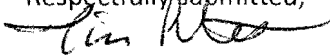
The monthly pancake breakfast is this Sunday, 8/13/17.

Carol Ascher's book on the Jewish Immigrants in Sharon & Amenia is available for purchase.

Ms. Fowler commented that she had the pleasure to meet the new owners of the Porch Light business that is scheduled to be opening at the end of the month.

With nothing further, Ms. Fowler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55.

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Respectfully submitted,

Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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SHARON TOWN CLERK



TOWN OF SHARON
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN

August 1, 2017

Sharon Board of Finance
Town Hall
Sharon, CT 0069

Dear Board,

The Board of Selectmen hereby requests that the following be encumbered from the 16-17 budget to the 17-18 budget:

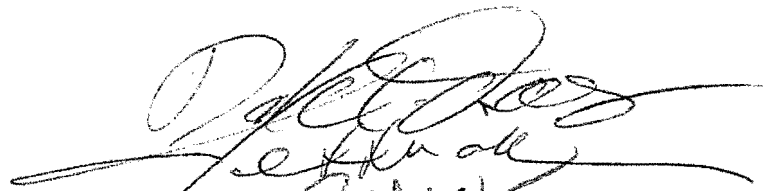
Line Item 8 -- Town Counsel - \$6,595.00 -- work requested and started on -- Revisions
Town Ordinances

Line Item 14 f -- Town Hall Building Maintenance -- \$1,500.00 front garden work --
signed contract for work not done yet

Line Item 25 e -- Sharon Green New Equipment - \$2,505.94 -- complete the purchase of
new mower for the Green

Line Item 26 r -- Highway Drainage - \$54,549.85 -- signed contract for Keeler Road
Bridge Project

Line Item 41 j -- Miscellaneous -- Removal of Dead Trees - \$2,045.00 -- work scheduled
but not able to get done


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