

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

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on June 27, 2017 at 5:30PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen (Fowler via telephone), Ed Wilbur, Howard Randall, Mr. & Mrs. Byron Barnes, Rafe Churchill, Valerie Von Volz, reporter Hawkin, Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6 and the secretary.

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

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

Some corrections needed to be made in the 6/13/17 minutes: 7th paragraph, 6th line, change "question" to "questioned"; 8th paragraph, 1st line, change "looming" to "looking"; 4th line, change "hired" to "interviewed". Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Public Comment:

Howard Randall – he sees the Road Crew is paving West Woods Road #2 and Dunbar Road. Cutting along the roadside of Dunbar Road has been done but there is no erosion and sediment control in place. There should be two double-staked hay bales at each catch basin. To keep the sediment from going into the brook. Mr. Colley stated that this will be addressed.

Valerie Von Volz of 1 Alberta Road – the culvert at the corner of their property on Calkinstown Road and the one on the other side of the road need repairing/cleaning out. Mr. Colley will have the Road Foreman look at them.

Bryon & Charlene Barnes – spoke in reference to the current Trailer Ordinance and offered their interpretation on how it is being violated with an RV being parked next door to them. It was stressed that the BOS is working on all the current Ordinances and this one in particular will be discussed at their July 11 meeting. Ultimately, any changes to an Ordinance or adoption of new one is Town Meeting approval.

There are several re-appointments that need to be made, these terms expire June 30, 2017:

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Regular member – Lionel Goldfrank III, term to expire June 30, 2022

Regular member – Lillian D. Woodworth, term to expire June 30, 2022

Alternate member – Stephen J. Szalewicz, term to expire June 30, 2020

Ms. Fowler made a motion to re-appoint these individuals, with thanks for serving, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

SEWER & WATER COMMISSION

Regular member – Joseph V. Hajek, term to expire June 30, 2022

Alternate member – Dobrila A. Waugh, term to expire June 20, 2022

Mr. Jones made a motion to re-appoint these individuals, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Claudia E. Cayne, term to expire June 30, 2022

Ms. Fowler made a motion to re-appoint this individual, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSE COMMISSION

Regular member – Michael H. Dudek, term to expire June 30, 2022

Mr. Jones made a motion to re-appoint this individual, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

The Town Hall Building Committee has submitted a request to encumber \$1,500 from Line Item 14f from the 2016/2017 fiscal year to the 2017/2018 fiscal year to be used to complete the front Town Hall Garden areas. AB Landscaping has submitted a Contract outlining what is to be done and by when. Ms. Fowler made a motion that the BOS recommends this request on to the Board of Finance for approval, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

The Board and the Road Foreman have determined which four individuals will be interviewed for the Green Keeper/Highway Laborer position. The Board set July 6, 2017 starting at 4PM for the interviews. Mr. Colley will set the schedule after contacting the individuals.

Anchor Engineering has submitted the engineering plans for construction of the Keeler Road Bridge Project. They also submitted cost estimates for the actual work. There will be funds in the 2016/2017 Highway Drainage budget line item that the BOS will be requesting the BOF to encumber for this project. The BOS will be handling the bidding process so at this point, the Board needs to approve the construction design in order to go out to bid. After some discussion, Mr. Jones made a motion that the BOS approves the concept drawing from Anchor Engineering and the plan for construction go out to bid with the bids to be back by July 25, 2017, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

The Sharon Parks & Recreation Committee have submitted a request to use Mudge Pond Road and Mudge Town Road for their 4.1 mile “Sunset Stroll” to be held Wednesday, July 19, 2017 with a start time of 6PM. Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the request and ask that any signs put up be removed right after the event, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Next the Board worked on two new proposed Ordinances:

Snow Removal – a draft was reviewed and Mr. Colley wanted to add the Road Foreman as an agent. This Ordinance addresses the issue of snow being left in a roadway or on the sidewalks after the Town has cleared the area. The snow then turns into ice and creates a hazard. The Ordinance allows for a first warning before a fine is issued. Ms. Fowler made a motion that this draft be passed on to Attorney Dixon for her review, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Blight – Mr. Jones has obtained the Town of Harwinton’s Ordinance and reviewed points in this version that would work for Sharon. Ms. Fowler offered that in conjunction with this, the Town is lacking a “Right to Farm” Ordinance and we should have one. What needs to be discussed is: defining Blight; setting up the enforcement arm for the Ordinance; imposing fines

as well as an appeal process; and possibly a one-time tax reduction so that the property could get cleaned-up. Ms. Fowler raised the question as to if the Board is looking at two separate Ordinances/issues = vehicles & garbage/trash. Mr. Jones commented that this needs to be discussed in greater detail. It was agreed to get input from the Building Office, P & Z Commission and the Wetlands Commission. It was agreed also that an Adhoc Committee should be formed to work on a draft. For the July 11 meeting, each member is to talk to some individuals to see if they would be interested in serving on this Committee and then the Committee will be formed at this meeting. The BOS set the end of August for this Committee to have a draft ready.

Community Update:

The Hotchkiss Library is holding a kids/family event on Friday, 6/30/17 at 7PM – circus entertainment.

The Sharon Historical Society is having their “Let’s Eat Cake” auction on Friday, 6/30/17 at 5:30PM.

The Sharon Package Store is presenting “Hops in the Valley” craft beer festival on Sunday, July 2, 2017 from 1PM to 4PM at Veterans’ Field. This benefits Sharon American Legion Post #126. There will be breweries and vendors.

With nothing further, Ms. Fowler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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