

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

A regular meeting adjourned from March 14, 2017 of the Sharon BOS was held on March 15, 2017 at 3:30PM at the Town Hall. Present were First Selectman Colley, Selectman Jones and Selectman Fowler via telephone; Elizabeth Casey, Ed Wilbur, Bobby Carberry (3:36), Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6 and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 3:30.

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

A correction needed to be made in the March 8, 2017 minutes: 4th paragraph, 7th line after "labor." Insert – "Ms. Fowler requested that work performed be billed when completed as this provides for up-to-date bookkeeping." No corrections needed for either minutes of February 28, 2017. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

Mr. Wilbur commented that the roads look pretty good for the weather that we had. There were comments on the storm in general and the various depths.

The Town Hall Building Committee has submitted a request for an additional appropriation of \$4,850 for window washing and carpet cleaning in the spring. These were regular budgeted items but due to the unforeseen emergency expenses on repairs for Town Hall, these items cannot be done without going over the approved 2016/2017 budget. After some discussion, Ms. Fowler made a motion that the BOS requests the Board of Finance for an additional appropriation of \$5,000 to be added to the Town Hall Building Maintenance Line (14f), seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

The Board had discussed previously installing cameras in the Town Garage area for monitoring/security purposes. Two quotes have been received – Quote 1 - \$3,582 and Quote 2 - \$6,150. There are enough funds in this years' Highway Supplies line to cover this. Road Foreman Carberry stated that he prefers Quote 2 as it allows for coverage inside the salt shed, allows usage of Wi-Fi and viewing of an entire months' footage. Quote 1 does not allow for the usage of Wi-Fi so it would have to be hardwired. Ms. Fowler questioned the difference in the materials listed = both companies were given the same specifications and did a site visit. Upon further review of Quote 2, it was noted that the NVR could be reduced to an 8 channel and the 32" TV could be eliminated (Mr. Colley has one he would donate). This would lower the price. After further discussion, Ms. Fowler made a motion that the Board accepts Quote 2 with the understanding that the proposal is revised to remove the 32" TV and that an 8 channel NVR be used, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Next the Board reviewed and discussed their proposed 2017/2018 budget. Each Selectman offered assorted comments and support of: the basic 3% increase in wages; the Town Clerk's requested salary increase; the P & Z Commission's request on the Zoning Enforcement Officer's salary (hoping that the BOF honors their commitment from last year); the Sharon Day Care's increase request; the Hotchkiss Library's increase request; support of the Little Rascals Summer Camp program; and thanked the various departments for submitting responsible budget proposals and for standing-up for the numbers they presented. The Grand List did have an increase and the biggest increase in the budget is for health insurance. The BOS will ask the BOF to look at the anticipated receipts and the Undesignated Fund. The Board feels that they have a lean and responsible budget proposal. After the discussion, Ms. Fowler

made a motion to recommend the 3% version of the proposed 2017/2018 budget to the BOF, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

The Board began working on the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan. Items discussed were: looking into solar at the Town Garage, but the roof would need replacing first; an addition to the Town Garage for more office space, more storage space and a larger break room for the crew; and capital improvements to 67 Main Street. The items were discussed – cost estimates are needed and order needs to be re-arranged as some items have been on the list for years and should get done before the newer ones. Mr. Colley will re-draft the Plan, get cost estimates and the Board will review the Plan further at their next meeting.

Community Update:

There will be a public meeting with representatives of Sharon Hospital here at Town Hall tomorrow starting at 4PM to give the public an update on the changes proposed – the hospital going back to Not-for-Profit. There will be additional meetings April 5, 6 & 7, also starting at 4PM.

There is a fund raiser to be held March 25, 2017 at 8:30PM at the White Hart Inn for the Jane Lloyd Fund with music by Harlem Line.

Both the Hotchkiss Library and the Historical Society have art shows at the moment.

The incoming Superintendent, Pam Vogel, has offered to meet with groups of parents to talk about the proposed changes at the high school.

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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