

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

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on February 14, 2017 at 2PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Ed Wilbur, Howard Randall, Bobby Carberry, Harding Bancroft, Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6, reporter Hawkins and the secretary.

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

Requested to be added to the agenda: update on cell tower (5a) and update on Community Center Building (5b). Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/10/17 as written, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

There were no public comments.

Road Foreman Carberry told the Board that the Road Crew has been plowing snow and fixing things. They are trying to get stone on the dirt roads in between the plowing and repairs. He is having a hard time getting salt delivered from the distributor – the port of delivery is different this year. He requested that the Board consider an Ordinance concerning placement of snow in the public right-of-way. The Road Crew has issues with individual contractors and residents leaving snow in the roadways after the roadways have been cleared. Howard Randall questioned the mixture of salt and sand used on the dirt roads as in previous years salt was rarely mixed with the sand for the dirt roads. His road, Modley Road, continues to be muddy. Mr. Carberry stated that the mixture is 9 buckets sand to 1 bucket rock salt and that all the dirt roads have the same issue as they have not been able to be frozen this year with the weather. Salt is added to the sand to prevent it from freezing and clumping in the storage shed.

Ms. Fowler told the Board that there will be a Verizon cell tower on the tower in New Fairfield. Mr. Colley stated that T-Mobil will be going on the tower on Herb Road.

Mr. Jones reported that the Community Hall Building Committee met for the first time after the Town Meeting vote to retain 99 North Street on Monday, February 13, 2017. It was not clear at the Town Meeting if the residents want to keep the building (make minimum repairs or total improvements) or tear it down. The Committee agreed not to tear it down and work on a “phase-in” improvement plan. The first part should be correcting drainage issues and painting the exterior. An engineer will be needed for the drainage. The survey of the property and the appraisal should be done (the funds for these are on the agenda for the Board of Finance on February 16, 2017 at 7PM). The Committee or a representative, will meet with Parks & Recreation for their ideas on storage of the items upstairs and the Director’s Office.

Not all the responses have been received back from the various Boards/Commissions/individuals concerning revisions to the existing Town Ordinances. There are three possible new ones for consideration: fracking waste, blight and the one the Road Foreman requested for consideration. The Town Secretary’s intention is to send to Attorney Dixon a packet containing: the existing Ordinances, the notes from the Selectmen’s workshops, the responses received and the Subdivision Regulations (highway construction). From this the BOS set a time table as: get all responses by March 14, send

packet to Attorney Dixon, have her submit an estimate for the revisions by the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and the BOS give her a directive to have some revisions back for the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Director of Health has requested that Tiziana Covacci be kept on board as a hired individual for the Health Department. She originally was hired for a 60 day period. There may be some personnel changes in this department and Ms. Morrissey would like Ms. Covacci still in place for if and when this happens. Ms. Fowler made a motion to keep Ms. Covacci on as a hired individual for the Health Department, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

There were various appoints requested: Jacob E. Fricker – Alternate Sewer & Water Commission term to 6/30/2018; Michael Lynch – Conservation Commission term to 6/30/2020; Eric Golden – Sharon Green Committee term to 11/21/2017; Roger Liddell – Sharon Environment & Energy Commission term to 10/9/2018; and Todd C. Anderson as Fire Chief – Local Emergency Planning Committee term to 11/21/2017. Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the appointments as listed on the agenda, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

There are some line items in the 16/17 budget that are or will be shortly over expended: Town Hall – 14l – Miscellaneous currently over budget by \$9,145.39 due to the engineering done for the back parking lot, various needed repairs and repairs needs as a result of the Fire Marshal's inspection; and Municipal Waste – 28b – Brush Removal currently over budget by \$4,050 due to extra grinding of material. The preliminary engineer drawings for the Town Hall back parking lot expansion were reviewed. The Board will look at the map and see if any different configuring will get more parking spaces. Ms. Fowler asked if there was a contract for this work – no. She stated that contracts should be in place before anything else is done. It was agreed that this work should get done pretty soon. Mr. Colley commented that the Road Foreman and he are looking into cameras at the Town Garage again. After some discussion, Mr. Jones made a motion that the BOS request additional appropriations from the BOF of: Town Hall line item 14l – Miscellaneous up to \$20,000 and Municipal Waste line item 28b – Brush Removal up to \$5,000, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

Sharon Day Care has submitted a request to Use the Green and certain Town Roads for their annual road race to be held May 6, 2017. Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Patricia Purdy has submitted her resignation from the Sharon Housing Authority. This now creates two vacancies on this Board. Ms. Fowler made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets and thanks for many years of service, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

The Board budget workshops for February 21 at 2PM and February 28 at 3:30PM.

#### Community Update:

The Parks & Recreation Committee received an anonymous donation of \$30,000 for the walking track.

There was good attendance at the Parks & Recreation dance fundraiser.

The Historical Society's exhibit on the Jewish Community in Ellsworth has been a great success. Their Board has appropriated funds for a book to be put together by Carol Ascher and the exhibit will be shared with Danbury's Historical Society.

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With nothing further, Ms. Fowler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.  
The meeting was adjourned at 2:53.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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