

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

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on November 22, 2016 at 2:00PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen (Fowler via telephone), Road Foreman Carberry, Ed Wilbur, Barbara Prindle, Emily Soell, Maja Clark, Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6 – but the camera broke, and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 2:00.

Item #9 is to be tabled and Item #11 is not a special meeting. 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 11/7/16 minutes: 1st page, 9th paragraph, 9th line, change “Ordinance” to “Ordinances”; 2nd page, 2nd paragraph, and 3rd line, add “the” after “into”. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

Barbara Prindle commented that she feels the reasons that the Sharon Playhouse was denied by Town Meeting financial assistance in 2013 are the same reasons now. There is no line item in the budget for the Playhouse and if an item goes before the Board of Finance and is passed along to a Town Meeting it is implied that it is approved. Granting this assistance would open a can of worms in that there would be questions as to why one organization gets assistance while another does not.

Emily Soell, President of the Sharon Playhouse, was present to answer questions that the Board had in regards to their request for financial assistance. 50% of their income is from ticket sales and the rest is from donations and grants. They struggle to put on what shows that they do every year. They had some financial hits this year – roof repair (and it is still leaking), air conditioning replacement and heat failure in the Bok Gallery. The main building still needs insulating. Their request is for financial assistance with the structural wall of the building. The building is a landmark in Town and Ms. Soell will be working on ways to get the Town’s people more involved: family tickets at reduced rates, celebrating unsung heroes (fire department, ambulance squad) and possible partnering for fundraising. In August of 2015 they got an estimate of approximately \$15,000 for excavation and swale work. They have a quote from a local contractor at the cost of \$10,000. The Playhouse has known about the problem with the foundation wall but they have been unable to come up with the funds. Their Profit & Loss Budget Performance for 11/2015 through 10/2016 was presented. Ms. Fowler asked what their yearly maintenance costs are and what are they budgeting for maintenance moving forward. The P & L statement did not show maintenance costs. Ms. Soell did not know the maintenance costs but commented that they are looking into cutting back on programs for next year. She also stated that their plan is to fix the wall the best they can and put the rest of major repairs on hold until they are financially able to do them. They have outstanding loans from members and a line of credit that they owe on. Road Foreman Carberry and Mr. Colley looked at the site and it was emphasized that it would be best to get the drainage done first and that would help the building. When asked about financial aid for the summer youth program, Ms. Soell stated that everyone who needs aid to participate in a program, gets a scholarship but she did not know the total dollar amount. Ms. Soell outlined their seasonal staff and what they are paid. The Playhouse has to provide housing for the seasonal staff. The estimate for the swale to correct the drainage is \$2,200 which Road Foreman Carberry felt is a fair price and should be done first, then possibly waterproof the inside of the foundation. Ms. Soell stated that the drainage will be fixed whether the Town helps or not. The Board stressed that if the Town were to help, the

Playhouse needs to show them how they are planning ahead for maintenance, etc. After some discussion, Ms. Fowler made a motion that the Board moves to the Board of Finance for approval to a Town Meeting an appropriation of \$2,500 for drainage work, seconded by Mr. Jones. In the discussion it was agreed that Ms. Soell will attend the 12/13/16 meeting to go over their financial plans for the future, the dollar amount spent and put aside for building maintenance and the dollar amount of scholarships provided for the youth regionally. Vote on motion – carried unanimously. The Board thanked Ms. Soell and Ms. Clark for attending the meeting.

It is time to renew the Region 5 Homeland Security Grant Program and for the Board to adopt a Resolution pertaining to this. This allows the Town to be part of available Grants. Mr. Jones made a motion that the Board approves the Memorandum of Agreement Document and authorizes the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

Mr. Colley explained that there was a truck failure with one of the highway trucks that needs to be addressed sooner rather than later. This 2005 truck was scheduled for replacement in the spring of 2017. The truck needs \$7,000 worth of work and we would probably only get \$5,000 to \$6,000 as a trade-in. Road Foreman Carberry obtained three quotes: Base model Freightliner minus front plow, new plow not included and nor painting - \$162,209.91; base model International with no price for painting of cab - \$166,597; and Freightliner complete with wing plow, modern computer package and no painting needed - \$193,212.01. This truck is already built, if it were to be spec'd out, it would be \$40,000 more. With the lease to own option with Daimler, no payment is due until November 2017. The interest rate is 3.79% for 5 years = total finance costs \$7,600 with yearly payments of \$45,121.93. After some discussion, Mr. Jones made a motion that the Board requests the Board of Finance to approve on to a Town Meeting the lease to own option with Daimler for the purchase of a Freightliner at total cost of \$202,054.01 with payments over a 5 year period at an interest rate of 3.79%, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor. The Board thanked Mr. Carberry for all his homework.

Mr. Jones explained and reviewed changes in the design plan for the new transfer station. The changes were a result of safety concerns. With the changes, there will be no contact with individuals and the commercial haulers. This plan was approved by the TRAC Building Committee and has been submitted to Anchor Engineering for the final concept design. Hopefully this project will go out to bid early in the new year.

Town meeting non-binding vote was to sell the Community Center. In order to proceed with this, an appraisal and survey need to be done. Proposals for this work need to be obtained before a request can be made to the Board of Finance for an expenditure. Ms. Fowler made a motion that the Board engages in the process to obtain proposals for an appraisal and survey within a 25 mile radius for the Community Center, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

On December 16, 2016, our new Director of Health will be meeting with contractors to introduce herself starting at 9AM. If either Selectman wishes to meet Ms. Morrissey they can come in as well.

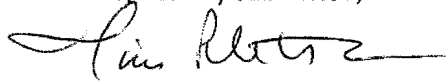
Community Update:

The Tree Lighting will be December 3, 2016. The Historical Society is looking for cookies for the gathering afterwards.

The PTO is holding a Cookies & Canvas painting event

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:22.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Pitcher", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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