

SHARON BOARD OF FINANCE
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A special meeting of the Sharon BOF was held on March 22, 2016 at 7PM at the Town Hall. Present were regular members Dignacco, Bartram, Bancroft, Flanagan, Robertson and Seibold; First Selectman Colley and the secretary.

Chairman Dignacco called the meeting to order at 7:02.

Mr. Bartram made a motion that the Board goes into executive session review salary increases requested, seconded by Mr. Flanagan. The Board went into executive session at 7:02. The Recording Secretary offered to leave the room, which was accepted. Invited for a period of time: 7:02 – 7:34 Barclay Prindle, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission and First Selectman Colley; 7:35 – 7:48 – Stanley MacMillan, Building Official/Fire Marshal and First Selectman Colley; 7:48 – 8:00 First Selectman Colley. Mr. Bartram made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:00, seconded by Mr. Bancroft, with all in favor.

The Recording Secretary rejoined the meeting at 8:03.

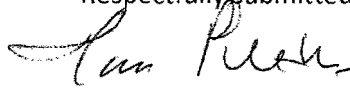
The Board further reviewed and discussed the Board of Education's proposed budget. Mrs. Dignacco explained for Mr. Flanagan that with this budget, the BOF can suggest an amount to reduce the budget by but can't tell the BOE where to make the reductions. Mr. Seibold questioned if the BOF could raise the budget taking into account the upcoming building project, lower enrollment and not replacing a retiring teacher. Mrs. Dignacco offered that in her opinion, the BOE's line of thinking was that with the lower enrollment, a higher budget would not be welcomed by the taxpayers and that they were keeping in mind other expenses of the town, i.e. transfer station and their project. After some discussion, Mr. Bancroft made a motion to approve the budget as presented to be moved along to the budget hearing, seconded by Mrs. Robertson. There was further discussion. Vote taken on motion – unanimously carried.

The Board further reviewed and discussed the Board of Selectmen's proposed budget page by page. The BOF increased the 1st. Selectmen's salary, the two Selectmen's salary and the Town Secretary's salary to a 5% increase; they left the Town Clerk's salary increase to 5%; they agreed split the Zoning Enforcement Officer's salary increase over two years and allocated most of the increase to this line item (\$3,000) and the rest (\$1,500) to the Inland Wetlands Commission's Clerk along with the requested percentage increase (3%) and requested that this salary be broken out from the Commission expense line; they left the Building Official/Fire Marshal salary increase to 10%; and reduce the Sharon East Side Cemetery line (39i) back to \$300. Mr. Bartram made a motion to approve the budget as amended to be moved along to the budget hearing, seconded by Mr. Seibold, with all in favor.

There was a brief discussion on the funding for the transfer station. According to the Transfer Station Building Committee minutes, they will be doing testing for most of this year and estimate to start construction in 2017. Mrs. Dignacco and the Town Treasurer have discussed that once the project has gone out to bid and we know a more accurate cost, they will be contacting various banks to see what they could do for the Town for the interim financing.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Recording Secretary

APRIL 29 7PM - BUDGET HEARING – special meeting to follow – final approval of budgets to Town Meeting

MAY 13 7PM – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – special meeting to follow – set mil rate

JUNE 21 7pm – QUARTERLY MEETING

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