

**Sharon Green Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

**Present:** Betsy Hall, Linda Amerighi, Stephen Wasley, Marlene Woodman  
**Absent:** Thomas Casey, Eric Golden

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Chair, Betsy Hall called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

The Minutes of April 8, 2019 were approved as written.

**2. Sharon Green Proposed Budget for FY 20-21**

The Green Committee discussed the line item budgets for the Proposed FY 20-21 Budget.

Stephen Wasley presented his ideas about possible future needs for upkeep of the Green and proposed budget items. A new pole saw should be purchased with Green Committee funds to cut loose branches, etc.

The Green Committee discussed and ultimately decided that Line Item a (Snow Removal - \$1,000) would not be needed in the FY2021 budget. Greenskeeper, Stephen Wasley, informed the Committee that he could clear the small area by the Post Office which is currently being done by Sharon Lawn and Landscaping and charged to the Green.

On a motion made by Linda Amerighi and seconded by Stephen Wasley, the Green Committee voted to eliminate *Line Item a* for the FY2020 Budget.

Motion passed.

Betsy Hall will notify First Selectman Brent Colley that as of February 1, 2020 the services of Sharon Lawn and Landscaping would no longer be needed to clean/plow that small area.

The Committee discussed the remaining Green line items; deciding that those items should remain as voted in the FY2019 budget.

Stephen Wasley reported about the ongoing water / drainage issues occurring south of the Clock Tower that come from Great Elm and should be addressed in the near future. We might have to have an engineer appraise the situation.

Betsy Hall suggested that she contact Pat Hackett to provide the Committee with recommendations.

The Committee agreed that given the drainage / water issues, the \$10,000 in line item Green Repair (e) should remain in the proposed FY2020 budget.

On a motion made by Linda Amerighi and seconded by Stephen Wasley, the Green Committee agreed to maintain the remaining *Green Line Items (b-j)* as voted in the FY2019 budget; a request of \$43,000 for FY2020 (a decrease of \$1,000 from the FY2019 budget).

Motion passed.

The proposed FY2021 Green budget will be transmitted to the Board of Selectmen for its consideration.

### **3. Repairs Needed to Green Since Grading Project**

Betsy Hall reported that the Green restoration cost totaled \$375,371; leaving \$120,651. The Committee agreed that RAR did a great job on the Green Restoration project.

Stephen Wesley informed the Committee that there are some areas from the Green Restoration Project that should be addressed in the spring; i.e. more topsoil needs to be put down in some areas and additional seeding. Some of the new hydro grass seeding did not take and therefore, R & R Contractors should be contacted to return in the spring to put down more topsoil and possibly athletic grass for some of those areas.

Betsy Hall will contact RAR about returning in the spring to repair various bare spots. She has asked Tom Casey to take photographs after heavy rains to detect any additional water problems and Stephen Weasley agreed to do the same.

Additionally, Stephen Wasley reported that the State of Connecticut may be paving the road in front of the Green this year.

The Committee recommended that Betsy Hall contact State Representative Maria Horn to get a contact at the Connecticut State Department of Transportation who would be able review the particulars about the proposed State paving project and if the State of CT will be putting in curbing along the Green area.

### **4. Set Meeting Dates for 2020**

The Committee agreed on the following dates for the Green Committee 2020 Regular Meetings. All meetings will begin at 4:00 p.m.

March 2, 2020  
May 4, 2020  
July 6, 2020  
September 14, 2020  
November 2, 2020

### **5. Sidewalk Discussion**

The Committee agreed that the sidewalks around the Green are in disrepair and need to be addressed. Betsy Hall reported that the sidewalks are under the auspices of the town, but that it might be worthwhile if at the March meeting, the Green Committee "walked" the areas that are very dangerous and measure and report to the Town its findings. We might also consider trying to obtain an estimate for fixing the critical problem areas.

### **6. Adjournment**

On a motion made by Linda Amerighi and seconded by Stephen Wasley, the Green Committee Adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Woodman

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