Sharon Green Committee Monday, February 8, 2021 @ 4: 00 PM Town Hall Minutes

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Present: Betsy Hall, Linda Amerighi, Tom Casey, Stephen Wasley, Marlene Woodman

Absent: Eric Golden

1. Call to Order

Betsy Hall called the Sharon Green Committee Meeting to Order at 4:00 PM.

2. Minutes of January 11, 2021

Betsy Hall noted that the January 11, 2021 Minutes should reflect RAR Excavating.

The Minutes of January 11, 2021 were Approved as Corrected.

3. Old Business

a. Granite Curbing

RAR Estimates – Additional Granite Curbing – Main Street Betsy Hall reported that RAR estimated the cost for the granite and labor along Main Street to be \$175,000. Without materials, the estimated cost would be \$95,700 (time and labor). The cost of the granite for the previous project was \$43,000, which the Town ordered. RAR noted that it would be less expensive for the Town to order the granite for this project as well.

The Committee decided that we would have the Town order the granite for the next project (along Main Street).

• State Requirements

Tom Casey reported that he has not been able to reach the appropriate person at Region 1 Garage to find out if the State has the milling and paving on Main Street scheduled for some time this year. Therefore, we should not move forward with the granite curbing until we find out the timeline for the State.

Betsy Hall reported that RAR indicated that it would not be a problem for them to wait until we get more definitive answers from the State of Connecticut.

Money Available

Betsy Hall reported that there is \$105,432.89 remaining from the Green project. Additionally, Section 25 (e) of the Town Budget has \$41,480 allocated for Green projects. The funds for seeding (\$1,000) will come out of that line item and leave approximately \$40,000 for other Green necessities. We could allocate those remaining funds for the granite curbing along Main Street.

Procedure(s) for Town Approvals

Betsy Hall reported that the request for additional granite curb funding would require approvals from the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance and a Town Meeting. The Committee agreed that we should acquire the funding and approvals in order to be able to move ahead with this project once we get notified by the State that they will proceed with the milling/paving of Main Street.

On a motion made by Tom Casey and seconded by Linda Amerighi, the Green Committee Unanimously Approved to take the request for funding for additional granite curbing to the appropriate Town Boards.

b. Application for use of Sharon Green

Betsy Hall reported that First Selectman Brent Colley has a draft of the *Application for Use* of the Sharon Green. Brent Colley is waiting to hear from the Town's Attorney as to the appropriateness of the application.

c. Garage Addition

Tom Casey reported that he and Stephen Wasley will need to wait for the snow to melt in order to "walk" and see the area where a garage addition might be placed.

d. Budget

Betsy Hall reported that the Sharon Preservation would like to have one more "tree lighting" with the old, large tree next year. Given that, the cost to hang the lights would be \$3,000 for each entity (Preservation and Green). Therefore, the Sharon Green Committee's request for FY2022 Budget would remain the same as last Fiscal Year.

On a motion made Stephen Wasley and seconded by Linda Amerighi, the Sharon Green Committee voted Unanimously to Approve the FY2022 Budget, with the funding remaining the same as FY2021.

4. New Business

No new business.

5. Next Meeting

Betsy Hall announced that the next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, March 8, 2021.

6. Other Business

No further business.

7. Adjournment

On a motion made by Linda Amerighi and seconded by Stephen Wasley, the Sharon Green Committee Adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Woodman

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