

Sharon Green Committee Meeting
Minutes
Monday, March 8, 2021@ 4:00 PM
Draft Until Approved

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

Absent: Eric Golden

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Betsy Hall called the Sharon Green Committee Meeting to Order at 4:00 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes of February 8, 2021

The Minutes of said date stand Approved.

3. Old Business

A. Granite Curbing

Betsy Hall announced that at its February 23, 2021, the Board of Selectmen approved the Sharon Green Committee's request to hold the remaining funds (\$105,000) from Phase One of the Green Project. The Board of Selectmen sent its approval to the Board of Finance for its action.

Betsy Hall further reported that at its March 3, 2021 Meeting, the Board of Finance Tabled the request to continue to Encumber the remaining funds (\$105,432) from the Sharon Green Project. Additionally, the Board of Finance Members had questions about the Encumbered Funds.

With further discussion, Marlene Woodman had drafted a letter to the Board, suggesting that letter be sent to the Board of Finance outlining / answering some of the questions posed by the Board of Finance.

The Sharon Green Committee discussed the letter and pertinent points, and reasons that the Board of Finance should "hold" the remaining Funds. Additionally, Tom Casey, reported that after conversations with the local DOT person about a timeline for milling / paving Main Street, no timeline has been set by the State of CT.

On a motion made by Tom Casey and seconded by Stephen Wasley, the Sharon Green Committee VOTED to APPROVE sending a letter to the Board of Finance. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Betsy Hall reported that Tom Casey agreed to attend the Historic District Meeting to present the request from the Sharon Green Committee for curbing along Main Street.

Betsy Hall announced that she will be in touch with Pat Hackett, Engineer, to discuss the plans that will be needed to submit to the State of Connecticut for the curbing along Main Street (Green side).

B. Garage

Tom Casey reported that the rough estimates for building a steel addition next to the garage (24 x 24) which would be used to properly house the Sharon Green equipment came in around \$40,000.

Electricity and a slab would also be needed. The total costs would be at least \$60,000. Tom Casey and Stephen Wasley will explore other options.

The Committee agreed that given this is not an urgent project, we should continue to explore other companies and obtain further estimates to determine the best approach for constructing a new building. It is likely that the Committee would ask for Town funding in the next Fiscal Year.

C. Application For Use of Green

Betsy Hall will follow up with First Selectman Brent Colley to have the Town Attorney review the application.

4. New Business

Betsy Hall reported that Jeff Perotti is submitting a bill in the amount of \$2,000 for tree removal. Jeff Perotti indicated that two additional trees need to be taken down and that cost would be at least \$5,000. He also reported that the \$15,000 budgeted yearly for the Green Trees would likely not be adequate as tree removal, etc. has increased. Betsy Hall reported that after further conversations with Jeff Perotti, the Green Committee should submit at least \$22,000 to \$25,000 yearly for tree upgrade. Betsy Hall indicated that she asked Jeff Perotti to submit the bill for the \$2,000, but that the Green Committee would not be able to move forward with the additional cost of \$5,000 at this time.

5. Other Business

Stephen Wasley reported that he is currently looking to purchase a lawn aerator for the Green. After securing estimates from companies to perform this needed work, he learned that he can purchase a lawn aerator and perform the work himself for far less.

6. Adjournment

Having no further Business, on a motion made by Linda Amerighi and seconded by Marlene Woodman, the Sharon Green Committee Adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlene Woodman