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SHARON BOARD OF FINANCE  
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A regular meeting of the Sharon BOF was held on March 14, 2023 at 6:30PM via ZOOM only due to the weather. Present were regular members Bartram, Duncan, O'Kelly, Robertson, Fowler, and Flaton; alternates Ensign and Whelan; First Selectman Colley, Selectman Flanagan, BOE Chairman Cahill, Principal Tomkalski, Region 1 Business Manager Herrick, BOE Secretary Webb, BOE member Thompson, J. Champion, J. Hecht, L. Treglia, reporter Hawken and the secretary.

Chairman Bartram called the meeting to order at 6:31.

Mr. Duncan made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, with all in favor.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/21/23 & 3/6/23 as written, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, with all in favor.

In order to keep the meeting organized, Ms. Fowler reviewed a timeline which the members agreed to.

BOE Chairman Cahill gave an overview of their proposed 2023-2024 budget. Board members asked various questions. In order to meet the Minimum Budget Requirement, \$117,653 was added to the Capital Expense line and unless there is an emergency, these funds will not be spent and be available to go into the Capital Non-Recurring Account. Region 1 Business Manager Herrick gave an overview of the Region 1 budget.

First Selectman Colley and Selectman Flanagan answered questions on their proposed 2023-2024 budget page by page. It was noted that the larger increases are within the Highway Budget and Equipment Line. It was noted and explained that some of the proposed budget lines are lower than the requested amounts. In order to keep the budget down, the BOS is proposing that three expenditure items be taken out of LoCIP (Local Capital Improvement Plan) – speed humps for Hilltop Road; curbing for the Green Project, and Removal of Dead Trees. It was noted that these items will need to be on the Town's Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and approved at a Town Meeting. There was discussion on Contributions in general on how and should they should be funded by tax dollars. This is discussion for the next meeting.

**The Board set Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:30PM** for further discussion on the budgets. Mr. Bartram will work on the agenda and get it to the Recording Secretary to submit to the Town Clerk.

With nothing further, Ms. Fowler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Pitcher, Recording Secretary