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SHARON BOARD OF FINANCE  
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The Sharon BOF held the budget hearing on April 29, 2022 at 7:00PM in-Person and via ZOOM at the Town Hall. Present were regular members Bartram, Robertson, Fowler, Bancroft, and O'Kelly; alternates Flaton and Ensign; Board of Selectmen – Colley, Jones & Flanagan; Board of Education – Dr. Manning, Cahill, Rathbun, Vance, Visconti and Petkov; Superintendent of Schools Carter; reporters Hawken and Epstein; approximately 37 residents and the secretary.

Chairman Bartram called the hearing to order at 7PM. He read the legal notice as it appeared in the newspaper and turned the hearing over to Moderator Barbara Prindle. Mrs. Prindle reviewed the rules for the hearing.

The Board of Education's proposed 2022-2023 budget was reviewed first. Questions were asked and answered page by page. The major questions/discussion focused on: enrollment vs cost per student; minimum budget requirements (the budget presented is the lowest it can be at this point); regionalization of schools; and the balance in the BOE's portion of the Capital Non-recurring Account.

The Board of Selectmen's proposed 2022-2023 budget was reviewed with questions asked and answered page by page. The major question/discussion focused on: Assessor salary; water/sewer allocations; and Dog Warden/Dog Pound.

The hearing was closed at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Pitcher, Recording Secretary