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SHARON BOARD OF FINANCE  
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A regular meeting of the Sharon BOF was held on May 16, 2023 at 6:30PM at the Town Hall. Present were regular members Bartram, O'Kelly, Duncan, Flaton and Robertson; alternates Ensign and Whelan; Lisa Carter, Doug Cahill, Sam Herrick, Anne Vance, Mandy Thompson, John Hecht, Jill Drew, reporters Hawken and Epstein and the secretary.

Chairman Bartram called the meeting to order at 6:30. Ms. Fowler designated Mr. Ensign to vote in her place.

Additions to the agenda: 5a continue discussion & possible vote on Board of Education 23-24 proposed budget; 5b discuss school roof project; 5c discuss funding for roof project; 5d Whelan resignation; and 5e discuss selection process to fill vacancy. Mr. O'Kelly made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Duncan, with all in favor.

There were no public comments on agenda items

With no corrections needed, Mr. Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/18/23, 4/28/23 x 2, and 5/12/23 as written, seconded by Mr. O'Kelly, with all in favor.

Bob Whelan gave an explanation of the calculations for the Minimum Budget Requirements mandated by the CT State Department of Education. The discussion got off topic and into: the BOE not having the correct ECS reimbursement in their proposed budget; the need for the BOF & the Town to approve a Capital Plan for the school as they have a Capital Expense line in their budget; and the creation of a Town Building Committee to oversee a separate budget for capital improvements. The BOE will continue to look at efficiencies to reduce the budget/MBR while keeping the best education possible.

The Board continued the discussion on the BOE 23-24 proposed budget. The ECS receipt figure needs to be changed. The Capital Plan needs to be approved by the BOF and Town Meeting. The BOF was given a Six Year Plan which Mr. Cahill said is still valid. After some discussion, the BOF agreed that if the BOE corrects the ECS figures, the budget would be good moving forward. Mr. Cahill stated that the BOE can meet early next week to address this. Then the BOF can meet and vote to approve the Capital Plan and budget to a Town Meeting.

Mr. Herrick, the Region 1 Business Manager, explained that the roof project is out to bid. They held a pre-bid meeting last Thursday. The bids are due May 31, after which the BOE would accept a bid shortly after that. They would like the project to start around June 12 in order to get it completed over the summer. The bid allows for pricing of a 20-year unlimited material & labor warrantee that could be extended to 30 years.

The BOE will need to outline the funding for the BOF and the Town Meeting once the contract amount is determined.

Mr. Whelan submitted his resignation from the Board effective May 26, 2023. He was thanked for his short stay on the Board. Ms. Flaton made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets, seconded by Mr. O'Kelly, with all in favor.

It was noted that this position will be on the November ballot. The individual can be a Democrat or Unaffiliated voter. It was agreed to follow the same previous process: notice on Website and in the newspaper requesting resumes.

With nothing further, Mr. Duncan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Pitcher, Recording Secretary

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: JUNE 20 6:30PM