

SHARON BOARD OF FINANCE  
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A special meeting of the Sharon BOF was held on July 5, 2018 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. Present were regular members Bartram, Dignacco, Robertson, Flanagan, and Bancroft; alternates La Roche and Duncan; Betsy Hall, Linda Amerighi, Marlene Woodman, First Selectman Colley, Stan MacMillan and the secretary.


Chairman Dignacco called the meeting to order at 7PM. Mr. Duncan was made a voting member for this meeting.

Mr. Bartram made a motion that the BOF approves on to Town Meeting the expenditure of a Gross Amount of \$32,594 from the Equipment Replacement Account for the purchase of a new vehicle for the Building Official/Fire Marshal, seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Discussion: Mr. MacMillan explained that he obtained two quotes and the one for this amount of money was the lowest as well as being the State bidding price. This amount also includes a cap for the back of the truck. He also explained his reasoning for wanting to get rid of the current vehicle now. There was discussion on trading in the current vehicle VS keeping it for use by other Town employees. It was the preference of the Board that the vehicle be traded in because if it is not mechanically good enough for the Building Official/Fire Marshal to continue using, then it is not good enough for other employees (if it is kept there will need to be repairs done and new tires, which have not been budgeted for). After all questions answered, the vote on the motion was called: in favor of motion 5 (Bartram, Dignacco, Robertson, Flanagan and Duncan) abstaining – Bancroft – motion carried.

Mrs. Hall, Chairman of the Sharon Green Committee, gave some history of the Green and the project that her Committee has been working on for five years. She also reviewed what aspects of the proposal each Committee member handled. Mr. Bartram made a motion that the BOF approves on to Town Meeting the expenditure of up to \$496,000 for the Green Rehabilitation Project, seconded by Mrs. Robertson. Discussion: Can the funds be allocated in two phases rather than all at once? Mrs. Hall explained that the Committee would like to get the drainage, curbing and road repair done this year then get the yard drains and grading done in the spring so that the Green would be ready for the summer events. The engineer will be compiling the bid packets and the Road Crew, of which Bobby Carberry has been very helpful, will be doing the drainage work (installing the catch basins) on Upper Main Street. The catch basins go in front of the granite curbing and the curbing will keep people from parking on the Green and will also help to stabilize the Green. Mrs. Hall commented that the engineer has been in touch with various individuals in the State DOT system, so they are aware of the project. The Board had various questions and the main concern was the drainage. Mrs. Hall stated that the engineer still has to complete the drainage plans, with the specifications. Most of the drainage calculations are done, the site work needs to be done in order to finalize the preliminary work. The main concern of the Board was taking this amount of an expenditure to a Town Meeting without having the completed engineering plans. After all questions asked, vote taken on motion: in favor – 0: against – 6 (Bartram, Dignacco, Robertson, Flanagan, Bancroft and Duncan) – motion denied. The Board briefly discussed the possible areas where these funds could come from once ready to go to Town Meeting: Capital Non-recurring Account, LoCIP and the Undesignated Fund.

With nothing further, Mrs. Robertson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bartram, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Tina Pitcher, Recording Secretary

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING: SEPTEMBER 18 7PM

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