

SHARON BOARD OF FINANCE
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A special meeting of the Sharon BOF was held on August 2, 2018 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. Present were regular members Flanagan, Dignacco, Bartram, Bancroft and Seibold (7:11); Parks & Recreation Committee members Christensen, Yahn, Purdy, and Crodelle; Recreation Director Andrulis-Mette, residents A. Peterson and M. Flanagan, Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6 and the secretary.

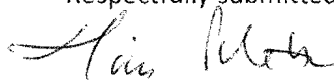
Chairman Dignacco called the meeting to order at 7:02. Mrs. Dignacco had Parks & Recreation Chairman Christensen introduce her Committee members.

The first item on the agenda was a request from the Board of Selectmen and the Parks & Recreation Committee to take to Town Meeting an expenditure out of the Non-recurring Account of \$10,000 (Parks & Recreation's portion) and up to \$30,000 for the completion of the Walking Track at Veterans' Field. Mr. Flanagan made a motion to deny the request from the BOS and Parks & Recreation Committee, seconded by Mr. Bancroft. In the discussion, Mr. Flanagan commented that the Committee assumed the project without prior BOS or BOF approval and feels that they should continue with their fund raising and not spend tax dollars. Mrs. Christensen offered that the Committee feels that they have exhausted their fund raising as they started in 2015. They have raised approximately \$42,000 which includes an anonymous donation of \$30,000. They have also sent a request for a Grant from a local Foundation. When asked why this request was not part of the budget process, Mrs. Christensen offered that their fund raising events were off the budget process time line. The Recording Secretary offered that she does remember that at a prior BOS meeting the Board asked that no funds be placed in a budget until after the Committee had exhausted their fund raising. Mr. Flanagan offered that he feels the Committee has an obligation to finish the track. The Board members had various questions along with various comments. Both Mr. Bartram and Mr. Seibold were mainly concerned with the timing of the request and the beginning of a new budget year. First Selectman Colley submitted a letter stating that the BOS approved this request unanimously and they feel that the track will be an asset to the Town moving forward. With all questions answered and comments made, Mrs. Dignacco called for a vote on the motion to deny the request – in favor 1 – Flanagan; against 4 – Dignacco, Bartram, Bancroft and Seibold = motion denied. Mr. Seibold made a motion to approve to Town Meeting, the request to expend up to \$30,000 from the Undesignated Fund to complete the Walking Track at Veterans' Field and to approve to Town Meeting the expenditure of \$10,000 out of the Non-recurring Account, seconded by Mr. Bartram. In the discussion it was commented that ultimately the Track will be completed and if put off for a year, there would be an increase in the cost. The status of the Grant request is unknown at this point and Mrs. Christensen offered that if the Grant comes through, depending on the amount received, would make the Town expenditure amount different or not at all. The Recording Secretary offered that the BOS won't be setting the Town Meeting date until the end of the month so the actual amount of funds from the Undesignated Fund should be known by then. Mrs. Dignacco called for a vote on the motion – in favor 4 – Dignacco, Bartram, Bancroft and Seibold; against 1 – Flanagan = motion carried.

The Board of Education has submitted their annual request that all the unexpended funds from their 2017-2018 budget be placed in the Non-recurring Account. Mr. Bartram made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Flanagan. In the discussion it was noted that the amount is determined by the Auditor after the audit is complete. It was also noted that funds placed in the Non-recurring Account need BOF and Town Meeting approval for expenditure. This was an agreement made between the BOF and the BOE years ago so that the BOE did not expend their entire budget (dates back to when Charles Brooks was on the BOF). Vote taken on motion – carried unanimously.

With nothing further, Mr. Bartram made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Recording Secretary

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING: SEPTEMBER 18 7:00PM

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TOWN OF SHARON
THE BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION

Selectmen,

The Board of Sharon Parks and Rec. would like to request the necessary funding to complete the installation of the walking track at Veterans' Field. Last fall we were able to complete half of the proposed track with funding raised over an 18 month period. We are very enthusiastic about finishing the track this fall and can already see the use it will get, as it presently gets daily use being half done!

In the past nine months since completing last fall's work we have had a direct mail solicitation to residents in town, had promotional material available in town (brochures, magnets and pens) and most recently had a fundraising event at Veterans' Field (June 2nd). It is our feeling that we have been pretty diligent and thoughtful in our fundraising and that at this time we have gone about as far as we can if we are to realistically complete the track in a somewhat timely fashion.

The projected price to finish the walking track is \$45,000. This includes a \$42,000 estimate from Upcountry Services and about \$3000 for materials and trucking from the town based on the first half costs. We currently have a little over \$6000 in money raised.

We would like to propose that the Park and Rec. would have \$20,000 on hand for the installation (\$6000+ in track fundraising, the \$10,000 in this year's budget for nonreoccurring capital expenses and the balance of \$4000 +/- from our State and Local account) and that the town allocate up to \$30,000 for the installation. There is a \$5000 allowance for unforeseen expenses in this request.

We look forward to your support and hope that we can get the approval needed so that we can schedule the installation for this coming fall.

Sincerely,

Board of Sharon Parks and Rec.

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July 25, 2018

Karen Dignacco
Board of Finance Chairperson
Sharon Town Hall
Sharon, CT 06069

Dear Karen:

The Sharon Board of Education would like to request that all unexpended funds from the 2017-2018 budget be placed in the non-recurring account.

Sincerely,



Doug Cahill
Sharon Board of Education Chair

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