

SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SHARON BOARD OF FINANCE  
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A joint meeting of the Sharon BOS & BOF was held on November 7, 2018 at 6:30PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, BOF regular members Flanagan, Bancroft, Dignacco, Bartram and Robertson; alternate Duncan; TSBC Building Committee Co-Chair Braislin, SSRRA member Malcolm Brown, Michael Flint taping for Channel 6, Brent Prindle and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the BOS meeting to order at 6:31.

The purpose of the meeting was for the BOS to discuss and make a decision on the recommendation from TSBC and SSRRA to award the bid for construction of the new transfer station to Burlington Construction at a total cost of \$4,836,306.96 (Sharon's portion \$2,418,153.48). This is a joint meeting so that both Boards hear the same information and can ask questions. William Braislin introduced the individuals present and their part in this process. It was emphasized that the last thing any of the Committees wanted to do was to have to go back to the towns for additional funding but time and inflation has hurt the project costs. For 8 years each town has allocated \$25,000 in their budget (totaling \$400,000) for SSRRA which has been spent on the engineering costs, clearing of the site, site work, and testing, although \$565,000 has been spent. Burlington Construction has verbally stated that any savings on materials costs would be passed along to the towns. Areas of reduction have been discussed but the total bid must be approved first, then reductions can be made. Funding already in place since 3/14/2016 for both towns is: USDA Grant of \$343,863 each, USDA loan of \$1,516,137 each at an interest rate of 1.625% for 40 years and verbally from the State a STEAP Grant of \$500,000 each. The USDA has offered a second loan for 40 years at an interest rate of 2.37% for the difference needed. The total amount needed has not yet been determined as the USDA is requiring Limited Observation during construction and weekly reports. Anchor Construction has offered to do the weekly reports and perhaps with the inspections required by the local Building Officials, the Observation Fees and weekly reporting costs could be minimal – that is if the USDA approves. There may also be some savings if the Town Crews could do some of the work. Joe Cleaveland, Salisbury's Business Manager, will have the exact item amounts needed by the end of the month. Then the towns will know how much more funding to ask for. The bid from Burlington Construction must be either accepted or rejected within 60 days. It was emphasized that Burlington Construction has done work for both towns in the past and there is a good working relationship. The other two bids that were received were much higher. What actually needs to be done to clean-up the current site is unknown at this time – it was pointed out that the Town of Salisbury actually owns a part of this site, it is not totally Hotchkiss School's. Mr. Braislin stated that all the committees are committed to make savings in the contract. Both Boards thanked Mr. Braislin for the details given. With all questions answered, Mr. Jones made a motion that the BOS approves the recommendation from TSBC and SSRRA and recommends to the BOF the award of the bid for construction of the new transfer station to Burlington Construction at a total cost of \$4,836,306.96 with Sharon's portion being \$2,418,153.48, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

Item # 3 on the agenda was not needed at this time as the actual amount is yet to be determined.

Mr. Jones made a motion to recess the BOS meeting at 6:56, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

Board of Finance Chairman Dignacco called their meeting to order at 6:56.

Mr. Duncan was made a voting member for this meeting. Mr. Bartram recused himself as he is a member of SSRRA.

As the Board of Finance members were present for the BOS portion of this meeting, Mrs. Robertson made a motion to approve the request of the Board of Selectmen to award the bid for construction of the new transfer station to Burlington Construction at a total cost of \$4,836,306.96 with Sharon's portion being \$2,418,153.48, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

Item # 3 on the agenda was not needed at this time.

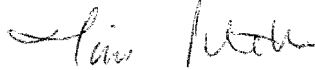
The Board of Finance needs to set their 2019 regular meeting schedule. Mr. Duncan made a motion that the Board sets March 19, June 18, September 17 and December 10 at 7PM for their regular quarterly meetings, seconded by Mr. Bartram, with all in favor.

With nothing further, Mr. Duncan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, with all in favor. This meeting was adjourned at 7:02.

Ms. Fowler made a motion that the BOS meeting reconvene at 7:02, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

As there is no need to set a Town Meeting date at this point, Ms. Fowler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary/Recording Secretary

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