

SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Draft until approved at the next regular meeting

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on January 23, 2018 at 5:30PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Ed Wilbur, Wm. Kelsey, Harding Bancroft, Howard Randall, Jill Drew, Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6 and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 5:30.

To be added to the agenda: Tax Refund request 6a and appointment of Stephen Wasley to the Green Committee 6b. Ms. Fowler made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

William Kelsey asked how much is the State going to cut from our Road Aid funds. Overall, the Town could lose approximately \$600,000. Mr. Colley and Mr. Jones met with a representative of CCM today talking about the concerns with State reductions. Mr. Colley passed out the Draft Regional Legislative Priorities – 2018 Session from COG. The Board emphasized that residents should contact their State Representatives and Senators about the reductions. The Board will be looking closely at these possible reductions during the budget process which will start soon. Ms. Fowler asked that if CCM will be contacted again on the State funding, that she be included in the discussions. Mr. Kelsey began to talk about the purchase of town trucks and expenses/repairs but was told that this conversation will be done in the future with the budget process.

Harding Bancroft stated that he recommends the appointment of Jill Drew as the alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/9/18 as submitted, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

There are two individuals interested in filling the vacancy in the alternate position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Republican Town Committee recommended Michael Tesoro who previously was on the Board. Ms. Fowler stated that the Democratic Town Committee recommended Jill Drew and she in favor of Ms. Drew. Harding Bancroft also spoke in favor of Ms. Drew. Ms. Drew gave her reasons of why she is interested in serving the Town. After some discussion and comments made, Mr. Jones made a motion that Jill Drew be appointed the Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

No new information has been received from Attorney Dixon pertaining to the Ordinances so the Board discussed the options for the Trailer Ordinance that were received previously. Attorney Dixon had submitted three different options. After some discussion, the Board agreed to recommend Option 2 – amend existing Section 1 by adding “For purposes of this Ordinance, a trailer shall not include a recreational vehicle”. In the future the Board may address a separate Ordinance for RV’s (recreational vehicles). The Adhoc Blight Committee has their draft completed for Abandoned Motor Vehicles and almost done with the final language for Abandoned Premises. They want to clarify where the fines go and the State Statute section. Mr. Jones feel they should have both drafts to the BOS by the end of February. After their review, the drafts will be sent to Attorney Dixon for her review and comments. An informational meeting will be held on these proposals. There has been some public feedback on the proposed Tree Ordinance and the Snow Removal proposal speaks for itself. The Board agreed that the

Citation Board should enforce the Snow Removal Ordinance. At the next BOS meeting, the dates for budget workshops will be set.

The Tax Collector has submitted a Real Tax Refund request for Salisbury Bank & Trust Company – both the property owner and the bank the taxes. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the request to refund \$2,069.03, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

The Sharon Green Committee has asked and he agreed, that Stephen Wasley be appointed to their Committee. Ms. Fowler made a motion to appoint Stephen Wasley to the Green Committee with thanks for the job being done, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Community Update:

Mr. Colley showed a photo of a Clock Tower in Long Island that is a brother or sister to our Town Clock Tower. He was sent this after he put out information about our Tower.

The Board made brief comments about the ice jam in Kent.

The fire siren motor for the main station fire house has been rebuilt and is functioning again.

Depending on the budget requests submitted, the BOS will determine which group or groups they want to meet with.

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:19.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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