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SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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A regular monthly meeting of the Sharon BOS was held February 22, 2022 at 5:30PM at the Town Hall In-person and via ZOOM. Present were the three Selectmen, Jim Gillespie, reporters Epstein and Hawken and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 5:32.

The minutes of 2/17/22 needs to be added to the agenda. Mr. Flanagan made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

If anyone wishes to speak on an agenda item when the Board gets there, just let Mr. Colley know.

Some corrections needed to be made in the 2/8/22 minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> page, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, change the second "Mr. Jones" to "Mr. Flanagan"; 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 10<sup>th</sup> line, add "electricity" after "current"; and page 2, b – 1<sup>st</sup> line, change "fact" to "fast". Mr. Flanagan made a motion to approve these minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the 2/17/22 minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

The Sharon Day Care has submitted a request to use Sharon Station Road, Sharon Valley Road, small portion of Route 361 and Mudge Pond Road for their race to be held May 7, 2022. In reviewing the new route, the BOS expressed concerns with the narrowness of Sharon Valley Road and the rate of speed that cars travel that road and with the crossing of the State Road, Route 361, at two points. There will need to be additional traffic control. The BOS agreed to get a traffic control plan to make sure that the runners/walkers will be safe. It is unknown why the route was changed from the original one with the use of the Green. This item will be on the March 8<sup>th</sup> agenda unless timing is a factor and a special BOS meeting can be held.

The BOS, on behalf of the Town, needs to either Opt In or Opt Out of the Second Amendment to Tier 1 Long Term Municipal Solid Waste Management Services Agreement. In Opting In, this keeps the disposal fees stable til 6/30/2027. After some discussion, Mr. Flanagan made a motion that the BOS sign the Agreement, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Mr. Colley reported that Matt Kiefer and Robert Hock have looked at the area of River Road and Dawn Hill. They just did research, no actual survey was done. There are five roads that merge in that area. It is their opinion that the Board should measure 25 feet from the center line of the travel portion of the road at the wide section of the trail head and take ownership of that area as the right-of-way doing the parking plan accordingly. Unfortunately, even with a parking plan and spaces defined, people are going to park where they want. It was emphasized that the BOS/Town can't have a valid parking plan if the area is out of the Town right-of-way. After some discussion, it was agreed to call a Special Meeting and have it on-site with the surveyors present to explain the area.

Community Update:

Mr. Colley met with the new Tree Arborist for Eversource. He is looking over the whole town to get an idea of the worst areas. Lewis Tree Service continues to work on Northrup Road and Hidden Lane.

Mr. Colley attended the meeting regarding the Wild & Scenic Designation for the Housatonic River. This designation may help with the parking issues on River Road and Dawn Hill as there would be enforcement.

The Road Crew is navigating Mother Nature with the dirt roads and mud.

The next Budget Workshop is March 1.

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary