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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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A special meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on March 7, 2024 at 9:45AM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectman, Ann Stettner and the secretary.

First Selectman Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:46.

Carolyn Mattoon, on behalf of the Town and SEEC, has completed a Grant Application in the amount of \$50,000 for improvements to the Kelemen Nature Trail which abuts the Sharon Center School and is located on the parcel of the proposed solar array (64 Hilltop Road). Part of the plan for the funds would help with the screening of the solar array once the permitting process is complete. The Grant would be for 80% of the cost so where the balance of \$10,000 where this would come from is unknown at this point = either the Undesignated Fund, the Silly Putty Fund or perhaps the Virginia Brown Fund. This can be determined if the Grant is awarded. Any of these would require Board of Finance and Town Meeting approval. The deadline for submitting this application is March 11, 2024 hence this special meeting. Mrs. Mattoon had requested a letter of support from this Board – this was discussed and Ms. Kearcher has prepared a draft letter to submit. After some discussion, Mr. Brett made a motion to authorize the submission of the Grant application for improvements to the Kelemen Nature Trail at Sharon Center School, seconded by Ms. Kearcher. In the discussion it was agreed to submit the letter of support. Vote taken on motion = unanimously carried.

With nothing further, Ms. Kearcher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brett, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary