

SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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A special meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on March 8, 2018 at 2:00PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Betsy Hall, Tom Casey, Linda Amerighi, reporter Hawken, Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6 and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 2:00.

There was no public comment.

Betsy Hall, Tom Casey and Linda Amerighi, of the Sharon Green Committee, were present to ask the BOS to entertain the starting of the Green project in August of this year and finish this year. The estimates for whole project submitted by Engineer Rich Calkins were presented and reviewed. There are two phases with a total estimate of \$495,908. If approved, the Road Foreman has said he could work the Upper Main Street drainage aspect into this year's schedule. Mr. Calkins would prepare the bid documents plus handle any State DOT permits. There is an estimated \$10,000 to \$12,000 more in engineering costs to be done – these funds would come out of the Green Repair Account which currently has approximately \$36,806. The cost of any State permit is unknown. The State drains on Main Street need to be cleaned so that it can be determined where the water goes as the planned new drains on Upper Main Street are to be tied to this system. As the State has not cleaned these drains in a while and they are full, verbally, the Road Foreman has been told that the Town could clean them. Getting any special licensing/permits and approval from the State will set the timetable for this project. The Green is very important to Sharon and with the care that it is being given, the Board agreed that it would make sense to take on this project if the funding is workable. Mrs. Hall will get back to the Board with the State licensing/permit costs. The Board gave this Committee credit for all the work they have done towards this project. The replacement of the Christmas tree was briefly discussed. The Tree Warden will be consulted regarding potential tree damage and protection. The Board thanked the Committee for their information.

At 2:24 Ms. Fowler made a motion that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel with Assessor Patricia Braislin and Clerk Jennifer Dubray, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor. Everyone left the room except for the three Selectmen, Patricia Braislin and Jennifer Dubray. At 2:44, Ms. Fowler made a motion that the Board come out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

The Clock Tower Initial Structural Evaluation bids were discussed. Greg Farmer, of the State Trust for Historic Preservation, has said that the bid received from The DiSalvo Engineering Group is in line with what he had in mind. It was noted that the bid does not include the using of ladders, lifts or scaffolding if needed. After some discussion, Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the bid from The DiSalvo Engineering Group of a lump sum of \$5,000, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor. This amount is for the first phase of this project.

As the Board was going to discuss the budget request from the Sharon Historical Society, Mr. Colley left the room as he is the President of this Society. Jennifer Owens, the Director, reviewed their request for \$10,000 towards the completion of their lighting project. Ms. Owens reviewed the renovations done so far to the interior of the building. She reviewed the events held there and the usage of the building by community organizations. In looking over the budget allocation for the Historical Society over the years, Mr. Jones and Ms. Fowler commended this group for only coming to the Town for assistance when they

really need it. The Society's fundraising events were explained. The Board thanked Ms. Owens for coming to the meeting and was asked to keep them posting on the renovation project. Mr. Colley rejoined the meeting.

The Board then went through the proposed 2018/2019 budget making adjustments based on latest reviews and requests. The Board agreed that they can support the direction of the budget and the reasons for the direction. Reports have been received from the Parks & Recreation Committee pertaining to the proposed project for the Beach and the Summer Program expenditure for Little Rascals. After some discussion, Ms. Fowler made a motion to pass the proposed 2018/2019 budget onto the Board of Finance as revised at this meeting, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

In connection with budget requests, Mr. Jones made a motion that the BOS requests the BOF to approve on to Town Meeting allocations out of the Undesignated Fund for: \$75,000 to be added to the Equipment Fund for the lease/purchase of 2 new trucks for the Road Crew; \$36,500 for the Hotchkiss Library for Capital and safety issue needs; and \$10,000 for the Sharon Historical Society for the completion of their lighting project, seconded by Ms. Fowler. Before the vote was taken, as Mr. Colley is President of the Historical Society, Mr. Jones withdrew his motion, seconded by Ms. Fowler. Mr. Jones then made a motion that the BOS requests the BOF to approve on to Town Meeting allocations out of the Undesignated Fund for: \$75,000 to be added to the Equipment Fund for the lease/purchase of 2 new trucks for the Road Crew and \$36,500 for the Hotchkiss Library for Capital and safety issues, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor. Mr. Jones made a motion that the BOS requests the BOF to approve on to Town Meeting an allocation of \$10,000 out of the Undesignated Fund for the Sharon Historical Society for the completion of their lighting project, seconded by Ms. Fowler. Vote taken – Mr. Colley refrained from voting – in favor of motion: Mr. Jones and Ms. Fowler, motion carried.

The Tax Collector has submitted a mv tax refund request for Toyota Lease Trust in the amount of \$99.03. Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

The Town Meeting vote on the first packet of Ordinance revisions is March 23rd at 7.

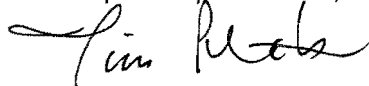
Community Update:

Sharon got lucky with this last storm. The Board thanked the Road Crew, Fire Department and Ambulance Squad with their support during this event.

The American Legion has a corned beef dinner this Saturday, March 10.

With nothing further, Ms. Fowler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:32.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

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