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SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held March 8, 2022 at 3:00PM at the Town Hall In-person and via ZOOM. Present were the three Selectmen, Stacy Hudson, Brent Prindle, reporters Epstein, Hawken and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 3PM.

Items to be added to the agenda: 7a – appoint alternate member to the P & Z Commission, 7b – tax refund request and 7c – schedule special BOS meeting at the intersection of Dawn Hill & River Road. Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

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

Mr. Flanagan made a motion to accept the minutes of 2/22/22 x 2 & 3/1/22 x 2 as written, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

At the last meeting the Board reviewed the request for use of roads from the Sharon Day Care for their race to be held May 7. At that time the Board had concerns with the safety of the runners & walkers as there is a new route this year. Stacy Hudson explained the reasoning for the new route and that they will be working with the fire department volunteers for traffic monitoring. They will be increasing the amount of signage and number of volunteers along the route. The map route and location of the volunteers was reviewed. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the request of the Sharon Day Care for use of the roads on May 7, 2022 with the safety measures put in place, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

No bids were received for the interior renovations of the Community Hall. Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman Donna Christensen has suggested that the BOS consider re-doing the dates on the bid package and have it sent out to companies who may not have seen the ad in the Lakeville Journal. It seems essential that there is a price tag for the project before any decision can be made on what direction to go in. It was the consensus of the BOS that the project not be officially put out to bid again but that Parks & Recreation reach out to local contractors directly with the plans and see if any proposals are submitted.

The final draft of the proposed 2022-2023 budget was discussed. As it stands, the net increase is 2.035%. The budget was focused on keeping employee wages up with the market and taking into consideration the issue of the Equipment Replacement Plan/Fund. Mr. Jones made a motion that the Board approves to send to the Board of Finance the proposed 2022-2023 budget, seconded by Mr. Flanagan with thanks to the Secretary for all her help in preparing the budget, with all in favor.

The Democratic Town Committee has recommended Lynn Kearcher for the open position as an alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission. This term would go to the next municipal election. Mr. Flanagan made a motion to appoint Lynn Kearcher as an alternate member to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term til the November 2023 election, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

The Tax Collector has submitted a motor vehicle tax refund request for Toyota Lease Trust in the amount of \$180.23. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

The Board discussed setting a special meeting date to meet at the intersection of Dawn Hill and River Road to review a possible parking plan. Mr. Jones made a motion that the meeting be held on-site Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 3PM, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

Community Update:

The Town Hall Parking lot Expansion Project is moving along. Mr. Colley did a video showing the lighting situation at night. The Board needs options with the lighting that will come from the engineer. The plan needs to address safety issues and be respectful of the neighbors. An Eversource contractor has looked at the Town Hall electric to see what, if any, impact the vehicle charging stations would have on the system. This should be known within the next two weeks. Moving the satellite is being looked into and changing the driveway between 67 Main Street and the residence to a walking pathway. Mr. Colley will be meeting with the engineer next week and the second plan should be available in April.

Everyone agrees that the sidewalks need to be replaced/repared. There are funding avenues available but what location to start with needs to be determined. The idea is to start by the area of Auto Sport and come south and also the Hilltop Road side of the same area. Tree removal on the Main Street sections needs to be looked into. Prices for both asphalt and concrete should be obtained. Any permits with the State would be obtained by the contractor and the Historic District Commission would need to approve the project.

Mr. Jones reviewed the results of the Housing Survey done in connection with the State mandated Affordable Housing Plan.

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:28.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary