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SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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A special meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on February 21, 2023 at 3PM at Town Hall. Present were First Selectman Colley, Selectman Flanagan, Selectman Jones; Tom Bartram, Barbara Prindle, Jamie Casey, Carol Flaton, Reporter Hawken, John Hecht.

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

Selectman Flanagan requested that we receive out to the ARPA Committee and Board of Finance about fund requests pending and their opinions them.

The concept of joining the Housatonic Valley Health District was discussed, Jamie Casey, our Health Department Sanitarian and Health Department Office Assistant was present and expressed a positive opinion of the switch. At the February 14, BOS meeting, Michael Crespan, our current Health Director gave an overview to the board and also expressed a positive view of the concept. The Housatonic Health District Board of Directors has already voted to add the Town of Sharon to their district. Selectman Jones made a motion to set the public hearing and Town Meeting date at the next regular BOS meeting. Selectman Flanagan seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Stephen Szalewicz, Chairman of the Sharon Sewer & Water Commission visited to inform the BOS that the commission has applied for a USDA loan to replace Sewer & Water lines from the Pheasant Farm to the Country Club. The loan program they have applied for is a 33% grant and a long-term low interest loan on the balance of the cost which is estimated at \$1.3 million. There was a question about the impact of the project on user rates and Chairman Szalewicz stated that currently cash flow is solid and rate hikes will not be necessary. The board expressed their support of this project as it ties in very nicely with the Green Committee's Granite project, the State repaving of Route 41, the proposed Sidewalk Project, and the Paving of the Town Hall Parking Lot. Chairman Szalewicz was thanked for his time and efforts; this is very good news.

The Sharon Valley Tavern's Food Truck application was reviewed, and Selectman Jones made the motion to approve the application to the Health Department, Selectman Flanagan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The application for Sharon Day Care's Annual Road Race was reviewed and Selectman Flanagan made the motion to approve the application and forward to the State of Connecticut DOT, Selectman Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The interview date and schedule for the Green Keeper/Highway Laborer position was set for Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 4PM to 6PM. Four of the applicants will be interviewed.

Community Update:

The multiple day heavy snow event the week prior was discussed and it was noted how well the Town Crew, local contractors, and the utility companies and their sub-contractors handled the event. Power loss was minimal, and most roads remained open. Tom Bartram was thanked for his role as Director of Emergency Management.

The Town's newest Plow Truck has arrived nearly 18 months after it was ordered. It is a Mack Truck. Same color as the rest of the fleet.

Hilltop Road speed humps were discussed as they are in the budget currently as a line item in the Highway Budget, but the number is 0 because it was decided in the budget workshops to make them a Capital Project and pay for them with Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) funds if they are approved by residents at the Town Budget Meeting. The Town receives these funds from the State every year. Other uses of LoCIP funding that will be voted on include trees and possibly solar.

With nothing further, Selectman Jones made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Flanagan, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent M. Colley, First Selectman