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SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on May 9, 2023 at 3:00PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Betsy Hall, Patee & John Hecht, Jill Drew, reporter Hawken and the secretary.

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

To be added to the agenda: resignation (7a) and Triathlon (7b). Mr. Flanagan made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

No one present made any public comments and as usual, when the Board gets to an agenda item, if someone would like to speak, just let Mr. Colley know.

Two corrections need to be made in the 4/25/23 minutes: page 1, 6th paragraph, 4th line, change "APRA" to "ARPA" and the last line in the same paragraph, the actual amount to be allocated to the American Legion for the AC is \$7,450 (the actual estimate received). Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

The Parks & Recreation Committee have submitted an application for Use of the Sharon for the Craft Fair to be held August 5, 2023. Betsy Hall, Chairman of the Green Committee, was present to explain to the Board that her committee approved the request with conditions due to the curbing project to be done on the Green. It is unknown at this point what the status of this project would be around the date requested. The conditions are as follows: 1) No parking on Main Street; 2) Parking on Green Side of Upper Main Street only as there must be room for emergency vehicles to pass; 3) the disturbed or newly seeded areas are to be roped off; 4) entrance to the Green to be from curbed areas or crosswalks; and 5) it is suggested that the booths be placed back-to-back in the center of the Green (this would keep people away from the curbing area). Mrs. Hall emphasized that Ron Raymond, of RAR has been and continues to be very cooperative and that the Green side of Main Street needs to be clear of "everything". Parking is the only issue for this event. After unloading vehicles, the crafters should move their vehicles to the school and be "bused" back to the Green. It was suggested that perhaps shuttles from various parking locations for attendees could be done. Mrs. Drew suggested that perhaps Parks & Recreation could "hire" traffic controllers, to direct people (perhaps the Fire Department). There was discussion that perhaps the event should be moved to Veterans' Field this year with the given conditions which must be adhered to, but that would be up to Parks & Recreation. After the discussion, Mr. Flanagan made a motion to grant permission to the Parks & Recreation Committee with the condition that the conditions outlined by the Sharon Green Committee be adhered to, seconded by Mr. Jones with reservation, with all in favor and thanks to the Green Committee for their work on this project.

The NW Hills COG has forwarded the Memorandum of Agreement for State Homeland Security Grant Funding. The authorizing Resolution of the BOS was reviewed. The Agreement contains the normal wordage allowing the State Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the Town, COG and the Region 5 Emergency Planning Team to apply for funding if necessary. It was noted that there are two different year dates in the documents submitted by the COG. Mr. Jones made a motion that the BOS accepts the MOA, adopts the Resolution as submitted and authorizes Mr. Colley to sign any necessary documents, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

As the Ordinance pertaining to membership and term length of the members on the Sharon Energy & Environment Commission has been amended, The Commission has recommended the appointment of Helena Barnes and Katherine Shepard to their Commission. Mr. Flanagan made a motion to approve the recommended appointments with their terms going to October 9, 2026, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

A resignation has been received from Jan Dudek from the Sharon Energy & Environment Commission. Mr. Flanagan made a motion to accept the resignation with thanks for serving the Town, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

The Sharon Parks & Recreation Committee has submitted the annual request to use Town and State roads for the 15th Sharon Sprint Triathlon to be held August 12, 2023. The routes for the event remain the same. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

Community Update:

There is a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on June 10, 2023 at the Falls Village Highway Garage. Residents must obtain a ticket from the Selectmen's Office.

The Annual Town Meeting is this Friday, May 12, 2023 at 7PM.

The Road Crew continue grading the dirt roads.

The Sponge (Gypsy) Moths seem to be appearing.

On a sad note, Brent Prindle passed away this past weekend. The Board commented on how big a part of Sharon he was.

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary