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SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on July 11, 2023 at 3:00PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Betsy Hall, John & Pree Hecht, Lynn Kearcher, reporter Hawken and the secretary.

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

To be added to the agenda: letter from the Green Committee (4a). Mr. Flanagan made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

No one present had any public comments on the agenda items or any other item. When the board gets to an agenda item, if someone would like to speak, just let the Selectmen know.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the 6/27/23 minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

Mr. Flanagan reported on the Inland Wetlands Commission meeting concerning the solar project on the Town property adjacent to Sharon Center School. An extension of 65 days for a decision was granted by the Commission in order for soil testing to be done. The abutting property owner has granted access to their property with certain conditions.

Betsy Hall, Chairman of the Green Committee, was present with an update on the curbing project. A letter from the Committee was read – they would like to amend the conditions placed on the Use of the Green by the Parks & Recreation Committee for the Crafts Fair (parking will be permitted on Main Street and the new grass does not need to be roped off but it is still necessary to park only on the Green side of Upper Main Street. The Committee also is concerned with the traffic control work done and the billing of 32 hours of overtime. They do not want these bills paid until an answer is obtained – Mr. Colley will look into it. RAR was commended for a superior job and the flexibility to handle the State's requirements.

Proposals have been received for the installation of the speed humps on Hilltop Road. The Board would like to consider the one from RAR in the amount of \$27,600. The hope would be to get this work done before school starts. Mr. Jones offered that getting the signage done and any striping done concurrently with the installation is important. As the Board is waiting to hear back from LOCIP on the approval of the project. The Board cannot proceed until LOCIP approves funding for the project.

The Board discussed the request from the Town of Salisbury to assist financially with the de-commissioning of the old transfer station site. So far they have requested \$12,000 but the end amount is unknown. The Board knew these costs would be coming at some point. It was suggested that the BOS attend the next Board of Finance meeting to explain the additional expenditure. After some discussion, Mr. Jones made a motion that the Town expend \$12,000 allocated to the transfer station line item in the budget to assist with the costs of de-commissioning the old transfer station site, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

Suzanne Smith has submitted her resignation as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the resignation effective today, July 11, 2023, seconded by Mr. Flanagan. It was

explained that the term for an individual filling this vacancy would be to the end of the actual term, not the November election, per State Statute. Vote taken on motion – unanimously carried.

Community Update:

The Town needs a representative on the Housatonic Valley Health District Board. Anyone interested should contact the Selectmen's Office.

The Sharon Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is holding a BUNCO fundraiser Friday, July 21, 2023 at the Fire House.

The Special Town Meeting regarding the school roof project is this Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 6PM.

With the latest storm event, Sharon made out very well compared to surrounding towns. There was pipe failure on West Woods Road #2, the South Ellsworth Road end. Cardinal Engineering will be looking at this situation.

The Town will be looking at total costs from this storm and possibly look for financial assistance from FEMA/ DEMS.

Dales Jones reported on the TRIP sidewalk application. Hopefully later next month or September we will hear from the DOT.

With nothing further, Mr. Flanagan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:27.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary