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SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on October 25, 2022 at 5:30PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Jamie Casey, Meghan & Jack Flanagan, John Hecht, reporter Hawken and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Amendments to the agenda: move Item #9 Health Department up on the agenda, add Application for Use of Town Hall, remove/table Item #5 ARPA requests as none have been received and discuss COMCAST Town Meeting issues under Community Update. Basically, Item #9 becomes Item #5 and Use of Town Hall application becomes Item #9. Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

No one present had any public comments.

Mr. Flanagan made a motion to accept the 10/11/22 minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Jamie Casey was present to begin the discussion with the BOS that the Town consider joining the Housatonic Valley Health District. Our Health Director, Michael Crespan, has submitted his letter of resignation effective April 30, 2023 and Jamie Casey has submitted her letter of resignation as our Sanitarian also effective April 30, 2023. The creator of the Housatonic Valley Health District is Lisa Morrissey who was our Health Director and Michael Crespan is on the Board. The Town would pay the District a per capita fee and then they receive all the fees collected for applications etc. The District works closely with Region 1, giving health updates at least monthly if not more. Our Department has been receiving these updates. With this District, our files remain on-site, which is very helpful for departments here and for residents. The BOS felt that this merits discussion and a meeting with Ms. Morrissey. Ms. Casey offered that as this is a big decision for the Town, the BOS should contact other Selectmen to see what their Town has for a Health Department and what they like about what they have. She would facilitate what she can with this decision. The Board thanked her for assistance in this decision.

Four members of SEEC need to be re-appointed. They are all interested in continuing. Mr. Jones made a motion to re-appoint Douglas Rick, Janice Dudek, Roger Liddell and Michael Nadeau to SEEC with terms until 10/9/2024, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

Mr. Jones had hoped to have the sidewalk replacement estimate from the other interested party for this meeting but it was not received. He reviewed the estimate received from RAR, the contractor who did the work on the Green – one for the worst area and one for the whole project. There is a new Transportation Rural Improvement Program from the CT DOT, whose applications are filtered through the CT Council of Governments. This program applies to sidewalks. Mr. Jones will be looking into making an application for funding. Once both estimates have been received, they will be forwarded to the Green Committee and other necessary departments. It was commented that the Road Crew did asphalt patching of the sidewalks in the West Main Street area.

The Board reviewed the draft 2023 meeting schedule which has the schedule the same as it currently is: the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3PM and the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30PM excluding the second meeting of the month for November and December. Mr. Flanagan made a motion to adopt the 2023 meeting schedule as presented, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

The Sharon Land Trust has submitted an Application For Use of Town Hall on December 2, 2022 from 4-6PM for their Annual Meeting. They have submitted their Certificate of Insurance. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor.

Community Update:

Scott Garay has been doing roadside mowing.

The monthly newsletter should go out hopefully Thursday.

There is Trunk & Treat event at Sharon Center School this Friday from 4-5:15PM.

The hearing on speed humps for Hilltop Road is set for November 3 here at the Town Hall. The proposed plan submitted by the engineer has been forwarded to the Road Crew and the Fire Department/Ambulance Squad for their review. The Road Crew were surprised that the rise is lesser than they had expected. If installed, they discussed switching to a smaller truck to plow this road. They asked for more photos. The engineer and Road Foreman will be at the hearing.

SEEC will be looking into an electric supplier for the Town as the contract with Constellation expires the end of November for some locations and the end of December for others.

The engineer and CT Green Bank will be updating the solar plan for the Sharon Center School. As the School added HVAC, the amount of solar panels needs to be increased. With this increase, the disturbed area will probably require Inland Wetlands review/approval and still Planning & Zoning for actual location.

For the Special Town Meeting this Friday, the items pertaining to the COMCAST partnership will not be voted upon. It is felt that the Warning for these items was not transparent enough. The Town Attorney will be drafting the Warning and as soon as it is received, the BOS will hold a Special Meeting to set a Special Town Meeting. Both Mr. Jones and Mr. Flanagan emphasized that the meeting should be re-scheduled as soon as possible. The other two items for this meeting will be dealt with.

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary