

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Draft until approved at the next regular meeting

A regular meeting of the Sharon BOS was held on December 11, 2018 at 2:00PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, nine residents, Dr. Fred Hyde, Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6 and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 2PM.

Approving the 12/6/18 minutes needs to be added to the agenda. Ms. Fowler made a motion to adopt the agenda with this addition, seconded by Mr. Jones, with all in favor.

Dr. Malcolm Brown commented that previous Boards of Selectmen had two areas for public comment on their agenda now there is only one. Ms. Fowler explained that this Board established this procedure on the agenda early in their terms but they will allow someone to speak when appropriate addressing the First Selectman. Peter Steiner offered his opinion that the Board is not reaching out enough to the public making them aware of meetings/issues. The Board advised Mr. Steiner of the various avenues used, and at budget time they will be looking into updating the Town Website. Brent Prindle also reviewed the three ways there is to watch the taping of the various meetings.

A correction needed to be made in the 11/27/18 minutes – page 2, 10th line, for clarification, the hearing in Danbury on December 4th concerned the merger of Health Quest with the Western CT Health Network; 12/6/18 no corrections. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes noted, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

Dr. Fred Hyde was present at the request of the Board. The Board wanted to publicly thank him for all the help he gave at the hearing in Danbury on December 4 regarding the merger of Health Quest with the Western CT Health Network, as well as the community support. Mr. Colley emphasized that the input from himself and others of the community is not a battle with the hospital, they just wanted their voices to be heard and continue to be heard. Dr. Hyde gave his background and offered that with the community input, this has brought forward proof of community concern and has opened awareness of the issues. When asked about his consultation service & a fee to the Town, Dr. Hyde stated that the Town owes him nothing, his service has been paid privately and he has done what he was asked to do. In looking ahead, Dr. Hyde was asked if it is important for the Town to hire outside consultants – his response – that is entirely up the Board/Town but at this point he doesn't know if one is really needed. The Board asked – what should they do next? Dr. Hyde's recommendation was for them to draft and approve a document essentially asking Health Quest to amend its Affiliation Agreement with Sharon Hospital to include a single page listing steps to be taken (copy attached). Various residents spoke on the issue. Dr. Hyde offered that he would be happy to respond if the Board needs him for anything. The Board thanked Dr. Hyde and the private donor. They also thanked him for advising them not to retain a consultant at this time as there is no urgency. Mr. Jones made a motion to set a Special Meeting for Thursday, 12/13/18 at 1PM for the Board to discuss and decide on a draft request of a Proposed Amendment to an Affiliation Agreement regarding Health Quest, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor.

Mr. Jones reported that the Authority Having Jurisdiction was going to have a meeting as a Complaint had been received but once the individual was advised of the process, they withdrew the Complaint. The Authority will be meeting next week as there is a pending piece of work for them to deal with.

Community Update:

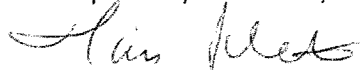
A special town meeting has been set for Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 7PM regarding the new transfer station and the funding thereof.

This Saturday, the Playhouse is holding a Christmas show at 6:30PM.

Due to the weather, there are a lot pot holes on the dirt roads.

With nothing further, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Fowler, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:13.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary

Happy Holidays

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Happy New Year

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