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SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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A special meeting (budget workshop) of the Sharon BOS was held on February 28, 2023 at 3:30PM at the Town Hall. Present were the three Selectmen, Brian Ross, Matt Andrulis Mette, Donna Christensen, John Hecht, Gretchen Hachmeister, Lynn Kearcher and the secretary.

First Selectman Colley called the meeting to order at 3:30.

Donna Christensen, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee and Matt Andrulis Mette, Recreation Director, were present to answer questions on their proposed 2023-2024 budgets. After discussion on: lifeguards; roof on the changing house; Little Rascals; tennis courts; and special travel, the BOS agreed to changes in the submittal to the Beach Budget, asked for a more accurate Little Rascals figure, changes to the Capital Improvement request and tabled the request for additional special travel for renting a bus for trips (not enough information to make a decision).

Gretchen Hachmeister, Executive Director for the Hotchkiss Library, was present to answer questions the Board may have on the request for an increased allocation of \$15,000. She reviewed the expansion of programs. The BOS were conflicted in the request but agreed for now to leave the request as is.

Brian Ross, Treasurer for the Historical Society, was present to answer questions the Board may have on their request for \$47,790 to cover two projects. The BOS explained their reasoning for placing \$10,000 in the proposed budget.

The Sharon Audubon Center had submitted a request for \$5,000. The BOS agreed to propose \$1,000.

Wage increases have not been discussed. Mr. Flanagan brought to the Boards attention that the Board of Finance has increased their number of meetings to one a month. This will increase the amount of hours for the Administrative Assistant.

The Board agreed to schedule another workshop for March 7, 2023 at 3PM.

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Pitcher, Town Secretary