

**SHARON GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING****Monday, September 11, 2023, @ 4:00 PM****Sharon Town Hall****Minutes****Draft Until Approved at Next Meeting****Present: Betsy Hall, Linda Amerighi, Tom Casey, Scott Flint, Marlene Woodman****Absent: Stephen Wasley****Guest: Lynn Kearcher****1. Call To Order**

Betsy Hall called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

On a motion made and seconded, the Sharon Green Committee approved the agenda.

**3. Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2023**

On a motion made and seconded, the Minutes of July 10, 2023 stand approved.

**4. Old Business****a. Green Phase II – Costs**

Betsy Hall distributed the final costs of the Phase II Green Renovation. The funds available from all sources were \$204,011.68. The total costs were \$211,491.49. Given that the overage was due to 1) the CT State Department of Transportation (DOT) requiring a catch basin and a handicapped sidewalk on the opposite side of the road and 2) the need for traffic controllers, the overage was not excessive. Betsy Hall further informed the Committee that the request for overtime for the traffic controllers during travel time, was not remunerated. The First Selectman sent an email to the company stating that the Town should not be obligated to pay overtime for travel. The company did not challenge the decision; therefore, the Town sent a check in the amount without overtime for travel.

**b. Garage Addition**

Betsy Hall reported that the Sharon Green garage addition has been placed on the Five-year Capital Plan (2024-25) for \$120,000. Given that it is too early in the upcoming budget process to get estimates, Betsy Hall recommended that the Green Committee hold off getting appraisals until early next year.

**c. Reseeding Green**

Scott Flint reported that it did not seem necessary to reseed any areas of the Green. The Committee agreed. Additionally, the Committee commended Scott Flint on how well he has taken care of the Green.

**d. Plaque for Stephen Wasley**

Betsy Hall has the plaque with Stephen Wasley's name that will go on a bench on the Green.

**5. New Business**

**a. Town Report**

Betsy Hall distributed a draft summary about the Green Project for the Town Report. The Green Committee agreed that that the document is adequate.

**b. FOI Workshop**

Betsy Hall informed the Committee that the Town will host an FOI Workshop on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. at Town Hall. It is recommended that all members of Boards and Commissions attend.

**c. Sharon Green Preservation**

The Sharon Green Preservation will be planting three new trees on the Upper Main Street area of the Green. Linda Amerighi announced that she and Betsy are invited to be on the Zoom call with the Sharon Preservation at 5:00 P.M. at which time there will be a discussion about the trees to be planted.

**d. Future Meetings**

Betsy Hall noted that the Green Committee will not likely need to meet in October, November or December. Linda Amerighi recommended that we hold the meetings on the Town Calendar and cancel at the appropriate time.

**e. Election of New Chair**

Betsy Hall announced that she believes it is time to step down as Chair of the Sharon Green Committee, but would remain on the Committee. Given that the Green Committee will need to oversee construction of a new building and Betsy Hall is not well versed in those areas, she believes it is time for her to turn over the reins.

On a motion made and seconded, Tom Casey was nominated as Chair of the Sharon Green Committee.

The Sharon Green Committee thanked Betsy Hall for her dedication and hard work on the Committee.

**6. Other Business**

No further business.

**7. Adjourn**

Having no further business, on a motion made and seconded, the Sharon Green Committee adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marlene Woodman**