

Sharon Green Committee**Monday, January 8, 2024****4:00 P.M.****Sharon Town Hall***Draft Until Approved at Next Meeting*

Present: Tom Casey, Betsy Hall, Marlene Woodman
Absent: Linda Amerighi, Scott Flint, Stephen Wasley
Guest: Second Selectman John Brett

1. Call to Order

Tom Casey 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 November 13, 2023

Marlene Woodman pointed out that there was an error in the Minutes regarding the 2024 meeting dates. The Meeting dates were set by the Green Committee for Mondays not Tuesdays as erroneously stated in the Minutes of November 13, 2023.

On a motion made and seconded, the Sharon Green Committee Approved the Minutes of November 13, 2023 as Amended.

4. Greenskeeper Report

Tom Casey announced that Scott Flint, Greenskeeper, was unable to attend this meeting due to illness. Scott Flint emailed an update to the Committee including: 1) the Green was not limed in the fall due to excessive rain, 2) he has two quotes for a new tractor which will fit in the garage, and 3) the Scag mower is pushing coolant out of the reservoir and may need a head gasket. Scott Flint requested taking the Scag mower to Crane's to be looked at and possibly be repaired.

After discussion, the Committee agreed that Scott Flint should bring the Scag mower to Crane's and obtain an estimate and inform the Committee about the cost to repair. Additionally, the Green Committee would like to know the quotes for a new tractor. At the February 2024 meeting, the Green Committee will discuss in depth the FY25 budget items and costs for a new tractor. Tom Casey requested that Marlene Woodman email Scott Flint about these two issues.

On a motion made and seconded the Green Committee approved the Greenskeeper taking the Scag Mower to Crane's to get repair estimates and possibly having it repaired – depending on the costs.

5. FY 25 Budget

Tom Casey distributed the FY 24 proposed and actual budget expenditures. The Green Committee briefly discussed some of the line items and suggested that we request that the remaining \$4,000 in

the equipment line item be put aside and added to another \$4,000 request in the FY25 budget for new equipment. As previously mentioned, a new tractor will cost upwards of \$45,000 without attachments. Tom Casey reported that the new “barn” (building) is a separate issue and that the Board of Finance is aware of this. Tom Casey noted that we will have a February meeting and at that time will delve into the budget line items when more of the Committee members are able to attend and give Scott Flint an opportunity to review the proposed budget items and equipment needs. Furthermore, Tom Casey reported that some of the equipment requests could be eligible for LOCIP funding,

6. Other Business

John Brett announced that the Board of Selectmen are reinstating the Long-Range Planning Committee and will be looking for recommendations from each of the Boards/ Commissions. He commended the Green Committee for looking forward on our equipment needs, etc.

Betsy Hall brought up about the South Main Street flooding near Great Elm and the water going onto the Green. Tom Casey reported that he has met with the maintenance people at Great Elm and their solution is not viable. The problem is improper storm drainage that the State DOT needs to address because the water is coming from Hilltop Road over towards South Main and causing flooding.

The Green Committee will consider other ways to address this with the State of CT DOT at its next meeting.

7. Adjournment

Having no further business, on a motion made and seconded, the Sharon Green Committee Adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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