

**Sharon Green Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2023**

*All Covid-19 Protocols were in Place  
Masks and Social Distancing Were Adhered*

*Draft Minutes Until Approved at Next Meeting*

**Present: Betsy Hall, Linda Amerighi, Stephen Wasley & Marlene Woodman**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair 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. Minutes of December 12, 2023**

On a motion made and seconded, the Minutes of December 12, 2022 stand as presented.

**4. Old Business**

**a. Request Board of Selectmen to Order Granite**

Betsy Hall will request that the Board of Selectmen order the granite. She had a conversation with Jamie Reed, Road Foreman, and he was very helpful in agreeing that the granite could be stored at the Town Garage.

Stephen Wasley will inform Jamie Reed that the Town Crew will need to unload the granite when it arrives.

Betsy Hall reported that RAR is aware of the need for the cut-outs in the curbing at the cross street for handicapped access. Additionally, RAR is aware that the break only needs to be as wide as wheelchair access, not for the mower.

**5. New Business**

**a. Old Christmas Tree**

Betsy Hall reported that there were no calls or complaints about the old Christmas Tree not being lit during the holiday and is scheduled to be taken down. Therefore, the Sharon Green Preservation will get estimates from Peerless and Perotti Tree Services for removing the tree. The lights are no good. The Sharon Green Preservation will pay for this.

Stephen Wasley reminded the Committee that the old tree can be taken to the Town Garage for disposal. Betsy Hall will inform the Sharon Green Preservation.

**b. Applications of Lime on Green**

Stephen Wasley reported that he has used up the first order of lime and has ordered additional to finish the Green.

**c. Resignation of Stephen Wasley**

The Committee reviewed the job description that was in place when Stephen Wasley was hired as the Greens Keeper and made some revisions. Although the Greens Keeper Job Description is prepared by the Board of Selectmen, Betsy Hall will recommend the Committee's changes / additions to the Board of Selectmen.

Stephen Wasley reported that the he has done most of the mechanical work needed for the equipment and that he is using his tools. Therefore, the Green Committee will need to purchase new tools which will cost about \$1,000.

**d. Budget Recommendations**

The Sharon Green Committee reviewed the Budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year. The Committee decided to keep the following items as in the current FY Budget: Barn, electric and heat (\$2,000); new equipment (\$4,000), equipment repair (\$4,000); and Green repair (\$10,000). The Committee proposes that Gas and Oil be increased to \$2500 and Miscellaneous be increased to \$2,000. The Committee will request that Leaf Pick-up (\$2000) be eliminated.

Betsy Hall reported that the new estimates for the granite installation will exceed the amount approved at the Town Meeting by about \$33,000 due to inflation.

After discussions, the Committee agreed that Betsy Hall should call Tom Bartram, Chair of the Board of Finance, to make him aware of the situation. Additionally, the Board of Finance is now meeting once a month, therefore, the Green Committee could request being put on its Agenda for discussion. The Committee decided it is prudent to request that the Board of Finance determine how best to handle this issue.

On a motion made and seconded, the Sharon Green Committee Voted to send the proposed Budget with revisions to the Board of Selectmen.

**e. Applications for Use of Sharon Green**

Marlene Woodman announced that there were no new Applications for Use of the Sharon Green.

**6. Adjournment**

Having no further business, on a motion made and seconded, the Sharon Green Committee Adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Woodman