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SHARON GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, July 10, @ 4:00 PM

Sharon Town Hall

Minutes

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Present: Betsy Hall, Linda Amerighi, Tom Casey, Stephen Wasley, Marlene Woodman

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 June 12, 2023

Tom Casey noted that in the June 12, 2023 Minutes, under #4, *Old Business, Curbing*: the word *swilling*, should be *swalling*.

On a motion made and seconded, the Minutes of June 12, 2023 stand approved as corrected.

4. Old Business

a. Curbing

The Committee agreed that the completed curbing has enhanced the Green and that RAR once again did an outstanding job. The *Lakeville Journal* printed the *Letter to the Editor* from the Sharon Green Committee thanking the Town residents for supporting this project and RAR for its superb work. Hopefully, the *Republican American* will publish the same. The Committee observed that during the recent torrential downpouring, the granite curbing helped to protect the Green from being “washed away” and the new drains helped with the water overage.

b. Traffic Controllers

Betsy Hall received the time cards and bills from Precise Traffic Control. The first bill in the amount of \$2460 has been paid. The most recent bill is \$6,500. RAR indicated the need for traffic controllers when installing the granite and Brent Colley, First Selectman, procured Precise Traffic Control from Waterbury, CT. The traffic controllers had to be state certified so we could not use Fire / Ambulance people.

Betsy Hall went on to report that she received numerous complaints from citizens who noticed the traffic controllers on their phones, eating, watching the RAR workers, and not paying attention to directing vehicles. Betsy Hall did note that the rerouting of the vehicles up onto Upper Main Street was helpful.

The Committee expressed the same criticisms about the traffic control personnel and agreed that they were unprofessional. Although the Committee acknowledges that the bill must be paid, it was decided that Brent Colley, as First Selectman, should inform Precise Traffic Control of the many complaints. Additionally, although the Committee is very aware that we must pay from *portal to portal*, we are unsure about being charged overtime when the workers are travelling. Betsy Hall agreed to write a letter to the Selectmen detailing these concerns.

c. Grubs

Betsy Hall reported that Sharon Lawn and Landscaping finished putting down the grub removal and re-seeded those areas. The grass has already started to come back. The cost for repairs came out of last year's budget.

d. New Equipment

Betsy Hall reported that Scott Flint purchased the chains for the saw and the spare batteries. Those expenditures came out of last year's budget.

e. Crafts Fair

The Committee agreed that the grass is coming in well around the areas where the granite curbing was installed. Therefore, it will not be necessary to rope off those re-seeded areas; but parking should be on Main Street and only on one side of Upper Main Street.

5. New Business

Costs for Curbing

Betsy Hall distributed copies of the bills for the installation of the granite. Paid to date are: the granite, asphalt (partial), concrete, Traffic Controllers (partial), RAR (partial). Those expenses total: \$96825.06. The remaining bills are RAR, Traffic Controllers, Herringtons, and possibly another asphalt bill and Laurelbrook Farm for the topsoil for seeding. Betsy Hall will instruct Tina Pritchard to remunerate all of the businesses except Precise Traffic Control; as questions need to be addressed prior to payment. Additionally, Betsy Hall reported that RAR's bill was increased by \$14,000+ because of a State mandated cross walk and catch basin. The cross walk was not part of the granite curbing project; but located on the opposite side of the road. Therefore, technically, that expense should not come from the Green's budget. To date, the pending expenses total \$101,558.93.

The Committee agreed that there should be sufficient funds in the Green's budget and there will be an additional \$30,000 coming from the State LOCIP funds that is designated towards the Green project.

6. Future Meetings

Betsy Hall informed the members that there may need to be one more meeting to finalize the bills and clear up any remaining details.

7. Other Business

No further business.

8. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Woodman