A special meeting of the Sharon BOF was held on February 4, 2020 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. Present were regular members Dignacco, Robertson, Bartram, Fowler and Bancroft; alternates Ensign and O'Kelly; Town Attorney Randy DiBella, Dale Jones, Robert Duncan, Jill Drew, Mike Dignacco, reporter Hawken, Brent Prindle taping for Channel 6 and the secretary.

Chairman Dignacco called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Mrs. Dignacco explained that it is customary to seat a full voting Board for a meeting even if there are enough regular members present to have a quorum. Per our Ordinance, if the absent regular member does not designate an alternate in his/her place, the regular members present may designate an alternate. In the case tonight, the vacant position is a regular member position so no there is no member to designate an alternate. Ms. Fowler designated Cody O'Kelly as the voting alternate, seconded by Mr. Bancroft. Mrs. Robertson designated Robert Ensign as the voting alternate, there was no second. Vote taken = unanimously carried so Mr. O'Kelly was seated as the voting alternate for tonight's meeting.

The purpose of the special meeting was for the Board to discuss and vote to fill a vacant, regular member position. Ms. Fowler made a motion to appoint Cody O'Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bancroft. Mrs. Robertson made a motion to appoint Robert Duncan, seconded by Mr. Bartram. Board members asked the nominees various questions. Attorney DiBella explained that if the Board does not make an appointment tonight nor in 30 days from tonight, the Board of Selectmen may appoint. He commented that it was the good grace of the Board of Selectmen that the filling of this vacancy came back to this Board – that did not have to happen. He also explained that in the voting, it is up to the Chair how many times there is a vote in case of ties. The Chair can also call for a stale mate. A third candidate could be nominated but Attorney DiBella did not recommend this as there are two qualified candidates in place. Public comment was allowed as long as the comments are on the topic == some comments were made. With all questions/comments done, Mrs. Dignacco called for a vote. Cody O‘Kelly – Fowler & O‘Kelly; Robert Duncan – Bancroft, Bartram, Robertson and Dignacco. Robert Duncan was voted to fill the vacancy to 11/16/2021.

Ms. Fowler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Pitcher, Recording Secretary

Next regular meeting: March 19