March 13th, 2017 Minutes

Sharon Community Center, 219 Massapoag Avenue

**Present:** Alexander Korin, Patricia-Lee Achorn, Laura Nelson, William Brack, Gordon Gladstone, Ira Miller, Edward Phillips, Charles Goodman and Arnold Cohen

**Absent:** Hanna Switlezowski

1. **Review and discuss ATM Articles regarding Town Codification Project – Marlene Chused**

Marlene Chused, Town Clerk, discussed the Articles 19, 20 and 21 regarding the Town Codification Project.

* No substance changes to zoning, bylaws, or regulations were made in the process.
* Changes have been made in the order and numbering, spelling and punctuation, and updates in the general bylaw book have been inserted.
* Future amendments and new regulations will be added by General Code to add/delete/insert in this format

1. **Review and discuss ATM Article regarding One School Street Library Location – Lee Anne Amends**

Lee Anne Amends, Library Director, presented Article18 seeking approval for schematic design at the One School Street library location.

* Sharon Historic Commission has not approved planning and design adding a floor to 11 North Main Street.
* A vote approving the schematic design for One School Street is required before the library can receive notification of a grant.
* The One School Street design reflects back to the original two story building; the design incorporates all Mass Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) features.
* The projected cost for the project is $17,750,521; the potential grant awarded is $7,375,679.
* Project waiting list with the State could be up to ten years.
1. **Review and discuss ATM Article 7 regarding Community Preservation Act Annual Funding and Projects -Corey Snow**

Corey Snow, Chair of Community Preservation Committee, presented Community Preservation Act Annual Funding & Projects.

* Each year 10% of the funds are allocated to three core categories: Community Housing, Historic Preservation and Open Space/Recreation (restricted funds).
* The account balances as of FY 16 are $231,000 for Community Housing, $297,000 for Historic Preservation and $446,000 for Open Space/Recreation; the remainder is in the General Fund.
* Ames Street Playground Enhancements include picnic tables and a gaga pit with a total cost of $1,500.00, to be completed by the Eagle Scouts (Recreation).
* Community Center Exterior Painting calls for the painting and lead remediation of the exterior of Sharon Community Center costing $54,165 (Historic).
* Mann’s Pond Dam Repair & Rehabilitation seeks to improve the integrity of the dam and will add benching, fencing and historical information, costing $255,000 (Historic).
* Ames Street Basketball Courts Rehabilitation seeks $37,000 for restoration of the court (Recreation).
* Community Center Outdoor Recreation Area seeks an additional bocce court, horse shoe pit, shuffle ball area, pickleball court and picnic benches for $42,225 (Recreation).
* Administrative budget include $4,000 in salaries and $16,000 for expenses.
* The CPC is involved in the Town Master Plan project; the Community Preservation Plan is due to be updated.
1. **Review and discuss ATM Articles 23 and 24 regarding As of Right and Stretch Energy Code – Silas Fyler**

Silas Fyler, Co-Chair of Energy Advisory Committee, discussed the overall goal of meeting the requirements of Green Community Designation and Grant Program as defined by the State Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (Department of Energy Resources, DOER).

* Adoption of As of Right (Article 23) and Stretch Energy Code (Article 24) are two of the requirements for Green Community Designation.
* A grant of approximately $160,000 is available on approved as a Green Community.
* Annual application for $250,000 in grants for energy efficient programs becomes available.
* As of Right alternative and renewable energy manufacturing is proposed for the Light Industrial District on Route 1.
* The Stretch Energy Code is an addendum to the State building codes that make buildings more energy efficient.
* On March 16th, 2017 the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) will present to the Planning Board and Selectman.
* In order to become a Green Community, the following needs to stand true: As of Right siting, an expedited permitting process, the purchase of high mileage vehicles, Town plan for 20% in reductions in energy use and to acceptance of Stretch Building Code.
1. **Discuss and vote ATM articles regarding School Committee size, Establishment of Special Needs Reserve Fund and Articles 2, 3, 13, 14 & 15**

**MOTION:** by Edward Phillips to recommend Article 26 **SECONDED:** by Arnold Cohen **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

**MOTION:** by Ira Miller to recommend approval of Article 2 **SECONDED:** by Edward Phillips **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

**MOTION:** by Alexander Korin to recommend approval of Article 3 **SECONDED:** by Patricia-Lee Achorn **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

**MOTION:** by Edward Phillips to recommend approval of Article 13 **SECONDED:** by Alexander Korin **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

**MOTION:** by Ira Miller to recommend approval of Article 14 **SECONDED:** by Patricia-Lee Achorn **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

**MOTION:** by Gordon Gladstone to recommend approval of Article 15 **SECONDED:** by Alexander Korin **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

1. **Topics not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to posting**

The Finance Committee will meet on March 20th, 2017. The meeting will include Planning Board, Robert Shelmerdine and the Personnel Board.

1. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** by Alexander Korin to adjourn **SECONDED:** by Edward Phillips **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.