January 29th, 2018 Minutes

School Committee Meeting Room, Sharon Middle School, 75 Mountain Street Sharon, MA

**Present:** Patricia-Lee Achorn, Anja Bernier, William Brack, Ira Miller, Alexander Korin, Edward Phillips, Arnold Cohen, Gordon Gladstone, Charles Goodman, Daniel Lewenberg and Hanna Switlekowski.

1. **Draft Warrant (with assignments) – Fred Turkington**

Fred Turkington, Town Administrator, provided the draft warrant articles.

1. Appoint Finance Committee Members & Nominating of the Finance Committee Members
2. Act on Reports
3. Sharon Friends School Fund Records & Appointments
4. Personnel By-Law
5. FY2019 Budget & Compensation of Elected Officials
6. Capital Outlay
7. Community Preservation Act Annual Funding & Projects
8. Norfolk County Retirement Annual Assessment
9. Unemployment Fund
10. Funding Other Post-Employment Benefits (O.P.E.B.) Trust Fund
11. Funding Stabilization Fund
12. Revolving Fund Authorizations (Recycling fund to add trash- raise $1.8 million; establish assessor inspection services fund; changes to scope for use for health and septic revolving funds)
13. Property Tax Exemptions
14. Annual Audit Appropriation
15. General By-Law Change: Creation of Penalty for Board of Health Nuisance Violations
16. Zoning By-Law Change: Allow Commercial Solar Farm on Municipal Property within Business District D
17. Zoning By-Law Change: Ban Recreational Marijuana Retail Establishments
18. Zoning By-Law Change: Permit the Sale and Distribution of Recreational Marijuana in the Light Industrial District
19. Adoption of Sales Tax for Sale or Transfer of Marijuana or Marijuana Products
20. Zoning By-Law Change: Extend Temporary Moratoria on the Sale and Distribution of Recreational Marijuana
21. Resolution Urging Selectman to Develop Community Choice Aggregation Plan
22. Participate in Municipal Aggregation of Electricity for Residential and Commercial Use

The Board of Selectman will vote on the final warrant on February 27th, 2018. The draft warrant is now closed.

The Finance Committee’s assignments were given.

* Fred Turkington’s office will complete articles 1,2,3,7,8,9,10,11,12,13 and 14.
* Gordon Gladstone will complete 6.
* Ira Miller will complete 4.
* Patricia-Lee Achorn will complete 5.
* Daniel Lewenberg will come 15.
* Arnold Cohen will complete 16.
* William Brack will complete 17,18, 19 and 20.
* Alexander Korin will complete 21 and 22.

Anja Bernier, not in her capacity as a Finance Committee member, but in her capacity as one of the people handling the town’s planning process for recreational marijuana, discussed her conversations with Brian Striar from 4 Daughters Compassionate Care. They communicated three times this week and he confirmed on each occasion that they will take advantage of their legal right to convert from medical marijuana to recreational marijuana.

Fred Turkington discussed Four Daughters Compassionate Care and their conversations with the Board of Selectmen.

* Four Daughter’s provisional medical license which is the grounds for their right to convert to a recreational license, dates back to June 17, 2016 (the state provides automatic conversion rights to any entity that had a provisional license prior to July 1, 2017)
* If Four Daughters were to move the physical location connected with that license, the old license date would still give them the right to convert, as an address change triggers an amended license, not a new license
* Building the facility at the originally proposed location named in the license, is still an option for Four Daughters. However they have come before the Board of Selectmen to discuss leasing another location in the same industrial park, that has since become available to them, and appears to be more suitable for their needs
* The Board of Selectmen is in the process of negotiating an amended Community Host Agreement with Four Daughters. The Board of Selectmen has not yet taken a vote on an amended Host Agreement. Not putting a Host Agreement in place would not negate Daughter’s right to operate a (recreational) dispensary in the town. It would mean though, that the town would not receive any of the money negotiated under the Community Host Agreement.
* As part of its planning process for recreational marijuana, the town has compiled a list of activities that could be funded by Community Impact fees generated by a recreational marijuana business. Community Impact fees can be up to 3% of the business’ annual revenues. The list was shared with Four Daughters and they had no objections to any of the listed activities falling under “Community Impact Activities”
* In addition, the town can impose a 3% sales tax on the business.

1. **FY 19 Budget Schedule Update/Priorities Update – Fred Turkington**

Fred Turkington, Town Administrator, discussed the FY19 budget schedule and provided a priorities update.

* There has been only an organizational meeting so far.
* The next meeting will be held on March 1st, 2018.
* An audit meeting will be held in the evening of March 1st, 2018.
* 2.85% is the agreed upon percentage, based on preliminary numbers.
* $100,000 is in the stabilization fund.
* A debt schedule will be provided to the committee.

1. **Vote outstanding minutes: January 22nd**

**MOTION:** by Ira Miller to approve the January 22nd, 2018 meetings following an amendment from 5.7% to 5.47% and 2.7% to 2.51% **SECONDED:** by Gordon Gladstone **VOTED:** 11-0-0.

1. **Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair in 48 hours**

If applicable, the fall meeting will be held on December 10th, 2018.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on February 12th, both Town Clerk and the Library will be present.

1. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** by William Brack to adjourn **SECONDED:** by Hanna Switlekowski **VOTED:** 11-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.