

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 3, 2015

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Sharon Town Hall at 7:00pm with Chairman William A. Heitin, Clerk John J. McGrath, Selectman Walter B. Roach and Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr.

Check Presentation – Carroll Advertising

John Carroll from Carroll Advertising was present to present two checks to the Town for the billboard advertising – one for \$100,000 and the other for \$120,000. He expects to be able to present additional checks in the near future for the additional billboards once they are approved by the state's Outdoor Advertising Board. He described the locations of the billboards he is installing.

Joint Meeting with Sharon Housing Authority – Interview for Temporary Appointment & Inclusion of Vacancy on 2015 Annual Town Election Ballot

Susan Saunders, candidate for a temporary appointment to the Sharon Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, was present. Ms. Saunders is a longtime resident, local realtor and current chair of the Sharon Housing Partnership. Selectman Roach asked if she would consider running for the seat and she replied that she would. The members of the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, Peter Melvin, Eddie Little and Charlotte Dana, introduced themselves.

MOTION: To appoint Susan Saunders to the Sharon Housing Authority Board of Commissioners until the May 19, 2015 Town Election
(McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES** All three members of the Sharon Housing Authority voted in favor.

MOTION: To instruct the Town Clerk to include this seat on the ballot of the May 19, 2015 Town Election
(Roach – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Annual Town Meeting Discussion

Mark Mazur, Administrative Assessor, explained that there was a mapping problem several decades ago and affected the property taxes for 9 Glendale Road for seven years, and while the Board of Assessors was able to get an abatement for three years, but to get an abatement for the remaining four years, Town Meeting approval would be needed to then petition the Legislature for special legislation. Mr. Turkington noted that the special act, if approved, would allow the Town to pay the years in question.

MOTION: To re-open the Annual Town Meeting warrant
(McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

MOTION: To add the request by the Board of Assessors
(Roach – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

MOTION: To close the Annual Town Meeting warrant
(McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Article #	Article Topic	Requestor
1	SPECIAL WITHIN THE ANNUAL: Transfer of funds for codification project	Town Clerk
2	SPECIAL WITHIN THE ANNUAL: Bond money	Finance Director

3	SPECIAL WITHIN THE ANNUAL: Snow & Ice	Finance Director
4	SPECIAL WITHIN THE ANNUAL: close capital project deficit (\$ from various accounts)	Finance Director
1	Finance Committee Members	Finance Committee Nominating Committee
2	Act upon Reports	Board of Selectmen
3	Accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure - 20 Tracey Lane	Treasurer/Collector
4	Personnel By-Law	Finance Committee
5	Budget & Compensation of Elected Officials	Finance Committee
6	Capital Outlay Requests	Board of Selectmen
7	Norfolk County Retirement	Finance Director
8	Unemployment Fund	Board of Selectmen
9	OPEB Funds	Finance Director
10	Stabilization Fund	Board of Selectmen
11	Revolving Fund Authorizations (new revolving fund for water service replacement)	multiple
12	Property Tax Exemptions - Veterans, Blind, Disabled & Others Qualified	Department of Veterans' Services
13	Sharon Friends School Fund Records & Appointments CPC Annual Funding & Projects	Board of Selectmen
14	Projects: Hammershop Pond Dam Repair; Repairs to the fascia and soffit at the Sharon Water Department building; wall reconstruction at Brook & N. Main Streets;Community Center Pergola; fields development	Community Preservation Committee
15	Annual Audit	Finance Director
16	Placeholder - Potential Abatement for 9 Glendale Road (FY07-FY10 = \$5,401.77)	Board of Assessors
17	Existing cell tower lease authorizations	Board of Selectmen
18	Civil Service Rescission	Board of Selectmen

The Board reviewed the warrant articles and made no changes to the list of proposed warrant article numbers.

Consent Calendar

- Vote to approve regular session minutes of February 9, 2015
- Vote to approve regular and executive session minutes of February 17, 2015
- Vote to appoint Lealdon Langley to the Water Management Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2017
- Vote to appoint Walter B. Roach, Jr. to the Sharon Standing Building Selection Committee
- Vote to approve letter regarding reimbursement to the Town for fees incurred relative to Brickstone

MOTION: To approve the March 3, 2015 consent calendar
(McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reported the following:

- The Finance Committee is concerned with the budget and while the town and school budgets fall within the Proposition 2 ½ limit, the Finance Committee is considering using one-time money to keep the tax rate lower. There will be a meeting of the Priorities Committee next Tuesday evening.

- Many mailboxes and fences have been damaged during the winter. Consequently, he is going to draft a policy for the Board to address reimbursement.
 - Selectman McGrath noted that the Postmaster has a policy that new mailboxes be right at the street, but this could be at the cost of the Town.
- The snow and ice deficit is considerable; the Finance Committee is concerned that the deficit will eat up their reserve fund. The School Department will release \$45,000 from their budget and possibly another \$55,000. The town is working with MEMA to get reimbursement from the federal government.
- He reviewed the Police Chief search timeline:
 - Selectmen to choose consulting firm on March 17
 - Initial search committee to organize, review task and timetable, and meet with consultant to give input on traits sought in police chief (late March)
 - Advertisement placed in publications (late March)
 - Application deadline (April 23)
 - Assessment center (week of May 11)
 - Interview of 5-7 candidates by search committee (week of June 1)
 - Interview of up to three finalists by Selectmen (June 23)

Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting

Board of Health Interview

Chairman Heitin explained that the candidate for the Board of Health was supposed to be interviewed earlier this evening, but cancelled late last week, so the agenda was modified to reflect the cancellation. However, he informed the Selectmen's Office that he was able to attend tonight's meeting after all, but since the agenda has already been posted, the Board decided to interview him now. The "Supplemental Agenda" was posted on March 2.

Michael Saija, candidate for Board of Health, explained that he has lived in town for over two decades and is a pharmacist and is interested in serving on the Board of Health. Selectman Roach asked if he has attended any of the meetings and while he has not, he has spoken with some of the members to get a sense of what the Board of Health is dealing with.

The Board thanked Mr. Saija for his time.

MOTION: To appoint Selectman Walter B. Roach, Jr. to serve on the negotiating team with the SMEA union
(Heitin – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Board of Health Appointment

The Board will make their appointment at the March 17 meeting.

Chairman Heitin reminded residents that there is an information session on the status of the public safety building this Thursday, March 5 at 7:00pm at the Community Center.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:38pm
(Roach – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**