

**MINUTES**  
**SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
September 16, 2014

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 and Selectman Walter B. Roach.

**One Day Liquor Licenses – October 3 & 4, 2014**

David Freshman of Koopman Lumber was present for the discussion. Chairman Heitin noted that all of the paperwork is in order. Mr. Freshman explained that the event is an Oktoberfest event – food and beverages all day long, with lots of sales. The event will be catered by Mick Morgan's and a police detail will be present both days.

**MOTION:** To grant one day liquor licenses to Koopman Lumber for Friday, October 3, 2014 and Saturday, October 4, 2014

(Roach – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

**Review & Approve Consent Calendar**

- Vote the question to approve the regular and executive session minutes of September 2, 2014
- Vote the question to approve the request by the Sharon Lions Club to hold their Spring White Cane Day fundraising event on Saturday, October 18 from 8:45am-12:00pm in Sharon Center
- Vote the question of approving the banner request for the Board of Health from October 13-20, 2014 in the first position and October 27-November 3, 2014 in second position to highlight their flu clinic schedule
- Vote the question of scheduling the water rates hearing on Tuesday, October 28, 2014

**MOTION:** To approve the September 16, 2014 consent calendar

(McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

**Billboards Discussion – Carroll Advertising**

Attorney Joel Fishman and John Carroll of Carroll Advertising were present for the discussion.

Attorney Fishman provided a status report. The two-sided static billboard to be located at 1000 General Edwards Highway and the one-sided digital billboard to be located at 1050 General Edwards Highway oriented towards Route 95 have been approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Massachusetts Outdoor Advertising Board and are expected to be constructed in 2014. A two-sided digital billboard to be located at 1180 General Edwards Highway was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals but Carroll Advertising encountered a spacing issue based on an unanticipated technical interpretation of the regulation – that this proposed billboard and the digital at 1050 General Edwards Highway were in the same sight line and within 1000 feet of each other even though the latter billboard is oriented toward Route 95. As a result, Carroll has reached an agreement with Doug King, who owns the property at 1200 General Edwards Highway, to construct a two-sided digital billboard at that location. Carroll has also reached an agreement with Mr. King to locate a one-sided static billboard at 1 Merchant Street. The ZBA applications for these locations have been filed and the hearings will likely be scheduled for

November 2014. Since the Massachusetts Outdoor Advertising Board meets once a month, it is anticipated that Carroll will not have the approvals until early 2015 and that construction will be completed in the spring of 2015. A two-sided billboard at 9 General Edwards Highway – one side digital and one side static – was approved by the ZBA but Carroll has not yet filed with the Massachusetts Outdoor Advertising Board. It is anticipated that all 8 billboard faces will be constructed in FY15.

Attorney Joel Fishman went on to note that the mitigation agreement, as previously modified, permits 8 billboard faces – 4 digital and 4 static. At the time of the prior modification, Carroll Advertising only had seven faces identified and as a result, the \$700,000 lump sum payment was to be allocated among the seven identified faces, at \$100,000 each.

Carroll Advertising requests that the allocation be based on eight billboard faces and further request that, to reflect the increased value and construction costs of the digital faces, the allocation be \$125,000 per digital face and \$50,000 per static face. The total lump sum payment of \$700,000 remains the same. The agreement requires a monthly payment of \$1,333.33 per billboard structure. Carroll requests a similar allocation change - \$956 per month for each of the digital faces and \$377.50 per month for each of the static faces. The total monthly payments would be \$5,334 as opposed to \$5,333.32.

**MOTION:** To approve the amendments as discussed  
(McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

#### **Capital Outlay Committee & Priorities Committee Appointments**

**MOTION:** To appoint J.J. McGrath to the Priorities Committee  
(Roach – Heitin) 3-0 **PASSES**

**MOTION:** To appoint Joe Roach the Capital Outlay Committee, with J.J. McGrath as alternate  
(Heitin – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

**MOTION:** To appoint William Heitin to the Priorities Committee and the Capital Outlay Committee  
(Roach – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

**MOTION:** To appoint Joe Roach as the alternate to the Priorities Committee  
(Heitin – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

In summary, Selectman McGrath and Chairman Heitin will serve on the Priorities Committee, with Selectman Roach as an alternate and Selectman Roach and Chairman Heitin will serve on the Capital Outlay Committee, with Selectman McGrath as an alternate.

#### **Quitclaim Deed**

**MOTION:** To execute the quitclaim deed for 18 Castle Drive  
(Roach – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

## **Town Administrator's Report**

Chairman Heitin would like to have a conversation with the Town Administrator about possibly changing the Board of Selectmen meeting days from Tuesdays to Thursdays before the Board takes action. Selectman McGrath noted that he agrees with the Town Administrator on this and personally, moving the meetings to Thursdays works better for him. Selectman Roach commented that the Recreation Advisory Committee meets on Thursdays, once a month.

**MOTION:** To approve the Employee Development Day on October 10 or 17, depending on speaker availability

(Heitin – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Chairman Heitin believes that it is likely that we will have to have a Fall Town Meeting.

## **Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting**

None

## **Executive Session – 7:18pm**

**MOTION:** To enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and at the end, adjourn for the evening. Discussion of any of these in open session would be detrimental to the Town.

(Heitin – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Heitin: Aye

McGrath: Aye

Roach: Aye

## **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 7:50pm

(McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Heitin: Aye

McGrath: Aye

Roach: Aye