

MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

7:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 7:02 pm in the Sharon Town Hall with Chairman Walter Joe Roach, Selectman Richard A. Powell and Selectman William A. Heitin

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

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VOTED: (Roach/Powell) Voted to appoint Selectman Heitin as Clerk.

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VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted to appoint Selectman Powell as Chair.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MESSAGE SIGN – DAVID McKINLEY OF KASTLE BOOS

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David McKinley, Landscape Architect of Kastle Boos Associates came before the Board of Selectmen to discuss relocating the old site plan and sign to a new site plan and site location (Entrance sign with Electronic Message Display – LED). The School Committee requested that LED technology be incorporated into the sign. Mr. McKinley commented that the sign will aid school officials get messages out to parents and other motorists.. Town Administrator, Benjamin E. Puritz, said bylaw provision allows and, therefore, exempts for signs for “a public purpose” as an informational device. “This would not be applicable for private enterprise”, Town Administrator said. Selectman Roach was concerned that the light would bother the neighbors. The new sign will be 5 feet, 6 inches tall and 12 feet long.

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VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted to approve the Entrance sign with Electronic Message Display – (LED) for the front of Sharon Middle School contingent upon the Selectmen and the School Department discussing hours of operation.

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JOINT POLE LOCATION HEARING ON HIGHLAND AVENUE – PAUL SCHNEIDER

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VOTED: (Powell/Heitin) Voted unanimously to open the hearing

The Town of Sharon Engineering division of the Department of Public Works has reviewed the petition dated April 1, 2011, submitted by Verizon for Highland Avenue (Petition #9ADUZD). The site was visited and the installation of the two poles identified as #92/0A and #92/0-1 are being installed to provide power to a new home presently being built. The Engineering Division of the DPW is “not opposed to the requested installation and sees no technical reason not to approve the installations requested.”

Paul Schneider, Manager Right of Way – Verizon, came before the Board to explain the proposed locations the two poles would be placed: Highland Avenue – On the easterly sideline, place new Pole No. 92/0-1 approximately 93 feet north of existing Pole No. 91/0, then place new Pole No. 92/0A approximately 105 feet north of existing Pole No. 92/1.

The proprietors of Saphire Inn have concerns of where exactly the poles will be located. The Saphire Inn hosts

many special events and functions. Their concern is that pictures are taken outside where the poles could possibly be located.

It was requested that a representative from NSTAR be present at the continued hearing on June 7, 2011. (see below vote)

VOTED: (Heitin/Powell) Voted unanimously to keep the hearing open for the next scheduled Selectmen's meeting on June 7, 2011.

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CANDIDATE FOR THE CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL – MARY KELLY

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Mary Kelly would very much like to be on the Sharon Cultural Arts Council. She is active in the Friends of the Council of Aging and also a member of the Sharon Garden Club. The Board thanked Mrs. Kelly for her interest in being of service to the Town.

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APPROVAL OF BEACH CONCESSION STAND LEASE

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The Recreation Advisory Committee is recommending Said Safai for the Memorial Beach Concession Stand. Recreation Director, Brett MacGowan, introduced Mr. Safai to the Board.

Mr. Safai said that he proposes to provide a creative menu, which in addition to standard beach fare of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Fingers and French Fries, will also include Mediterranean specialties i.e., Chicken Kabob, Shish Kabob, etc. Mr. Safai will be doing outdoor grilling. The Fire Dept. and Health Dept. had no issues re grilling except prohibition of storage propane tank in the building. Mr. Safai will be transporting the propane tank for the gas grill back and forth every day. Selectman Roach had concerns about grilling in that the coals would be very hot and that there may be unsupervised children running around in the area. Insurance was also brought up. Will look at insurance with signing contract. Mr. Safai is willing to address that issue to the satisfaction of the Selectmen. He has been in contact with the Board of Health about permits and licensing. Hours of operation anticipated to be Monday - Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. As the concession stand requires a personal investment for improvements and equipment, Mr. Safai proposed the following annual rental schedule: Year 1: \$2,500 – Year 2: \$3,000 and Year 3: \$3,000.

VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to award bid to Said Safai for the upcoming year of Beach Concession Stand in the amount of \$2,500 with option by Town to renew for 2nd and 3rd year.

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APPROVAL OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER HIRING

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Brett MacGowan, Recreation Director, provided to the Board a list of summer employment hires for 2011.

VOTED: (Powell/Heitin) Voted unanimously to approve the list of summer hires for 2011 as provided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to approve the Regular Session Minutes and Executive Session

Minutes of May 10, 2010

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CONSIDER AWARD OF OFFICE AND PAPER SUPPLIES THROUGH SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

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VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to sign the Southeastern Regional Services Group paper bid for FY 2012 with the contract being awarded to Universal Business Equipment Corp, Bridgeport, CT., the low bidder

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CONSIDER SIGNING OF “AGREEMENT” and “NOTICE TO PROCEED” FOR THE SHARON TOWN HALL WINDOW REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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VOTED: (Heitin/Powell) Voted unanimously to award Jason Construction, Brockton, Ma for the Sharon Town Hall Window and Removal and Replacement Project for a total of \$79,900.

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CONSIDER SIGNING NOTICE TO PROCEED AND AGREEMENT FOR WINDOW REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR PROJECT AT SHARON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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VOTED: (Heitin/Powell) Voted unanimously to award Jason Construction, Brockton, Ma for window replacement and repair project at the Sharon Public Library for a total of \$28,900.

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APPROVAL OF LANGUAGE RELATED TO THE HOME RULE PETITION APPROVED AT 2011 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RELATED TO SCHOOL BUSING FEES

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VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted to accept language related to the Home Rule Petition approved at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting related to School Busing fees.

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APPROVAL OF ELECTION WORKERS AS PRESENTED BY TOWN CLERK MARLENE CHUSED

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Chairman Roach recused himself because a member of his family is on the list

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VOTED: (Heitin/Powell) Voted to appoint election workers as recommended by Town Clerk Marlene Chused for the Town of Sharon for the period beginning September 1, 2011

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APPROVAL OF BANNER REQUEST

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VOTED: (Heitin/Powell) Voted unanimously to approve the banner request by Paul Bergeron of the Sharon Independence Day Celebration Committee for June 20 – July 4, 2011 (1st position) and waive the fee.

VOTED: (Powell/Heitin) Voted unanimously to that the Board move into Executive Session regarding updates the Firefighter and AFSME collective bargaining and a real property lease for the Administration Building at Horizons for Youth. Chairman Powell declared that all of these issues if discussed in public would have a detrimental impact on the Town. At the conclusion of Executive Session the Board will adjourn for the evening.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Powell: Aye

Roach: Aye

Heitin: Aye

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