

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 10, 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 Walter "Joe" Roach, Selectman William A. Heitin and Selectman John J. McGrath.

Helen Eaton Griffin Memorial Scholarship Presentation – Billy Wright

The Board congratulated Billy Wright on receiving the Helen Eaton Griffin Memorial Scholarship. Chairman Heitin read the award and noted that Billy is headed to Bridgewater State University in the fall.

One-Day Liquor License – June 28, 2014

Applicant Mary Alice Nathan was present. Chairman Heitin noted that all of the paperwork is in order.

MOTION: To grant the permit for the one-day liquor license as specified
(McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Pole Location Hearing – Verizon New England

Erin Mitchell, a representative of Verizon, was present. They are looking to add a pole because the lines are presently too low.

MOTION: To allow the petition from Verizon New England to allow the movement of the pole
(Heitin – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Finance Director Appointment Discussion

Town Accountant Cindy Doherty was present for the discussion.

Chairman Heitin noted that the position of Finance Director is vacant and Town Accountant Cindy Doherty has expressed interest in serving as Finance Director. Chairman Heitin is supportive of her. Ms. Doherty explained that she has been the Town Accountant for six years and is looking to move things forward and wants to be more pro-active rather than reactive. She is up to the challenge and she enjoys it. She works well with the staff.

Selectman Roach thanked Ms. Doherty for her help, particularly when the Town Administrator left. He spoke with many of the staff and everyone gave her high marks. He is in full support of this appointment.

Selectman McGrath noted that she came highly recommended. He asked her to provide her background. After college, Ms. Doherty explained that she worked at an accounting firm and then entered municipal finance. She began in Medway and worked her way up the ranks there and moved to Blackstone as Town Accountant. She has her certification as a Town Accountant. She noted that she's not afraid to

get her feet wet and to learn. Selectman McGrath asked how she will be different as compared to previously. She wants to be better prepared and ensure that everyone is on the same page.

Chairman Heitin noted that the Board's intention is to create a Finance Director/ Town Accountant position and the Board will use a screening committee to search for a Treasurer/Collector.

MOTION: To appoint Cynthia Doherty as Finance Director, as discussed this evening
(McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the regular and executive session minutes of May 27, 2014
(Heitin – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Election Worker Appointments

Selectman Roach recused himself.

MOTION: To approve the list of election workers, as provided by the Town Clerk
(McGrath – Heitin) 2-0-1 **PASSES**

Banner Request – Lakeside Gallery

MOTION: To approve the banner request for the Council on Aging from August 11-18, 2014 in the first position to highlight the works of Henry W. Kendall at the Lakeside Gallery
(Heitin – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Municipal Decorative Pole Attachment Agreement Execution

Chairman Heitin explained that this agreement would allow the 250th Anniversary Committee to attach business-sponsored decorative banners to the telephone poles. The banners would be hung in the downtown area.

MOTION: To sign the municipal decorative pole attachment agreement between the Town of Sharon and Verizon New England
(McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Announce Recent Signing of Contracts between the Town of Sharon and the Deputy Police Chief and AFSCME Local 362

Chairman Heitin noted that the Board has negotiated contracts with the Deputy Chief and the AFSCME union and recently signed both agreements.

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

Chairman Heitin reminded residents of the Flag Day ceremony this Saturday, June 14 at 6:45pm at the beach and also wanted to inform residents of the mural unveiling at the beach on Monday, June 16 from 3:30-5:30pm.

Town Administrator Appointment Discussion

Chairman Heitin noted that the Board met last evening to discuss the candidates for the position of Town Administrator. Background information has been obtained by the Board and others and the Board is going to move forward with official background investigations on at least three of the four candidates. This is the normal part of doing due diligence and the Board hopes to have more concrete information in the next week or two.

Executive Session – 7:30pm

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health of an individual, conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining – crossing guards and Management Professionals, the deployment of security personnel, real property transfer and pending litigation, and at the end, to return to open session. Discussion of any of these in open session would be detrimental to the Town.

Roach: Aye
Heitin: Aye
McGrath: Aye

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:30pm
Roach: Aye
Heitin: Aye
McGrath: Aye