

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 1, 2016

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order in the Town Hearing Room at the Community Center at 4:45pm with Chairman William A. Heitin, Clerk Walter B. Roach, Selectman John J. McGrath, and Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr.

Recreation Director Appointment

Chairman Heitin explained that the Board spent the week following the Recreation Director interviews reviewing their application materials to reach an informed decision.

Selectman Roach said that all three candidates were very good and was happy the Board took the week to review the candidates' materials. He said that Ms. Quinn's experience is very good, and answered the questions well. Ms. Kasparian also interviewed well and while she doesn't have all of the qualifications, she will in a few years. Ms. Berger impressed him the most and likes the fact that she lives in Sharon and is the incoming president of the Mass. Parks & Recreation Association. He added that her varied programming is outstanding and incorporates all age groups. Ms. Berger is his choice for Recreation Director.

Selectman McGrath agreed with Selectman Roach that it was time well spent in reviewing the resumes and getting feedback from the community. They interviewed three outstanding candidates, which makes this decision difficult. Ms. Quinn has a lot of experience but does not have experience in running a building. He added that he tends to lean toward candidates from Sharon. Ms. Kasparian has several years of experience but has a lot of enthusiasm and passion. Ms. Berger has the comprehensive experience Sharon is looking for and believes she is the best candidate for the community. He added that Ms. Kasparian will gain a great mentor in Ms. Berger and believes they will make a great team.

Chairman Heitin echoed the sentiments of his colleagues and agrees that Ms. Kasparian and Ms. Berger will complement each other. He believes the new Recreation Director will need to work closely with the Recreation Advisory Committee and be more visible in the community. He likes the fact that Ms. Berger has a Sharon connection – she presently lives in Sharon and grew up on Bay Road in Stoughton.

MOTION: To appoint Linda Berger as Recreation Director, conditional on a successful negotiation of an employment agreement
(Roach – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 4:58pm
(Heitin - Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**