

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
April 14, 2016

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order in the Town Hearing Room at the Community Center at 6:50pm with Chairman William A. Heitin, Clerk Walter B. Roach, and Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr. Selectman John J. McGrath was absent due to previously planned vacation.

Acceptance of Sewer Easement for Old Post Road

Chairman Heitin explained that the Board of Selectmen had a request as road commissioners to approve a sewer easement along Old Post Road for various developments in the area. The Board of Selectmen briefly discussed the acceptance of the sewer easement which is within the layout of Old Post Road and conveyed to the Town by a sewer easement deed.

MOTION: To approve the sewer easement for Old Post Road
(Roach – Heitin) 2-0 (1 absent) **PASSES**

Amendment to 2016 Beach Fees Schedule Relative to Boat Launch Fees

The Board of Selectmen was notified by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) that the Lake Massapoag may not be stocked with trout this season due to concerns about fees charged by the town. According DFW's policy, the town's non-resident seasonal fees were too high and lacked a daily boat access option. In an effort to resolve the matter, the Board of Selectmen proposed an amendment to the fees, which reduces the non-resident boat launch fees to match the resident rate and establishes a daily fee of \$10.00 per day for residents and non-residents. Chairman Heitin thanked Fred Turkington and Ted Philips of Representative Kafka's office for their help on the matter.

The Amendment to the 2016 beach fees are as follows:

NON-RESIDENT

Boat Ramp Pass Non-Resident - \$75.00

DAILY BOAT RAMP PASSES

Resident - \$10.00

Non-Resident - \$10.00

MOTION: To approve an amendment to 2016 Beach Fee Schedule relative to boat launch fees
(Roach - Heitin) 2-0 (1 absent) **PASSES**

Memorial Park Beach Concession Stand Agreement

Chairman Heitin noted that the former lessee of the Memorial Park Beach Concession stand requested a substantial reduction in the fee which prompted a request for proposal for the space. The Board received a response from Gyro and Kebab House of Norwood which was \$500 higher than the current fee. The owner, Valentina Akyol, is a Sharon resident with two children attending Sharon Public Schools. The menu will include items such as salads, hot sandwiches, BBQ kebabs, in addition to snacks and drinks.

MOTION: To approve the Town Administrator to execute the Memorial Park Beach Concession Stand agreement

(Roach - Heitin) 2-0 (1 absent) **PASSES**

Angel's Café - Common Victualler's License

MOTION: To approve the 2016 Common Victualler's License for Angel's Cafe

(Roach - Heitin) 2-0 (1 absent) **PASSES**

Announcements

Commuter Rail Schedule

Chairman Heitin announced that commuter rails stops at Ruggles Station during the peak period have been restored and the 7:30am inbound train. He thanked Senator Timilty, Senator Joyce and State Representative Kafka for their help on the issue.

Spectra Pipeline

Chairman Heitin announced that there will be a public forum on May 24 to discuss the Spectra Pipeline. Earlier this week he met with Silas Flyer, Nancy Flyer and Birgitta McAlevey of the No Sharon Pipeline and would like a member to participate in the forum later next month.

Chairman Heitin noted that as a fiduciary to the Town, the Board had an obligation to thoroughly research the project. He noted that he has been in contact with the Attorney General's office, representatives of Governor Baker's office, The Department of Energy Resources (DOER), as well as attorneys working in the energy field gathering information to better understand the project and their position.

Chairman Heitin announced as a result of his due diligence, he opposes the Spectra Pipeline project primarily due to the impact of passing on the cost of the project to rate payers. Selectman Roach is in agreement that the residents should not bear the cost of the project. The Board will take a formal position on the Spectra Pipeline project at a later date.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:05pm

(Roach - Heitin) 2-0 (1 absent) **PASSES**