

**MINUTES**  
**SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
*April 26, 2016*

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order in the Town Hearing Room at the Community Center at 7:00pm with Chairman William A. Heitin, Clerk Walter B. Roach, Selectman John J. McGrath, and Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr.

**Introduction of new Treasurer/Collector – Lisa Clark**

Incoming Treasurer/Collector Lisa Clark and Finance Director Cindy Doherty appeared before the Board.

Ms. Doherty told the Board it is her pleasure to introduce Lisa Clark as the new Treasurer/Collector for the Town of Sharon. Ms. Clark has been with the Town for eight years in the Collector's Office and has worked her way up through the office. Ms. Clark noted she began working for the Town of Rockland and served as Town Collector and has very much enjoyed her eight years here in Sharon. She thanked the staff for their support and encouragement through the years.

Mr. Turkington noted that Ms. Clark is a certified Municipal Collector and is taking courses to be a certified Municipal Treasurer. He is looking forward to working with Ms. Clark in this new capacity.

The Board congratulated Ms. Clark on her appointment.

**Appointment of Police Lieutenant & Sergeants**

Police Chief Tilden Kaufman appeared before the Board. He is present to recommend four officers for promotions to Lieutenant (1) and Sergeant (3).

Chief Kaufman read his recommendation of Brian Mannetta for the position of Sergeant.

**MOTION:** To promote Brian Mannetta to the position of Sergeant with the Sharon Police Department (McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Chief Kaufman read his recommendation of Kevin Bishop for the position of Sergeant.

**MOTION:** To promote Kevin Bishop to the position of Sergeant with the Sharon Police Department (Roach – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Chief Kaufman read his recommendation of Brad Fitzhenry for the position of Sergeant.

**MOTION:** To promote Brad Fitzhenry to the position of Sergeant with the Sharon Police Department (McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Chief Kaufman read his recommendation of Donald Williams for the position of Lieutenant.

**MOTION:** To promote Donald Williams to the position of Lieutenant with the Sharon Police Department (Roach – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Ted Philips from Representative Lou Kafka's office presented each of the officers with a congratulatory citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

The Board and Town Administrator congratulated each of the officers individually.

Chief Kaufman noted that a formal ceremony will take place on May 9 at the Community Center; more information will follow.

#### **Rotary Club & Lions Club – Celebration of Sharon’s Community Diversity Presentation**

David Clifton from the Sharon Rotary Club was present and thanked the Board for allowing him to speak tonight. He is speaking on behalf of the Sharon Rotary Club and the Sharon Lions Club. Both organizations are celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017 and they have been discussing of how they can collaborate on a special project. They came up with the idea, based on Money Magazine’s recent distinctions as the #1 and #3 Best Places to Live, to celebrate Sharon’s diversity. They would like to hang banners in the center of town, in the same spaces as the former 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banners, which the clubs would pay for the cost of the banners. Mr. Clifton showed the Board one of the banners. They will be two-sided with wind holes.

Mr. Clifton explained that seventy-two different flags from countries where Sharon residents are from will be displayed around the center of town. They would also like to hold a diversity ball sometime in 2017, which will have different ethnic foods and ethnic entertainment at the ball. They would like to set an example within the Commonwealth.

Mr. Clifton would appreciate cooperation from the town to help put up and take down the banners, from May to October. They are in touch with Money Magazine for them to perhaps do a follow-up. Mr. Clifton recognized the other members of the Rotary Club and Lions Club members in attendance. Mr. Sapphire from the Rotary Club noted that Sharon is diverse, which is exciting, and is happy to work with the Lions Club. A representative from the Lions Club noted that they would like to make this a lasting gift to the community; perhaps putting them in the high school or the Community Center after they are displayed. Mr. Clifton believes that this concept will spread like wildfire around other communities.

Selectman Roach asked if Mr. Clifton has spoken with the Department of Public Works about assisting with the installation of the banners. He replied that they have had a preliminary discussion but noted that the direction would come from the Board of Selectmen. They would like to use the brackets from the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the assistance to put them up and down.

Chairman Heitin pointed out Mr. Clifton’s flag tie.

Roberta Sapphire announced the Rotary Club’s Chowderfest on May 15 from 11-3 at Memorial Park Beach. It is a partnership between “The Law, Your Money and You” and the Rotary Club Charitable Foundation, Inc. There will be entertainment, activities for the kids and lots of chowder to sample. She spoke about the police-themed coloring book that is being distributed to the young children, to teach the children that police are our friends.

The Lions Club is having their “Walk for Sight” that same morning at the high school. They encouraged folks to participate in the walk and then go to the beach for chowder.

#### **Host Community Agreement & Eversource Switching Station Update**

Mr. Turkington noted that the MacIntosh Farms Community Association asked for a 90-day extension; the Siting Board granted a two-week extension. Eversource responded to a set of interrogatories from several intervenors. Mr. Turkington showed the Board the most recent renderings provided by an architect working on behalf of Eversource. He met with Eversource officials and representatives from MacIntosh Farms

Community Association last week regarding the screening of the switching station. While generally receptive to the proposed solid wall on two sides of the 110' rectangular equipment area, the MacIntosh Farms Community Association pressed for consideration of a false building front and sloped roof façade. Company officials agreed to return within two weeks to present their findings as to whether the concept was workable and if so, provide sketches of the plan.

### **Net Solar Metering Credit Agreement**

Chairman Heitin noted that we have been working with several groups over the years to help reduce the town's energy costs. He asked Mr. Turkington to explain the terms of the agreement.

The agreement reached with Syncarpha Energy Trust will bring some substantial cost savings to the town on its electric bills for the municipal and school buildings. The facility to be constructed in Freetown is expected to generate more than 6M kwh, of which the Town of Sharon will purchase 2M kwh. Based on current electricity generation and distribution cost models, the 25% credit will save the Town between \$65,000 and \$85,000 per year. Chairman Heitin thanked David Fixler, an energy attorney, to help the town negotiate this agreement. Mr. Turkington said that there have been opportunities in the past to enter into a similar agreement, but they never came to fruition.

**MOTION:** To approve the contract  
(McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

### **Water Management Advisory Committee Interview – Mark Altabet**

Mark Altabet appeared before the Board. Chairman Heitin asked Mr. Altabet to tell the Board a little about himself and why he wants to serve on the Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC). Mr. Altabet explained that is a longtime resident and was encouraged to consider serving on the Committee. He is an oceanographer and a professor at UMass-Dartmouth. He is interested in water conservation resources and feels he could contribute to the Committee, but admits he has a lot to learn.

Selectman Roach asked if Mr. Altabet has been to any of their meetings. Mr. Altabet noted that he has not been, but he has an open mind and is at a point in his life when he can devote more time to serving the town.

Chairman Heitin asked if Mr. Altabet has any questions. Mr. Altabet asked about the frequency of meetings; the Board told him they meet once a month on a Thursday. He asked about current issues and Chairman Heitin said that the WMAC is reviewing and updating the water Master Plan. Another issue is establishing an emergency hookup with the MWRA should an issue occur with a well.

Chairman Heitin suggested he review the water Master Plan; and look at the connection between wetlands and water usage. Mr. Altabet pointed out that that connection is interesting. Mr. Turkington suggested he speak with Eric Hooper or David Crosby for more information.

The Board thanked Mr. Altabet for his time.

### **Consent Calendar**

- I. Vote to approve regular session minutes of April 5 and April 14, 2016
- II. Vote to approve out of state travel for EMS Coordinator Thomas Kenvin to attend the Fire Rescue Med Conference in Las Vegas from May 20-25, 2016
- III. Vote to approve the following banner requests:

- a. Memorial Day Banner – May 23-May 31, 2016 in first position
- b. Flag Day Banner – June 6-June 15, 2016 in first position
- IV. Vote to waive the beach fee for the Class of 2016 to hold their Community Service BBQ on Tuesday, May 31
- V. Vote to approve a one-day alcohol license for Congregation Adath of Sharon for their Art of Friendship event at the Community Center on May 15, 2016 from 12:00pm-2:30pm (malt & wine only)
- VI. Vote to re-implement the 2-hour, 2-day per week water restriction, to be effective May 1, 2016 through October 1, 2016 that outdoor water use be restricted for odd numbered homes to 6:00pm to 8:00pm Monday/Thursday and for even numbered homes to 6:00pm to 8:00pm Tuesday/Friday.
- VII. Vote to approve tuition assistance for Assistant to the Town Administrator for MMA/Suffolk University Certificate in Local Government Leadership and Management program
- VIII. Vote to approve the employment agreement for Lisa Clark as Treasurer/Collector

**MOTION:** To approve the April 26, 2016 consent calendar  
(McGrath - Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

### Sharon Gallery Update

Chairman Heitin noted this topic will take place on May 10.

### Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reported the following:

- He reminded interested parties that any presentations for Town Meeting must be provided to the Department of Public Works Superintendent by Friday at 10:00am.
- Town Meeting is Monday, May 2 at 7:00pm at the high school; he advised residents to arrive early so the meeting may begin on time. If it goes to a second night, the meeting will continue on Tuesday, May 3.
- Sharon received \$575K in Chapter 90 funds.
- The House Ways & Means Committee budget has recommended a net increase of \$62,799 in state aid compared to the amount proposed by the Governor. The Town budget assumes the Governor's proposal; if additional funds are ultimately approved by June 30, we will make a corresponding reduction in the tax rate in November to reflect higher state revenues.
- He convened a quarterly staff meeting last week; a number of staff transitions were discussed; Health Department is working with Norfolk County Mosquito Control.
- On May 11, the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a hearing for the request to add an additional 30 parking spaces at the train station.
- The Finance Committee will be promoting their VisGov website soon; Ira Miller may do a presentation at Town Meeting.
- The Town website is updated frequently, and will be undergoing a facelift soon. He also reminded residents of the town's Facebook page.

### Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting

Selectman McGrath read on the internet that Sharon is #6 on a list of safest community for kids to play outside.

Selectman Roach announced the Food Drive on Election Day, May 17. Voters are encouraged to bring non-perishable foods with them to help benefit the Ilse Marks Food Pantry. Donations may be dropped off from 7am – 8pm; just look for the tent.

## Adjournment

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 7:53pm  
(Roach - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**