

**MINUTES**  
**SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
*June 7, 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.

**Renaming SMS Football Field Discussion**

State Representative Lou Kafka led the discussion on the issue of renaming the football field at the Sharon Middle School after Jack Cosgrove. He stated that the Board knows who Jack Cosgrove is and is probably the most influential person in bringing football to the Town of Sharon. He and others are looking for the support of the Board as they move through the process, and the timing is right as the field is being renovated. Chairman Heitin explained the process: the Middle School Council and the School Committee must approve, then the Historical Commission must also approve, and then eventually this matter will go before the next Town Meeting.

Joel Peckham believes this is an easy choice as Mr. Cosgrove led the movement to bring football to Sharon. Jack is a significant person in the community and is an inspiration to many. Mr. Peckham has never met a man who could get so many young boys involved as Mr. Cosgrove; he is a mentor to Mr. Peckham and an inspiration to many. Glen Parsons spoke highly of Mr. Cosgrove, and hopes that the Board will support this proposal. A supporter noted that he had a positive impact on the girls here in Sharon as well. Another supporter believes that, aside from his parents, that Mr. Cosgrove was the most influential person in his life. He represents a time when commitment and focus was important. Another supporter added that Mr. Cosgrove taught him and his friends a good work ethic and good morals. Another supporter pointed out that he always put the kids of Sharon first. A letter from a supporter with cerebral palsy was read and spoke very highly of Mr. Cosgrove's impact on so many people, including him. A supporter pointed out that Mr. Cosgrove was already on a field, making sure the programs lived during difficult times.

Representative Kafka hopes the Board will see fit to support this proposal individually and as a Board.

Selectman McGrath commented on the support from a wide cross-section of people. Selectman Roach said that he knew Mr. Cosgrove when they had to move the cows from the field so the kids could play. He then saw Mr. Cosgrove's impact when he worked for the Recreation Department. He kept the kids busy, they stayed out of trouble. Chairman Heitin noted it is the will of the Board of support this proposal.

**MOTION:** To support the naming of the Sharon Middle School football field after Jack Cosgrove  
(Roach - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

**Water Management Advisory Committee Interview - Joshua Vogel**

Chairman Heitin asked Mr. Vogel to tell the Board a little about himself and why he wants to serve on the Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC). Mr. Vogel explained that he has lived in Sharon for a little over two years and would like to serve his community. He works with data in his day job, and believes his experience will be helpful to the Committee.

Selectman Roach asked if he has attended any of the WMAC meetings and Mr. Vogel replied that he had not. Chairman Heitin asked if he has any thoughts on our current water conservation issues. Mr. Vogel noted that he appreciates the current conservation measures.

Chairman Heitin noted that the WMAC is in the process of updating their Water Master Plan and they are working toward establishing an emergency connection with the MWRA. He advised Mr. Vogel to speak with the WMAC chair.

Chairman Heitin explained that it is the Board's policy to not vote on candidates the night of the interview. The Board will be in touch soon and thanked Mr. Vogel for his time.

#### **Commission on Disabilities Interview – Susan Friedman**

Chairman Heitin asked Ms. Friedman to tell the Board a little about herself and why she wants to serve on the Commission on Disabilities. Ms. Friedman explained that she has twenty-five years' experience working with college students with disabilities and spoke about some of her accomplishments in higher education. She moved to Sharon two years ago and is presently working mother's hours at Quincy College and wants to serve the community.

In response to a question from Selectman McGrath, she noted that she has spoken with Commission on Disabilities Paul Remy, read some of their minutes and has been invited to attend the next meeting.

Chairman Heitin explained that it is the Board's policy to not vote on candidates the night of the interview. The Board will be in touch soon and thanked Ms. Friedman for her time.

#### **Housing Partnership Interview – Kathleen Kelly**

This item will be held until a future meeting.

#### **Board of Registrars Interview – Colleen Tuck**

Chairman Heitin asked Ms. Tuck why she would like to serve on the Board of Registrars. Ms. Tuck explained that she has been active in the community and has served the Town in several capacities. She cares deeply about the town and has been actively politically. The Board is broadly responsible for the integrity of the elections here in Sharon. She believes her experience in the town will help her in this role.

Chairman Heitin explained that it is the Board's policy to not vote on candidates the night of the interview. The Board will be in touch soon and thanked Ms. Tuck for her time.

#### **Spectra Gas Pipeline Project Update**

Chairman Heitin explained that the Board recently hosted a meeting with our neighboring communities, looking for additional support, but with not much success. He also pointed out that the Conservation Commission members are also looking for support. He said it is important to put together a cohesive plan and bring together our neighboring communities. He noted that the two speakers from the recent meeting noted there is time, and he also added that FERC determines if this project will move forward.

Mr. Turkington stated that he sent a letter to FERC, asking for additional scoping meetings after Spectra has provided all required reports and impact statements. He added that if special counsel is warranted, a coalition would need to help financially.

Selectman McGrath wonders if hiring special counsel is a good idea and hopes Ms. McAlevey will talk a little more about that. Chairman Heitin noted that he expected Ms. McAlevey would communicate the Board's request for a scope of services and the estimated legal costs to be provided to the Board to the attorney she would like the Board to engage with. Mr. Turkington said that the estimated cost is \$50,000-\$75,000, based on the information he was given. He added the recommended attorney may have a conflict because one of the Stoughton selectmen works for the firm that the recommended attorney works for.

Ms. McAlevey commented that intervening with DPU is different than FERC. She said that killing the tax is widely believed to be a way to permanently stop the project, and that hiring special counsel will get the town's "foot in the door". Chairman Heitin said that the Town Administrator will contact special counsel, but pointed out that we need a more structured plan with other communities. Mr. Turkington questioned about the sense of urgency that Bri is stating. Ms. McAlevey added that there is a march along the Q1 loop in July, and will be bedding down in Sharon.

Selectman Roach noted that Sharon has not heard from many other affected communities, and there doesn't seem to be a sense of urgency from these other communities to help financially. Ms. McAlevey believes that other communities have not been as involved because they aren't as well informed as Sharon. She suggested going beyond the Q1 loop for the DPU hearing. Chairman Heitin said that it is difficult to even generate a conversation with other communities, much less than want to help financially.

#### **Eversource Switching Station Host Community Agreement Discussion**

Chairman Heitin said that the Board is not going to take a final position on this, as discussions are not complete. He noted that there was a meeting today to talk about the switching station mitigation measures. Mr. Turkington said that the Board was provided a draft and noted some of its provisions. We are in the process of identifying additional mitigation measures and hope to have a final document shortly.

#### **Consent Calendar**

- I. Vote to approve regular session minutes of May 24, 2016
- II. Vote to approve out of state travel for firefighters Jeff Ricker, Andrew Solden, Billy Morrissey and Tom Kenvin to travel to the Fire Department Training Network's Live-Fire Training Camp in Indianapolis, IN for training on October 17-19, 2016
- III. Vote to appoint election workers for the period beginning September 1, 2016 at the request of Marlene B. Chused, Town Clerk
- IV. Vote to approve the one-day alcohol license for John E. Ford for a wedding reception at the Community Center on July 23, 2016 from 5:00pm - 11:30pm
- V. Vote to approve the Reserve Fund transfer request from Eric R. Hooper, Superintendent of Public Works, in the amount of \$313,555
- VI. Vote to approve the Reserve Fund transfer request from Paul Bergeron, Veterans Agent, in the amount of \$2,000 (added after the agenda was posted in a supplemental agenda)

**MOTION:** To approve the June 7, 2016 consent calendar  
(McGrath - Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

## **Town Administrator's Report**

The Town Administrator reported the following:

Frances Berry has been hired as the new Financial Assistant in the Treasurer/Collector's Office  
FinCom to approve reserve fund transfers at their 6/13 meeting, which will precede the three-board meeting at 7:30pm  
Representatives from Le Petite Prince delivered a check for the three outstanding months, and the check for the June rent should be delivered tomorrow  
David Crosby wrote a letter to the Secretary of State  
David Fixler offered some FAQ about the net metering agreement  
June 21 meeting: trash/recycling discussion, library building process update, two interviews for Conservation Commission, and the renaming of the flume house discussion

## **Board Reorganization**

**MOTION:** To appoint Selectman Joe Roach to be the Chairman for 2016-2017  
(Heitin - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

**MOTION:** To appoint J.J. McGrath as Clerk for the 2016-2017 session  
(Heitin - Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

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

Chairman Heitin offered the following public service announcements:

- On Saturday, June 11 at 11:00am, there will be a veteran's monument dedication at Memorial Park Beach.
- On Tuesday, June 21 at 8:00am, there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the Salmon Health and Retirement Assisted Living facility at 675 South Main Street.

## **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 8:03pm  
(Heitin - Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**