

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
September 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 Walter B. Roach, Clerk John J. McGrath, Selectman William A. Heitin and Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr.

Board of Registrars Interview - Linda Kaufman

Chairman Roach asked Ms. Kaufman to tell the Board a little about herself and why she would like to serve as a Registrar.

Ms. Kaufman has lived in Sharon for over twenty-five years and would like to stay involved in the community. She presently serves on the Republican Town Committee. Selectman Heitin asked Ms. Kaufman what she likes to do for fun. She replied that she likes to go to the beach, travel and visit her children.

Chairman Roach explained that while the Board does not normally make appointments the night of the interview, in this case, with the upcoming election, it would be wise to appoint Ms. Kaufman this evening.

MOTION: To appoint Linda Kaufman to the Board of Registrars
(Heitin - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Zoning Board of Appeals Interview - Steven Cohen

Chairman Roach asked Mr. Cohen to tell the Board a little about himself and why he would like to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Cohen has lived in Sharon since 2000, is an attorney in the field of intellectual property. Chairman Roach asked if he has attended any of their meetings and Mr. Cohen explained that he has been to one or two meetings in the past. Selectman Heitin asked how he found out about the vacancy. Mr. Cohen replied that he saw the advertisement on the website.

Chairman Roach thanked Mr. Cohen for his time and explained that the Board does not typically appoint people the night of their interview.

One-Day Alcohol License - Charity Tasting Event - Jason Lee

Jason Lee of VINOvations appeared before the Board.

Chairman Roach asked Mr. Lee to explain the event. Mr. Lee explained that they are partnering with a non-profit called A Case for Good. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 29 during daytime hours at VINOvations on Route 1 in Sharon. The ID check will be on the right side of the building, so they can control the flow of people. It is open to the 21+ public and all of the servers and distributors are TIPS certified. They have already contacted the Sharon Police Department to arrange for the necessary details. Mr. Turkington noted that the Police Department want two detail officers present.

MOTION: To grant the one-day alcohol license from 12pm - 6pm on October 29, 2016 with two police details
(McGrath - Heitin) 3-0 **PASSES**

Discussion Concerning Proposed Development and Zoning Change at Spring Valley Country Club

Attorney Bob Shelmerdine & Steve Robinson from Spring Valley were present.

Mr. Shelmerdine explained that he has been busy working on the zoning amendment language. He has spent time drafting a by-law and a warrant article and has spoken several times with Tom Houston, the consultant for the town. He is drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and has sent it to Tom Houston, Dick Gelerman and Lisa Whelan for their review and comment.

Mr. Shelmerdine noted that the desire of the applicant is to sewer the project to Norwood. One option is to create its own sewer treatment plant and the other option is similar to what Sharon Woods does, and connect to Norwood's sewer. If that is not an option, they would create their own processing plant. Town officials from Norwood and Sharon, along with Mr. Shelmerdine, met on Friday to discuss this matter, and noted that Norwood is willing to consider the option. They are still trying to garner the Board's support for the warrant article and to call a Special Town Meeting in November.

Selectman Heitin noted that while some headway has been made, there is still a lot to do. The MOU needs to be hashed out, and the warrant article is still in draft form. Mr. Shelmerdine pointed out that he met preliminarily with the Planning Board a couple of weeks ago and is hoping to go back to their next meeting. He is also meeting with the Conservation Commission this week and will also schedule time on the Finance Committee's next agenda.

Selectman Heitin pointed out that Norwood can't do anything about this until the spring at the earliest. He is supportive of the project concept, but his concerns are about timing and what still needs to be done. Another two weeks will give the local boards an opportunity to hear more about the project. This would be the only actionable item on a potential STM warrant.

Selectman McGrath asked how much more will be accomplished in order to still pull this STM together. Mr. Turkington said that if the Board were to decide at its next meeting, it would condense the time frame, but it is possible. Another option would be to hold a STM in early December or conceivably in January or February. Mr. Turkington said that the sewer options need to be vetting in more detail.

Mr. Shelmerdine noted that the timeline is of concern to his client, and will do what they can to work within the time constraints. He agrees with Town Counsel that the MOU can be finalized in two weeks. There is nothing that gives him pause, in his conversations with the Board of Selectmen, Tom Houston and Town Counsel.

Ben Pinkowitz, Chairman of the Planning Board, was in the audience, and is happy to have Mr. Shelmerdine attend their next meeting to hear more details about their proposal.

Chairman Roach expressed concern about the timeline. He wants to see test borings performed. He pointed out that Norwood can't act on anything until their Annual Town Meeting in the spring, and Norwood also has to obtain the approval of the MWRA. He pointed out that the potential restaurant in the plan affects the sewer flow. He believes there is too much up in the air for this to be rushed.

Mr. Shelmerdine said that this is a long process and we are at the beginning of the process. He believes that the Board calling a Special Town Meeting is just one step, and will need the support of the relevant town boards/committees, and has two months to do it. There will be more detail flushed out so that the by-law may undergo several changes until the warrant goes to the printer. This MOU will have conditions in it. Chairman Roach noted that he likes the development, but the devil is in the details.

Selectman Heitin summarized that the Board will hold this matter until its next meeting.

Mr. Shelmerdine noted that an idea from a golf company would to be convert two of the units near the clubhouse into lodging for those that wish to come to Spring Valley to golf.

Mr. Shelmerdine added that he is looking to expand the business uses for Sharon Gallery.

Town Administrator Performance Evaluation Format & Review of Goals & Objectives

Mr. Turkington explained that he and the Board need to agree on the format and process for his annual performance review. The Personnel Board will be discussing and approving the format at their meeting on Thursday.

The process we used last year worked quite well and he believes the same process can be used again this year. He provided the Board a summary of the policy objectives and priorities he and the Board established in October 2015.

The suggested timetable is as follows: each selectman complete an evaluation form and submit to the chair by September 19, and the chair will draft a consensus written evaluation. The draft will be compiled and circulated to the Board and the Town Administrator by September 30, in order to prepare for discussion on October 6. At that meeting, the Board can discuss terms for a success employment agreement, with the goal of approving the new agreement on October 18.

Chairman Roach felt the process last year was great, and the other Board members agreed.

Consent Calendar

- I. Vote to approve regular & executive session minutes of August 23, 2016
- II. Vote to appoint Lou Modestino to the Sharon Cultural Council for a term through June 30, 2019
- III. Approve amendment to billboard mitigation agreement with Carroll Advertising dated September 7, 2016
- IV. Vote to approve the banner request from the Sharon Youth Lacrosse for October 17-24, 2016, 1st position & November 21-28, 2016, 2nd position
- V. Vote to approve the banner request from Sharon Travel Basketball Association for September 12-19, 2016, 2nd position
- VI. Vote to approve the banner request from the Health Department for their flu clinic for September 19-26 in 2nd position and October 17-24 in 2nd position, and October 24-31 in 2nd position if space allows
- VII. Vote to release executive session minutes per listed meeting dates
- VIII. Vote to approve the Common Victualler's License for I Grant Restaurant Group, Inc. d/b/a Travellis Pizzeria at the Carriage

MOTION: To approve the September 7, 2016 consent calendar, holding item VIII
(McGrath - Heitin) 3-0 **PASSES**

Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reported the following:

- Completed negotiations with the dispatchers and the Board recently signed a successor collective bargaining agreement.

- At the meeting last Friday in Norwood, Sharon town officials brought up the emergency water connection. With respect to the Spring Valley matter, a special act of the Legislature would also be required and that an agreement like the one between the Town of Norwood and Avalon Bay would also be required.
- Met with the Recreation Director and the playground consultant to develop a quality playground at Ames Street, with the goal of holding public meetings with stakeholders to get their feedback on various options before any final decisions were made.
- The final state aid figures reflect an increase of \$14,000 above the number we brought to Town Meeting.
- The Planning Board is scheduled to interview the eight candidates for the at-large seats on the Master Plan Steering Committee at their September 15 & 29 meetings.
- Topics for the September 20 meeting include an update from David Clifton on the Sharon Celebrates Diversity project between the Rotary and Lions clubs; approve 2017 BOS meeting schedule; finalize license with One School Street; and a STM discussion.

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

Selectman Heitin read the notice from the Fire Chief about the Town of Sharon's 9/11 Program:

The Town of Sharon September 11th "Remember to Remember" program will begin on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 8:45 a.m. with a reading of the names of the victims of 9/11 on the Sharon AM 1630 Radio Station. A listening station will be setup at the Michael C. Rothberg Memorial Clock outside the Town Hall for those who wish to gather for a period of reflection and remembrance.

Following the reading of the names at approximately 11:35 am, a short ceremony will be held outside the fire station.

All members of the public are invited to participate.

Selectman McGrath thanked the Sharon Police Department for their work in catching a house break-in suspect as well as a safe start to the school year.

Executive Session – 7:50pm

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and at the end, to adjourn of the evening. Discussion of this item in open session would be detrimental to the Town.
(McGrath - Heitin) 3-0 **PASSES**

Roach: Aye
McGrath: Aye
Heitin: Aye

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:05pm
(Heitin – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Roach: Aye
McGrath: Aye
Heitin: Aye