

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
December 20, 2016

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

Sharon Friends of the Council on Aging Raffle

Gordon Gladstone, Treasurer of the Friends of the Council on Aging, explained the purpose of the Friends of the Sharon Council on Aging and activities the Friends are involved with. The raffle is one of two fundraisers they hold each year. The Board selected the twenty-eight winners of the raffle. Mr. Gladstone thanked those who contributed by buying raffle tickets and providing the prizes.

Proposed New Library Parking Designation Discussion

Library Director Lee Ann Amend was present for the discussion.

Ms. Amend noted that the plan calls for 31 parking spaces, including two handicapped spaces. They need a total of 67 spaces for purposes of the grant, and have identified additional spaces: 6 along North Main Street, 10 along Highland Street, and 36 in the town-owned lot on High Street, all to be designated for library use during library hours only. She is seeking the Board's support of the designated library parking spaces as shown on the map she provided to the Board. Ms. Amend also provided the Board with a copy of the 2016-2017 construction grant application round calendar. She estimates that the construction of a new library would cost \$15-16 million, with partial reimbursement from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), so approximately \$8 million in local funding would be needed. There will be a warrant article for approval of the schematic design at the new One School Street site; there will not be a money article.

Selectman McGrath expressed concern that the parking spaces along Highland Street designated as library spaces are taking away from the residents. Ms. Amend said that the municipal lot could accommodate the required number of spaces, so the designated parking along Highland Street could be eliminated. Selectman McGrath suggests involving the neighbors early on in the process.

MOTION: To approve the parking plan with an amendment: leave out Highland Street location and utilize the parking spaces at the municipal lot
(McGrath – Heitin) 3-0 **PASSES**

Bob Atwood, a member of the Library Building Committee, noted that the municipal lot is further away from the proposed library than the Highland Street lots, and has concerns that the application with the MBLC won't be looked at less favorably because of the distance. Chairman Roach feels more comfortable talking to the neighbors first before approving parking spaces. The Board offered a clarifying motion.

MOTION: To designate, for the grant's purpose, 73 parking spaces as discussed, including the spaces at One School Street, along North Main Street and in the High Street municipal lot
(Heitin – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Consent Calendar

- I. Vote to approve regular & executive session minutes of December 6, 2016
- II. Vote to approve regular minutes of December 12, 2016
- III. Vote to approve and sign the 2017 Common Victualler's license for:
 - a. Best Western Plus The Inn at Sharon
 - b. Carriage House at Sharon
 - c. 7-Eleven
- IV. Vote to approve and sign the 2017 Taxi license for The Right Ride
- V. Vote to approve and sign the 2017 Hackney license for Barbar Saade of The Right Ride
- VI. Vote to approve and sign the Southeastern Regional Services Group Contract Award for DPW Services with an estimated value of \$1,052,395.90
- VII. Vote to approve permission to display a menorah in the center of Town during Chanukah festival, from December 24, 2016 to Sunday January 1, 2017
- VIII. Vote to approve permission for four Fire Department staff to travel out of state

MOTION: To approve the December 20, 2016 consent calendar, as presented
(McGrath – Heitin) 3-0 **PASSES**

Town Administrator's Report

The Town received one response to the RFP for a third mobile telecommunications site on the Massapoag Avenue water tank. Verizon Wireless submitted a proposal to extend their current lease, scheduled to expire on January 31, 2018, at \$54,000 per year with a two percent annual increase. He is seeking the Board's support of the lease and allow him to sign relevant documents on behalf the Board.

MOTION: To approve the lease with Verizon Wireless for the Masspoag Water Tank
(Heitin – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

- The FY18 budget departmental review begins on January 3 with DPW, followed by Police and Fire on January 17, and Library and Recreation on January 31.
- The Priorities Committee will be meeting on January 5; Mr. Turkington circulated worksheets to all members today.
- Mr. Turkington anticipates an FY18 budget increase of 2.79%, which will stay within the levy with no overrides.
- Mr. Turkington noted that the Fire Department is requesting a Lieutenant on each of the shifts, the Fields Committee supports \$80,000 for field maintenance, and the rest of the budget is status quo in terms of staffing. He pointed out that the insurance line item is seeing a \$600,000 increase.
- At the Board's January 3 meeting, the Board will set a date for the Special Town Meeting in the fall, begin budget reviews and learn the results of the COA Needs Assessment.
- The \$50,000 earmark for a study of train station parking/traffic was cut by the Governor as part of his mid-year 9C budget cuts.

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

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Roach wishes everyone a happy Hanukah and merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year.

Executive Session – 7:41pm

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, and at the end, to adjourn of the evening. Discussion of this item in open session would be detrimental to the Town.

(Roach - Heitin) 3-0 **PASSES**

Roach: Aye

McGrath: Aye

Heitin: Aye

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:24pm

(Heitin – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

McGrath: Aye

Roach: Aye

Heitin: Aye

List of Documents

Sharon Public Library, 1 School Street

- DPW GIS Map 12/6/16 Architectural renderings (7)_ 16-1129 SPL Presentation Boards by Lerner Ladd Bartels Architects 12/15/16
- Historic photo of Centre School Erected in 1892_ "Centre School.png"
- 2016-2017 Construction Grant Application Round Calendar-_Mass.gov/libraries

Consent Calendar

- Minutes of December 6, 2016
- Minutes of December 12, 2016
- Southeastern Regional Services Group Contract Award
- Letter from Rabbi Chaim Wolosow, Chabad of Sharon

Report of the Town Administrator

- Bi-weekly report 12/15/16
- Overview of proposed FY18 operating budget
- 11/10/16 Verizon Wireless lease proposal (for Massapoag Water Tank) from Sheila R. Becker at Minasian Becker LLC, including site plan "Sharon_2_MA" by Turning Mill Consultants, Inc.