

**MINUTES**  
**SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
*March 5, 2019*

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Town Hearing Room at the Sharon Community Center with Chairman William A. Heitin; Selectwoman Emily E. Smith-Lee; Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr.; and Assistant to the Town Administrator Lauren Barnes in attendance.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION:** To enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Police Officers and Dispatchers, and reconvene in open session at the conclusion of Executive Session at 6:30 pm. Discussion of these items in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town.

(Smith-Lee-Heitin)                      2-0      **PASSES**

Smith-Lee      Aye  
Heitin              Aye

**MOTION:** To conclude Executive Session and return to open session at 6:50 pm.

(Smith-Lee-Heitin)                      2-0      **PASSES**

Smith-Lee      Aye  
Heitin              Aye

**MOTION:** To approve the contract with the Police Officers for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

(Smith-Lee-Heitin)                      2-0      **PASSES**

Smith-Lee      Aye  
Heitin              Aye

**Public Hearing - Eagle Square Hospitality d/b/a The Square Kitchen and Bar - Change of LLC Organization**

**MOTION:** To open the public hearing at 7:00pm.

(Heitin-Smith-Lee)                      2-0      **PASSES**

Michael Kramer and Kevin Brown of Eagle Square Hospitality, LLC advised that there has been a change in the LLC organization. This public hearing is to ensure that investor shares are adequately reported.

Ms. Smith-Lee inquired about one of the principals being listed as Eagle Square Hospitality LLC. Mr. Kramer explained that the amount listed is being retained by the LLC and those shares will be held for another round of financing. If, and when, those shares are distributed, it is believed that another hearing would be required.

Mr. David Phares of the First Baptist Church inquired about the status of a flood light which was to be installed on the side of the Square Kitchen building to cover the parking lot in the back of the church. Mr. Kramer advised that Ms. Klein has been in touch with him about Mr. Phares' concerns. This work is presently being scheduled with an electrician.

**MOTION:** To close the public hearing at 7:05pm.  
(Smith-Lee-Heitin) 2-0 **PASSES**

**MOTION:** To approve the application for Change of LLC Organization for Eagle Square Hospitality, LLC dba The Square Kitchen and Bar.  
(Smith-Lee-Heitin) 2-0 **PASSES**

#### **Sharon Historical Commission 2018 Preservation Award Presentation**

Mr. Grasfield, Chairman of the Historical Commission along with Dave Martin, Shirley Schofield and Janelle Dominique presented the Sharon Historical Commission 2018 Preservation Award to recipients Dan and Peg Arguimbau for their outstanding example of preservation of the Deborah Sampson Gannett house and grounds at 300 East Street, which was built in 1813.

#### **Sharon Fire Department SAFER Grant and Fire Mutual Aid Law**

Fire Chief James Wright explained about the Safer Grant, a Federal Assistance program that can help community Fire Departments' to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association. At this time, Sharon does not meet NFPA standards. The Safer Grant would provide funding to offset 75% of the first two years of entry-level salaries and health insurance as well as 35% offset in year three. The Department would need Board support to begin the application process however, that support does not obligate the Town to accept should the grant be awarded.

**MOTION:** To approve and authorize the Fire Department to move forward with the SAFER Grant application.  
(Heitin-Smith-Lee) 2-0 **PASSES**

Chief Wright explained that the agenda item regarding the Fire Mutual Aid law is a housekeeping item. The Department has complied with the law, M.G.L. c48, §59A, for years but having formal acceptance does allow for a more rapid reimbursement process. For instance, the Town sent a crew to the North Shore for the Columbia Gas emergency and has yet to receive reimbursement.

**MOTION:** To accept the fire mutual aid law as discussed.  
(Heitin-Smith-Lee) 2-0 **PASSES**

#### **Board/Committee Candidate Interviews**

Ms. Asma Abdullah, candidate for the Commission on Disabilities, introduced herself to the Board. She has been a Sharon resident since 2007. She explained that her mother is a quadriplegic and she has two special needs children. Therefore, this Commission is of interest. She has attended one meeting and looks forward to the opportunity to serve the Town in this role.

Mr. David Brookfield, candidate for the Water Management Advisory Committee, introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Brookfield explained that he has worked on groundwater issues as CEO of Brookfield Engineering Laboratories doing reclamation work on our company property in Stoughton, and more recently as a board member of the Neponset River Watershed Association on design improvements for Willett Pond in Westwood. He has had a long-standing interest in the challenges required to preserve Sharon's watershed and the investment decisions necessitated toward that end.

The Board thanked both candidates for their time this evening. Mr. Heitin explained that it has been the Board's policy not to make appointments on the evening that interviews are conducted, rather they will do so at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen, which is scheduled for March 26, 2019.

#### **Cable and Telecommunications Advisory Committee - Revised Charter**

Mr. Heitin explained that after the last meeting of the Board of Selectmen, a proposal was received to recast the cable oversight committee into a working cable, telecommunications and technology committee. Mr. Heitin believes this is a creative way to serve the town's needs.

Mr. Turkington explained that came about from a request by the Sharon Standing Building Committee to help alleviate incompatible technological platforms at different locations as new buildings are being constructed. Mr. Levine added that as technology is evolving, so too should the charter. He explained that the goal of this expanded committee is to facilitate, not regulate.

While on the topic, it was pointed out that the Town of Sharon has not rejected Verizon FIOS services. Verizon has made the decision not to extend that service into Sharon. Verizon is contacted regularly to encourage them to bring FIOS service to the community for an alternative for television and internet service.

**MOTION:** To approve the amended charge and renaming of the Cable and Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

(Smith-Lee-Heitin) 2-0 **PASSES**

#### **2019 Annual Town Meeting - Order of Warrant Articles**

It is felt that two articles have the potential for heavy debate, the library as well as the addition of package store liquor licenses, and should be considered earlier on in the meeting. It was agreed that the articles for the library and the liquor stores would be changed from 19 and 20 to 17 and 18, respectively. All other articles will follow sequentially.

**MOTION:** To approve the revised order of Warrant Articles as discussed.

(Heitin-Smith-Lee) 2-0 **PASSES**

#### **Consent Calendar**

- I. Vote to approve regular session minutes of January 31 and February 14, 2019
- II. Vote to approve One Day Liquor License for Brooke Markt and Taylor Patch wedding on June 29, 2019
- III. Vote to approve conservation restrictions for Lot 4 (46 Juniper Road) and Lot 5 (50 Juniper Road) - Diamond Residences, LLC
- IV. Vote to instruct the Town Clerk to place the vacancy on the Public Library Board of Trustees on the May 21, 2019 Annual Town Election ballot
- V. Vote to accept the resignation of Charlotte R. Dana from the Sharon Housing Authority and instruct the Town Clerk to place this vacancy on the May 21, 2019 Annual Town Election ballot
- VI. Vote to approve the request of the Recreation Advisory Committee for the purchase and installation of a memorial bench at Veteran's Memorial Park Beach at the request of resident Marc Bluestein, with the following engraved, Enjoy the Breeze, donated by Micki and Nate Bluestein
- VII. Vote to allow Norfolk County Mosquito Control access to the Gavin's Pond soccer field area for landing a helicopter in support of the District's spring aerial larvicide application in mid-April (April 16-19, weather permitting)

- VIII. Vote to approve the following banner request: Adult Center Lakeside Gallery Exhibit – March 18-25, 2019 in the first position and waive fee
- IX. Vote to sign the first amendment to the Wireless Communications Facility Lease Agreement between the Town of Sharon and T-Mobile for 438 Massapoag Avenue
- X. Vote to approve the request by the Massachusetts Audubon Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary to close Moose Hill Street from Moose Hill Parkway to Route 27, with the coordination of Police and DPW, up to 3 times in late March to early April, for salamander migration

Mr. Turkington explained that lease agreement is for wireless equipment located on Sharon's water tank on Massapoag Avenue. The Town had entered into a lease agreement then consolidated all cell tower agreements and sold them to a third party. This particular lease is up for the first renewal after five years. The Town of Sharon is a party to the lease as it is the property owner but the lease payments are remit to Tower Co. who holds the revenue stream.

**MOTION:** To approve the consent calendar as discussed.  
(Heitin-Smith-Lee) 2-0 **PASSES**

### **Town Hall Update**

Ms. Barnes explained that installation of windows will be completed within the next few weeks. Installation of rough plumbing, electrical, HVAC and sprinkler system is ongoing as is installation of spray foam insulation. The project is moving along quite well. The target move-in period is expected to be the third week of August. The date of substantial completion will be roughly August 3, 2019. Board permission will be sought to close Town Hall on either side of the Labor Day weekend to facilitate office set up when the project draws nearer to completion.

Ms. Smith-Lee wished to acknowledge the correspondence being received regarding the High School construction project and stated that the Board is following along. She encouraged those whom have concerns to attend the upcoming School Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 6.

Mr. Heitin offered his thanks to DPW on behalf of the Board in clearing snow. He acknowledged that DPW experienced some equipment failures that did affect some sidewalks being cleared, but DPW is working hard to continue clearing snow.

### **Joint Meeting with Priorities Committee**

The Board had a brief recess to enter a joint meeting with the Priorities Committee at 7:45 pm and reconvened at 8:05 pm.

### **Report of the Town Administrator - FY202 Budget Amendments**

Mr. Turkington reviewed his proposed adjustments to the Selectmen sector budget. Adjustments included adding funds for the SAFER grant match and an increase in the uniform allowance for the Police Department, and reducing salaries in two departments due to calculation errors. As was discussed at the Priorities Committee meeting, the Selectmen sector budget for FY2020 is \$14,072,944.

**MOTION:** To accept the revised budget.  
(Smith-Lee – Heitin) 2-0 **PASSES**

## Adjournment

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 8:12pm.  
(Smith-Lee – Heitin) 2-0 **PASSES**

### List of Documents

- Change of LLC Organization Application Materials
- Sharon Historical Commission 2019 Preservation Award Recipient Information
- FY2020 Fire Department Budget Information
- Memorandum
- Board and Committee Candidate Applications (3)
- Draft Revised Charter
- Article List and Draft Warrant
- Minutes
- One Day Liquor License Application
- Conservation Restrictions
- Memoranda (4)
- Banner Request Form
- Wireless Communications Facility Lease Agreements
  - 438 Massapoag Avenue
  - 135R Upland Road
- Request Letter
- Weekly Town Hall Activity Reports (2)
- FY2020 Selectmen Sector Budget Materials