

**MINUTES**  
**SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
*June 20, 2019*

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Town Hearing Room at the Sharon Community Center with Chairman William A. Heitin, Selectman Emily E. Smith-Lee, and Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr., and Assistant to the Town Administrator Lauren Barnes. The meeting commenced with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Special Police Officer Appointments – Sharon Police Chief John Ford**

Chief Ford introduced Mr. John Avelar and Mr. Adrian Lingo as recommended Special Police Officer candidates.

Mr. Avelar was just approved by the Board to attend full-time police academy in the fall. Mr. Avelar scored very well on the entrance exam. John is a hard-working and mature individual. He has recently graduated from the MPTC Reserve Police Academy and now qualified to become a Special Police Officer. Mr. Avelar is involved in the community as a Boy Scout leader, youth hockey coach, and community volunteer. He has 20 years of experience in industrial engineering and is a proven team leader.

Mr. Lingo also scored very well on the entrance exam and was ranked very high during the interview process. Adrian is a very hard working and intelligent individual. Adrian was born in Poland and moved to the United States when he was young. He attended Sharon schools and learned to speak English after he moved here. Mr. Lingo speaks fluent Polish, Russian, and English. He played football at Sharon High School and returned to coach after graduation. Adrian has graduated from the MPTC Academy.

**MOTION:** To appoint John Avelar and Adrian Lingo as Special Police Officers.  
(Smith-Lee - Heitin ) 2-0 **PASSES**

**Solar Proposal by Solect – Energy Advisory Committee**

George Aronson of the Energy Advisory Committee introduced Matt Shortsleeve of Solect Energy. Solect Energy is a solar development, installation, financing and services company based in Hopkinton. Solect has been working with the Energy Advisory Committee and recently spoke with Mr. Turkington about installation of a solar electric system at the Public Safety building as well as at East Elementary School.

Solect has a unique program that allows them to provide solar systems up to 300 kilowatts through an energy purchasing consortium, Power Options. Power Options is a membership consortium made up of public entities and non-profit organizations for providing electricity, natural gas, or solar systems.

Solect would pay for design, installation, maintenance, and operation of a solar system and the Town would be required to purchase power from Solect at a fixed, flat rate for the term. Solect would also be responsible for removal of the equipment at the end of the agreement period. Cost savings at the Public Safety building are estimated at \$10,000 per year and roughly \$25,000 at the East Elementary School. These numbers are early estimates as not much is known about final details and incentives haven't been awarded yet.

Mr. Aronson explained that this is a good time to look at a solar installation because there are incentives available in this area, whereas the incentives are decreasing in other areas as more and more communities take advantage of solar programs.

Mr. Shortsleeve explained that, if the Board agrees to authorize negotiations, Solect will invest in electrical engineering and apply for electricity interconnection. That process may take 60-90 days. The agreement process would then proceed, contingent upon an agreed PILOT, so that the incentives could be obtained.

The Board explained that the School Committee must be consulted. Mr. Aronson and Mr. Fyler advised that this has been discussed with them and are expecting a presentation. Mr. Fyler explained that the school committee was consulted about a month ago.

**MOTION:** To authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate a power purchase agreement with Solect Energy.

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

#### **Consider Candidate Appointment for Alternate Member of Sharon Council on Aging**

The Board met with both candidates for the single alternate seat on the Sharon Council on Aging at their meeting on June 4. They were impressed with both candidates and as a result, found it hard to choose between them. That being said, Ms. Smith-Lee stated she felt that Ms. Gladstone had slightly more relevant experience in the community and with the Council on Aging. She further stated that she hopes that whomever is not selected to fill the vacancy would consider availability should another vacancy arise. Both candidates had a lot to offer. Mr. Heitin concurred.

**MOTION:** To appoint Bette Gladstone as Alternate Member of Sharon Council on Aging for a term expiring June 30, 2022.

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

**MOTION:** To amend the appointment term for Bette Gladstone as Alternate Member of Sharon Council on Aging expiring December 31, 2022.

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

#### **Report of the Town Administrator**

Mr. Turkington mentioned that most of his update would be presented in Executive Session but wished to remind the public that there will be a Public Hearing sponsored by MA DOT held at the Public Safety Building on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm regarding the twenty five percent design of the Maskwonicut Street Bridge project. Construction is expected to begin in 2021.

Twelve vendors attended the pre-bid meeting regarding the RFP for Lease of Space for Solar. Mr. Turkington had a brief discussion with Mr. Levine of the Board of Health regarding the updated tobacco regulations. The Board of Health is trying to restrict, to the extent that they are able, the sale of flavored tobacco and tobacco related products to adults over the age of 21. They also wish to prohibit the sale of tobacco products by any new businesses. Mr. Turkington raised a concern that this may create complications with businesses that are interested in space at the Sharon Gallery, such as beer and wine establishments, that may rely on a small portion of their business being tobacco sales. Mr. Heitin asked whether it would be prudent to have a discussion with the Board of Health. Mr. Turkington that a discussion would be a good idea to understand why they wish to model the regulations in this way and will discuss their availability. Ms. Smith-Lee explained that it should be understood that it is not the position to make tobacco products *more* available or against limiting tobacco products, but rather that a level of flexibility be maintained so as not to further delay attracting new business to the community.

The Transportation Advisory Board will be attending the next meeting in July to provide an update. Ms. Barnes explained that there was a tour of the new building with Town Hall staff and the comments were overwhelmingly positive. Ms. Barnes has worked very hard with the insurance broker on the insurance renewal. Arch Insurance has been selected as the new insurance carrier for property and casualty, auto, errors and omissions, and cyber insurance. A significant cost savings was gained, roughly \$100,000, without any decrease in coverage. In fact, some coverages were able to be increased.

#### **Review and approve consent calendar**

- I. Vote to approve minutes of June 4, 2019
- II. Vote to approve Susan G. Komen Impact Ride on September 28, 2019
- III. Vote to schedule Employee Development Date for Friday, October 25, 2019 and close Town Offices.
- IV. Vote to approve FY20 Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) contract commencing July 1, 2019 for Sodium Hypochlorite to NBC Distributors in the amount of \$5,400.00.
- V. Vote to appoint Ann Muisse to the Sharon Cultural Council for a term expiring June 30, 2022.
- VI. Vote to reappoint Autumn Andrade to the Sharon Cultural Council for a term expiring June 20, 2022.
- VII. Vote to approve the banner request for Temple Israel Registration for Children's Programs June 24-July 1 in the second position and August 12-19, 2019 in the first position.
- VIII. Vote to approve the acceptance of grants/gifts to the Recreation Department in the amount of \$1,438.50 for special events

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

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

None.

#### **Adjournment to Executive Session**

**MOTION:** To enter into executive session and adjourn for the evening immediately following.

Roll Call Vote:  
Smith-Lee: Aye  
Heitin: Aye  
2-0 **PASSES**

#### List of Documents

1. Special Police candidate recommendations/biographies
2. Select Proposal
3. Correspondence
4. Sharon Council on Aging Candidate Applications (2)
5. Bi-Weekly Report
6. June 4, 2019 Minutes
7. Impact Ride request letter
8. Route maps
9. Banner Request
10. Memorandum