



# TOWN OF SHARON

## MEETING NOTICE

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Town Clerk

**Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Sharon Community Center**  
**Thursday, November 15, 2018**

**Present:** Gary Bluestein, Steve Lesco, Cheryl Whiting, Steve Ferrara, Ro Desai, Chris Valois, Rick Schantz  
**Staff:** Linda Berger, Maura Palm

**Call to Order** – Gary called meeting to order at 6:34pm

**Approval of October minutes:** Steve Ferrara/Cheryl Whiting: All in favor; zero opposed

**SYBSA:** Representatives in attendance: Anna McNamara (Vice President, Softball), Christine Payne (Tournament Director), Brad Payne (Treasurer), Suzanne Elwin (President, SYBSA)

Linda stated she wants better communication between the parties, especially regarding large tournament events. Last summer our programs were displaced because of a large tournament and our paying participants should take precedence. There was some back and forth as to how this should be handled, however, overall, it comes down to the department/town has final say in order of who gets field priority and needs to balance needs of organizations vs. needs of in town residents. Anna stated she/organization was very grateful for the town's accommodations on their behalf. It was decided that the group needs to come before the Board in the future to get approval of events whether large or small. During events SYBSA will maintain trash/receptacles- Anna stated SYBSA hoping to get better parental involvement for helping out.

Linda to send memo to Board of Selectmen to get approval for tournaments in 2019.

SYBSA looking to extend fencing – once they get quotes, will bring before the Board and then the will be presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Brad demonstrated fencing they'd like to use for tournaments. Gary stated he had safety concerns with receivers remaining in the ground for the entire season. Questioned if there was a different covering so children didn't fall on slippery surface.

Linda stated she felt confident with a new board at the helm communication would be better. Cheryl Whiting volunteered to attend SYBSA meetings to be a liaison for the Department.

**Square Jam:** Police Representatives: Lt. Don Williams, Lt. Steve Coffey, Lt. Jeff Pendis

Don stated concerns about public safety at large events, especially with the recent events that have taken place in today's world. Does not feel the square is the best venue for this event. Linda stated DPW also voiced similar concerns.

RAC stated they were worried event will not be as well attended if venue changes. Discussion on maybe just moving it a little ways down on Pond Street or to High Street to make it more like a block party until Town Hall opens in 2019. Linda will reach out to business owner Ian Gopin to see if he feels it will impact his business.

Gary stated that collectively all involved should go before the Board of Selectmen to discuss future possibilities and changes that may occur.

Linda to put together a presentation on change of location to further down on Pond Street.

**Director's Report:** Discussion on basketball program. Numbers have dropped as travel has increased teams. We are combining boy's grade 6 & 7. Linda stated that Jon and Paul are working well together to address league concerns and come up with viable solutions for everyone. Evaluations are going well; travel coaches and high school students are being very helpful. Maybe have travel kids required to play recreation basketball as it used to be to get numbers up.

Capital Requests are to be vetted by the Board of Selectmen by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Linda stated she is pleased with the Direction the Department is going and the progress being made.

**Summer Beach Hours Operation 2019:** Much discussion on four proposals. It was decided to send Proposal A&B to the Board of Selectmen and have them make the final decision. Proposal A is to have the gate at Gunhouse attended and Proposal B is to not have it attended.

Motion to submit: Cheryl A&B; Ro – second; All in favor: yes; zero opposed

**Seasonal Pay Rate Structure:** Linda stated that minimum wage is going to \$12.00 @ hour January 1, 2019 and by 2023 will be up to \$15.00 @ hour.

Most of our summer positions will go up by \$1.00 @ hour

Motion to present rates as stated: Steve Lesco/Ro Desai; All in favor: yes/zero opposed

**Old Business:** Next meeting to have Gary Werden come in to discuss sailing program. He wants the town to purchase new boats which will allow more children to participate in the sailing program. Each new boat costs approximately \$4,200.00.

**Other Business:** None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:31PM – Steve Lesco/Steve Ferrara; All in favor: yes; zero opposed

**Next Meeting:** December 20, 2018 @ 6:30PM