

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
February 9, 2015

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Sharon Town Hall at 5:00pm with Chairman William A. Heitin, Clerk John J. McGrath and Selectman Walter B. Roach.

Heights Elementary School Roof Repair MSBA Application Authorization

Kenneth Wertz, Director of Operations for Sharon Public Schools, was present to explain that the School Department is finalizing the submission of their FY2015 Statement of Interest with the Massachusetts School Building Authority relative to the roof system at the Heights Elementary School and needs the Board's support and authorization to submit the statement.

Mr. Wertz noted the roof has exceeded its' useful life cycle and is currently operating in a state of continuous repairs. The school department's maintenance practices entail repairing leaks as soon as they become visible in order to reduce or eliminate any potential mold growth and additional damage to the building. This repair system will only last for so long until larger areas start to fail causing additional damage to the building and contents along with impacting the health and welfare of staff and students. A study was done and the recommendation from the study is that the roof should be replaced within 0-3 years. The district has properly trained maintenance technicians along with on call contractors if need be who can repair any roof leaks within the first 72 hours of a leak to help reduce any potential mold growth along with long term building component failure and material damage.

The current roof is leaking which disrupts our teachers' ability to provide quality education. Damage to learning materials, disruption to classes that are required to temporarily relocate, and possible damage to the building and mold growth all impact the students learning environment. In order to provide the increased maintenance that is required for this failing roof our in-house maintenance technicians must defer other essential maintenance projects to react to the roof leaks. This constant state of deferred maintenance detracts from the learning environment and building performance for the entire district and would improve by replacing the roof.

MOTION: Having convened in an open meeting on Monday, February 9, 2015 prior to the closing date, the Board of Selectman of Sharon, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated Wednesday, February 04, 2015, for the Heights Elementary School located at 454 South Main Street which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future under priority 5. Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility. This SOI is for the current roofing system that has exceeded the useful expected lifecycle; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

(Heitin – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 5:10pm
(Heitin – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**