

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
April 28, 2015

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:20pm in the Adult Center at the Sharon Community Center with Chairman William A. Heitin, Clerk John J. McGrath, Selectman Walter B. Roach and Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr.

Executive Session

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and at the end, return to open session
(Roach - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Heitin: Aye
Roach: Aye
McGrath: Aye

The Board returned to open session at 6:40pm.

Consent Calendar

- I. Vote to accept regular and executive session minutes of April 14, 2015
- II. Vote to approve the Fire Captain – Inspector/Training, Assistant Town Engineer/Planning Specialist and Facilities Supervisor job descriptions
- III. Vote to approve the chlorinated rubber line painting contract with Standard Line Paint of Taunton, MA for a twelve-month period – May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016
- IV. Vote to appoint Dr. Hridaya H. Bhargava as a full member of the Council on Aging Board for term to expire on December 31, 2016
- V. Vote to appoint members to the Sharon Ecotourism Advisory Committee for a term to expire no later than December 31, 2015

Selectman Roach would like to hold the job descriptions.

MOTION: To approve the April 28, 2015 consent calendar with the exception of the job descriptions
(Heitin - Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Mr. Turkington explained that the Assistant Town Engineer position has been vacant since 2003 and has been added to the FY16 budget and explained the need for reinstating this position. Selectman Roach thought we eliminated two of the positions, but Mr. Turkington noted that the part-time Recreation position was eliminated, but the others were discussed and approved during the budget process. Mr. Turkington noted that the job description is the same as it was.

MOTION: To approve item #2
(Heitin – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Winter Snow Removal Discussion

Mr. Turkington explained that it has been difficult to determine the cause of the damage during this winter, but most of them have been due to snow removal operations. He is looking for authorization from the Board to spend not more than \$5,000 to handle these claims. He pointed out that many of these have already been submitted to the town's insurance carrier and were denied.

MOTION: To fund the request, as written
(McGrath – Heitin) 3-0 **PASSES**

Selectman Roach would like to consider having the town hire a contractor to fix these issues and Mr. Turkington will look into that.

Requests for Community Center Fee Waivers Discussion

Mr. Turkington explained that since the Board approved a set of rental fees for use of the Community Center, a number of groups have requested fee reductions. Without the fees, we will be forced to appropriate within the DPW budget funds to transfer to the revolving fund to subsidize revenue lost through waivers. He noted his recommendations are in his memo to the Board.

Selectman Roach said the Garden Club and Men's Club would like to state their case directly to the Board, and believes we can negotiate with these groups. Mr. Turkington doesn't want to put the Board in the position where the policy has no legs. The building needs repair and maintenance and funding is needed. Mr. Turkington noted that the School Department does not grant waivers, so the groups come to the Community Center instead. Selectman Roach believes these groups do a lot of good.

Selectman Roach would like to discuss the possibility of hiring a part-time person to handle room reservations and publicizing the ballroom rental. Mr. Turkington said that the Facilities Supervisor could serve in that role, but we can look at Selectman Roach's approach.

Chairman Heitin said that this issue can be addressed at the next meeting, which will be May 26.

Mr. Turkington said that the After Graduation Party matter needs to be addressed tonight, as the event is on June 6. Selectman Roach said that he was contacted by the organizer of the After Graduation Party and he noted that in addition to hiring a police detail, they are having a private security firm here as well. Selectman McGrath believes there is a value to having the party here in town.

Chairman Heitin noted that it is the Board's intention to waive the fee this year.

Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reported the following:

- As of today, there have been 76 candidates for the position of Chief of Police; the deadline is midnight tonight; assessment center on June 6 and then a smaller group to be interviewed by the screening committee in late June.
- Article 18 will not be taken up at this Annual Town Meeting and will be deferred to the Fall Town Meeting.
- He attended an informational meeting sponsored by the Plymouth County Commissioners and Treasurer regarding an OPEB trust program open to communities in Barnstable, Bristol, Norfolk and Plymouth counties.
- Items for next meeting include approval of employment agreements for executive class professionals; approve out-of-pay grade compensation for three staff members; review and approve the amended road layout for Sharon Commons development and perhaps approval of the license agreement for One School Street use as police/fire museum.

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

MOTION: To appoint Stan Rosen to the Lake Management Study Committee
(Roach – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Neil Grossman – Council on Aging Board Interview

Mr. Grossman explained that he has been a resident since 1987 and has been involved in the town, including serving on the Recreation Advisory Committee. He has been working at an assisted living facility and feels he is well versed on the issues and thought serving on the Council on Aging Board would be a good fit. Selectman McGrath would welcome Mr. Grossman's experience. He noted that the Sharon Council on Aging is an example for other Councils on Aging.

The Board thanked Mr. Grossman for his willingness to serve.

Moment of Silence

The Board observed a moment of silence for retired Deputy Fire Chief Steve Cummings, retired detective James Testa and Jim Connors.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:05pm
(Heitin - Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**