

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
September 2, 2014

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Sharon Town Hall at 7:00pm with Chairman William A. Heitin, Clerk John J. McGrath, Selectman Walter B. Roach and Town Administrator Fred Turkington.

Chairman Heitin announced the Town's "Remember to Remember" program on September 11th.

Historical Commission Alternate Member Interview – Michaela Hutchins Jergensen

Ms. Michaela Jergensen introduced herself to the Board and provided some of her background. She worked for three years as a Preservation Planner at the Massachusetts Historical Commission and now works as a Senior Project Review Coordinator at the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission. She and her husband moved to Sharon four years ago and is looking to be more connected and give back to the community. Selectman Roach noted that Ms. Jergensen's qualifications are top notch.

MOTION: To appoint Michaela Hutchins for an alternate position on the Historical Commission, with a term ending December 31, 2017
(McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Burial at Chestnut Hill Cemetery

Kevin Weber, DPW Forestry and Grounds Supervisor, has determined that there is adequate space in the Hixson family plot at Chestnut Hill Cemetery for Ms. Irene Hixson to be interred there. Selectman Roach commented that she lives on Hixson Farm Road, the property her family owned.

MOTION: To grant permission for Irene Hixson to be buried near her ancestors in the Hixson plot at Chestnut Hill Cemetery
(Roach – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Review & Approve Consent Calendar

1. Vote the question of approving the regular and executive session minutes of August 19, 2014
2. Vote the question of approving the banner request for the Council on Aging from October 6-13, 2014 in the first position and December 1-8, 2014 in first position to highlight the works of Kalakruti
3. Vote the question of approving the banner request for the Sharon Cub Scouts from September 15-22, 2014 in the second position
4. Vote the question of closing the Special Town Meeting Warrant on Wednesday, September 3 at 5:00pm
5. Vote the question of approving the block party road closure on Robin Road from Ames Street to Woodland Street for Sunday, September 14 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm
6. Vote the question of approving and signing the notice of award for the Sharon Community Center Beach Ramp Bid

MOTION: To approve the September 2, 2014 consent calendar
(Roach – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Special Town Meeting Warrant Article Discussion

Chairman Heitin noted that there are eight potential articles for the Fall Town Meeting and explained that the Board has not yet determined if a Town Meeting is necessary.

Report of the Town Administrator

Mr. Turkington noted the following in his report:

- He has met with a variety of individuals and groups over the past two weeks. He met with department heads last week and will break those department heads into smaller groups.
- He hopes to standardize more of the human resources component. He noted that Assistant Treasurer Judy Doo announced her retirement and the town is actively looking to hire the vacant Treasurer/Collector position and will then fill the Assistant Treasurer position.
- He suggests that the Board change their meeting days from Tuesdays to Thursdays.
- He met with Town Counsel earlier today on pending litigation.
- The insurance settlement has come in for the community center archway money.
- With respect to Town Meeting, he doesn't feel that any of the articles, with the exception of the Pond Street land acquisition, can't wait until the Annual Town Meeting.
- The cell tower lease RFP should be ready to go out next week.
- He reviewed some of the pending constituent issues that he is working on or has already resolved.

Selectman Roach noted that the reason the meeting days were changed from Thursdays to Tuesdays so that the local newspapers could disseminate the meeting information in a timelier manner. Selectman McGrath has no problem moving to Thursdays – it would work better for him. Mr. Turkington said that he can speak with both Sharon TV and the Sharon Advocate.

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

None.

Executive Session – 7:17pm

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and at the end, adjourn for the evening. Discussion of any of these in open session would be detrimental to the Town.

(Heitin – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Heitin: Aye

McGrath: Aye

Roach: Aye

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:55pm
(McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Heitin: Aye

McGrath: Aye

Roach: Aye