

MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Tuesday, August 23, 2011
7:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 7:10 pm in the Sharon Town Hall with Chairman Richard A. Powell, Selectman William Heitin, Selectman Walter Joe Roach and Town Administrator Benjamin Puritz

CABLE ASCERTAINMENT HEARING

VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to open the ascertainment hearing

Please see attached stenographer's copy of the minutes.

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VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to close the ascertainment hearing other than to hold the hearing open for 14 days in order to accept written testimony.

CONSIDER SALE AND AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS

Finance Director William Fowler reviewed the bond terms and items included in the borrowing.

VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to authorize the issuance of \$28,254,000.00 General Obligation Bonds Series August 30, 2011, dated: Date of delivery due: June 15, 2031

FIRE CHIEF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Town Administrator Puritz said this is a one year agreement subject to a two year extension based on Chief Wright's performance meets the Town's expectations Town Administrator Puritz said the agreement basically mimics the same benefits as other Executive positions in the town . The salary is \$108,000 and includes a residency requirement. His official start date is September 6, 2011.

VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to enter into an employment agreement with Fire Chief James Wright as discussed this evening

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Powell said this item would be held until the meeting of September 6, 2011

DECLARATION OF COUNCIL ON AGING BUS AND AMBULANCE AS SURPLUS ITEMS

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No action was taken regarding surplus the ambulance.

Chairman Powell said action concerning the Council on Aging bus will be held until input received from the Transportation Advisory Board

OPENING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2011 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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Chairman Powell reviewed the Town Meeting schedule. Chairman Powell and Town Administrator Puritz reviewed articles which at this time are considered placeholders.

- **VOTED:** (Powell/Heitin) Voted unanimously to open the Warrant November 14, 2011 Town Meeting

- **CONSIDER CLOSING WOODLAND STREET FOR ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY**

- Chairman Roach asked that Ms. Milley contact the Fire Department.

- **VOTED:** (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to close Woodland Street on September 11, 2011 from the Annual Block Party from 2pm – 7:30pm.

FY'13 BUDGET GUIDELINES AND SCHEDULE

Town Administrator Puritz reviewed the principles of the budget for FY '13. The working assumption is to not utilize any of the unused tax levy capacity. He said an area of concern is local aid - which he hopes will be level. The goal is to maintain level services while maintaining a quality of life in the Town. He said the primary budget sets forth a scenario of level funding including the absorption of salary increases. He also reviewed the schedule as well.

VOTED: (Heitin/Powell) Voted unanimously to appoint Selectman Roach to the Capital Outlay Committee and the Priorities Committee

VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to appoint Chairman Powell to the Priorities Committee

VOTED: (Roach/Powell) Voted unanimously to appoint Selectman Heitin to the Capital Outlay Committee

VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to utilize budget guidelines and schedules as discussed this evening.

AUTHORIZER CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE MSBA AND THE TOWN OF SAHRON REGARDING SHAORN HIGH SCHOOL GREEN REPAIR PROJECT

VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to execute the project funding agreement by and between the Town of Sharon and the MSBA

MPO ELECTION NOMINATION PAPERS

- **VOTED:** (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to sign the nomination papers for the sub-regional seat in support of Michael Lyons of Norwood.

- **NOTICE OF AWARD AND AGREEMENT FOR THE SHARON MEMORIAL BEACH BANDSTAND RENOVATION**

- Town Administrator Puritz said this will extend the life of the bandstand by 3 – 5 years.

- **VOTED:** (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to award the notice of award and agreement for Sharon Memorial Beach Bandstand to Capeway Aluminum and Vinyl of Brockton, MA for \$14,409.

- **APPROVAL OF HORIZONS FOR YOUTH LEASE AMENDMENT**

Selectman Roach recused himself.

Town Administrator Puritz said this is for septic system work that takes into account the expected population in the structure.

VOTED: (Heitin/Powell) Voted unanimously that the Board approve the first amendment to the lease for the Montessori School at the Horizons for Youth Building

MOVING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consider moving into Executive Session – To discuss Town Administrator FY '12 Compensation Employment Agreement Amendment, Pending litigation 93A - claims regarding a buildable lot, sailing program certification, Treasurer Tax Payment Agreement and collective bargaining for the Mid-Level Professional Association. The discussion of these items in open session would be detrimental to the position of the Town and at the end of Executive Session to adjourn for the evening.

The Board adjourned at 8:25pm

Powell: Aye
Roach: Aye
Heitin: Aye

