

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 7, 2014

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:01pm with Chairman Walter “Joe” Roach, Selectman Richard A. Powell, Selectman William A. Heitin and Town Administrator Benjamin E. Puritz.

Sharon Pop Warner Cheerleaders

The Board welcomed the Pop Warner cheerleaders, coaching staff and parents. It was noted that they placed seventh in the nation in their division. The girls introduced themselves and Coach Wendy Kamens commented that they worked very hard and started practicing in August. They fundraised very hard and thanked the parents for their hard work. Selectman Powell and Chairman Roach congratulated the cheerleaders and noted that the Town of Sharon is very proud of them.

Selectman Heitin read the proclamation from the Board and presented it to Ms. Kamens:

Whereas: Sharon Pop Warner Cheerleading squad placed second in the Hockomock League competition and the New England Regional competition, winning them a spot at the National Championship competition in Walt Disney World.

Whereas: This is the first team in Sharon Pop Warner Cheerleading’s 44 year history to make it to the National Championship competition.

Whereas: This accomplishment is a culmination of dedication, teamwork and incredible perseverance on the part of the members and coaches of Sharon Pop Warner Cheerleading.

Now Therefore, By These Presents, the Town of Sharon, acting through its Board of Selectmen, hereby congratulate, commend and recognize Sharon Pop Warner Cheerleading For Their Outstanding Achievements

Given this 7th of January, 2014 by the Board of Selectmen

Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2013

MOTION: To approve the regular minutes of December 10, 2013
(Powell – Heitin) 3-0 **PASSES**

MOTION: To approve the Part I executive session minutes of December 10, 2013
(Heitin – Roach) 2-0-1 **PASSES** (with Selectman Powell abstaining)

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(Powell – Heitin) 3-0 **PASSES**

Approval of Minutes – December 17, 2013

MOTION: To approve the regular and executive session minutes of December 17, 2013
(Heitin – Roach) 2-0-1 **PASSES** (with Selectman Powell abstaining)

Banner Request – Temple Sinai

MOTION: To approve the banner request from January 13-20, 2014 in the second position for their January 19th Event Extravaganza
(Powell – Heitin) 3-0 **PASSES**

Massapoag Yacht Club Request

MOTION: To grant permission to the Massapoag Yacht Club to place markers and buoys on Lake Massapoag
(Powell – Heitin) 3-0 **PASSES**

Appointment of Matthew Rovaldi – Full-Time Police Officer

The Town Administrator noted that the Police Chief would like to fill a vacant police officer position. He added that the officer came before the Board in February 2013 when he was appointed as a Special Police Officer. Chairman Roach would like to put this off until the next meeting, as he would like to see the police officer.

FY14 Board of Selectmen Budget Projections/Reserve Fund Transfer

The Town Administrator noted that a Fiscal Year 2014 budget shortfall is expected in the Selectmen's budget in the amount of \$17,480.96, due to the pending retirement of the Town Administrator.

Chairman Roach said that the Board will be going before the Finance Committee to seek a reserve fund transfer, as there are insufficient funds in the budget to cover these unexpected expenses. Selectman Powell asked if we should ask for the reserve fund transfer now and Selectman Heitin said that there is a chance we may need to ask for more. The Town Administrator will forward this information to the Finance Committee and the Town Administrator Screening Committee.

Town Equipment Surplus Property

Selectman Powell asked what the process is and the Town Administrator explained that it would need to be advertised if declared surplus by the Board. Selectman Heitin asked if a minimum could be set and the Town Administrator noted that they could. The Town Administrator suggested formally notifying other town departments and Selectman Powell likes the idea of looking up the value. This item will be placed on the Board's next agenda.

Historical Commission – Presentation of Annual Preservation Award

Historical Commission Chairman Bruce Rosenbaum, members David Martin and Gordon Hughes and award recipient Sherri Godlin were present for the presentation. Mr. Rosenbaum explained that each year, the Commission presents an annual award to a resident or homeowner who goes above and beyond in their preservation of their property. Sherri Godlin of 53 Pleasant Street is the recipient this year. Mr.

Rosenbaum presented the award to Ms. Godlin and also presented her with the house sign: Frank R. Williard in 1886.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

Chairman Roach noted that the 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee is in full swing and is actively fundraising. It's going to be an exciting year. The Committee doesn't want to interfere with any existing town activities. There is a gentleman who is actively working on getting a postage stamp in honor of Deborah Sampson and Chairman Roach would like to bring him in to an upcoming meeting. The committee is now 54 strong.

Selectman Heitin said that the Board has received a number of emails and phone calls about parking at the train station. There are a number of things the town is working on to better the process and he hopes to make some of that known in the next several weeks. As the community continues to grow, we are facing challenges with parking and they are looking at a long-term solution.

Executive Session – 7:35pm

MOTION: To enter into executive session to discuss a real property transfer, bargaining regarding non-represented personnel, Fire Department collective bargaining and pending litigation, and at the end, to adjourn for the evening. Discussion of any of these items in open session would be detrimental to the Town.

Roach: Aye
Powell: Aye
Heitin: Aye

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:54pm

Roach: Aye
Powell: Aye
Heitin: Aye