

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

January 15, 2013

7:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 7:40 p.m. in the Sharon Town Hall with Chairman William A. Heitin, Selectman Walter Joe Roach, Selectman Richard Powell and Town Administrator Benjamin Puritz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED: (Powell) Voted unanimously to approve the Regular Session Minutes of January 3, 2013

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SHARON CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL

VOTED: (Powell/Roach) Voted unanimously to appoint Julie Rowe to the Sharon Cultural Arts Council for a three-year term – Expiration Date: June 30, 2016

APPROVAL OF BANNER REQUESTS

VOTED: (Roach/Powell) Voted unanimously to approve the banner request for “One Book One Town” from Feb. 25 – March 4, 2013 (1st position), March 11-18, 2013 (2nd position) and March 25 – April 1, 2013 (2nd position)

VOTED: (Roach/Powell) Voted unanimously to approve the banner request for Pop Warner registration from March 25th – April 1, 2013 (1st position)

VOTED: (Roach/Powell) Voted unanimously to approve banner request for Mass Audubon “Moose Hill Camp” for April 8-15, 2013 (1st position) and June 3-10, 2013 (1st position)

**CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE SHARON
STANDING BUILDING COMMITTEE**

VOTED: (Heitin/Powell) Voted to appoint Selectman Roach as the Selectmen’s representative to the Selection Committee for the Sharon Standing Building Committee

CHUCK LEVINE: CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Mr. Levine said that he has lived in Sharon for forty-three (43) years and has been involved in many of the Town’s affairs, including working with the Town’s Civil Defense now for fifteen years and nine years now as Chair of the Cable Oversight Committee and multiple other organizations within and outside of the community as well. The Civil Defense group, works closely with the Board of Health i.e., flu clinics, emergency defensive centers and set up centers for the medical staff during an emergencies. Mr. Levine expressed that he has always had an interest in the medical field and feels that this would be an interesting committee to join.

VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to move into Executive Session to discuss SMEA negotiations and negotiation with non-represented personnel and at the conclusion of Executive Session the Board will resume in Open Session for our next appointment.

Reconvened in Open Session at 8:20 p.m.

MIKE BOSSIN: CANDIDATE FOR THE WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Bossin has been on a number of committees in the Town of Sharon. He is very interested in the conservation, revenue issues and projects. Mr. Bossin's background is in energy, conservation, environmental projects and rebate programs. Mr. Bossin also commented that it is nice that everyone wants to conserve, but you need to have a rate structure in line with conservation.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA: APPROVAL OF MAX PERFORMANCE – TRIATHLON: TIM RICHMOND

Tim Richmond came before the Board of Selectmen to propose August 11, 2013 for the next triathlon in Sharon. Max Performance is requesting an increase in the participant size (550 to 650) with an additional increase in the permit fee (\$3,500). Mr. Richmond said that continued preparation with the Police and Fire Departments is essential in making this race a safe and successful event.

VOTED: (Powell/Heitin) Voted unanimously to approve the individual event permit for the triathlon for Max Performance on August 11, 2013.

2013 ANNUAL BEACH TAG FEES HEARING

VOTED: (Heitin/Powell) Voted unanimously to open the 2013 Beach Tag Fees Hearing

Recreation Director Amanda Deni Levasseur came before the Board of Selectmen with a proposal from the Sharon Recreation Department additions to the current Beach Tag offerings for the 2013 season. The proposed additions include: 1. A replacement fee;
2. Additional tag discount and 3. An economical family package.

Ms. Levasseur said one of the additions would be to have two license plates on one tag, so either car could use that space. Only one car would be allowed in at a time. Ms. Levasseur also hopes to bring back combo packages which would comprise of one car tag and two walk-in tags for \$70, only available at time of purchase. To create more space at the boat launches also proposed offering a discounted car tag. Normally, with a resident purchases a boat pass, they purchase walk-in passes. In turn, they keep their vehicles parked in the small boat –launch parking area. Chair Heitin said he liked the idea.

Beach Tag Fee Structure			
2013 Proposal			
	<i><u>Tag Type</u></i>	<i><u>Tag Cost</u></i>	
	Walk-in Tags	15.00	
	Senior Walk-in Tags	8.00	
	Handicap-Walk in	4.00	

	Car Tag	60.00	
	Add'l Car Tag	30.00	
	Senior Car Tag	30.00	
	Add'l Senior Car Tag	15.00	
	Handicap Car	30.00	
	Handicap Car Add'l Car	15.00	
	Handicap Car-Sr	15.00	
	Handicap Car -Sr Add'l Car	7.50	
	Boat Parking Permits-Res	65.00	
	Boat Parking Permits-Non	85.00	
	Non-resident Tag (C.C. Beach)	85.00	
Proposed Additions:			
	*Replacement Fee - maximum 2 tags	5.00	
	*Add'l Tag - 1. to include a boat pass for residents		
	2. - to issue car tags with the option to include two cars on the same tag		
	*Package deal		
	Family Combo -1 car tag & 2 walk-in tags	70.00	
	Sr. Family Combo -1 car tag & 2 walk-in tags	35.00	

VOTED: (Heitin/Powell) Voted unanimously to close the 2013 Beach Tag Fees Hearing

VOTED: (Heitin/Powell) Voted unanimously that the Board of Selectmen accept 2013 Beach Tag Fees as discussed.

There was a general discussion regarding the Concession Stand lease with recommendation to be forthcoming from Recreation Director Levasseur.

OLIVIA CHEN: CANDIDATE FOR SHARON CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL

- Olivia Chen appealed before the Board of Selectmen expressing an interest in becoming a member of the Sharon Cultural Arts Council. Ms. Chen, Mr. Chen and their two children, ages five and three, are residents of Sharon. Ms. Chen commented on how the Asian population has grown and would like to see the community learn more about the Asian culture and to get the Asian population involved. Selectman Roach explained to Ms. Chen the functions of the Sharon Cultural Arts Council i.e., to understand the cultural needs of the community and how the SCAC reaches out to other communities. Mr. Roach also mentioned that this group awards small grants to undertake eventually related programming or service projects.

JOHN GASSMAN: CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Mr. Gassman was unable to make the interview.

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**MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN: CANDIDATE FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE SHARON
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Mr. Goldstein was unable to make the interview.

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MOVE INTO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

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VOTED: (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to discuss SMEA Negotiations and negotiation with non-represented personnel. Discussion of these items in public session would be detrimental to the Town and at the end of Executive Session will adjourn for the evening.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Heitin: Aye

Roach: Aye

Powell: Aye