

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 4, 2019

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Town Hearing Room at the Sharon Community Center with Chairman William A. Heitin, Selectman Emily E. Smith-Lee, and Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr., and Assistant to the Town Administrator Lauren Barnes. The meeting commenced with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board/Committee Candidate Interviews

Ann Muise is a candidate for the Sharon Cultural Council. Ms. Muise explained that she has been a Sharon resident for twenty years. She loves the Town and frequently makes use of all of the walking trails. She further explained the Barbara Freedman introduced her to the Cultural Council and although she has not yet attended a meeting, she is excited at the opportunity to participate. She feels that she has many ideas to introduce.

Bette Gladstone is a candidate for Sharon Council on Aging as an Alternate. She has lived in Sharon for 42 years and is a retired nurse. She explained that most of her nursing career has been devoted to working with the elderly. She has two children that she raised in Sharon. She has been involved with the Council on Aging as a volunteer at the 90th Birthday celebrations and also volunteers as a fill-in at Moose Hill.

Ann Kandel is also a candidate as Alternate for Sharon Council on Aging. Ann is an Attorney who practiced in Connecticut for many years. She moved to Sharon about eight or nine years ago. Two of her four adult children have also moved here. She went on to say that she holds the schools in high regard and is impressed with the Town and how it is run. Although she hasn't been involved with Council on Aging per se, she has attended many events.

The Board thanked the Candidates for taking the time to come and meet with the Board. Chair Heitin explained that it is the Board's policy not to make a Board or Committee appointment on the evening that they meet with the Candidates, rather they will do so at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Moose Hill Cooperative Nature School Directional Signage

Ms. Abigail Marsters of the Moose Hill Cooperative Nature School has submitted a request for directional signage located in the Town's right-of-way. It is felt that this signage would help direct visitors to the Cooperative Nature School on Moose Hill Road. A map of where the signs would be placed as well as a cut sheet providing the details and dimensions of the signs were provided.

MOTION: To approve the placement of directional signage in the Town right-of-way for the Cooperative Nature School at the locations specified.
(Smith-Lee - Heitin) 2-0 **PASSES**

25 Tiot Street Holdings, LLC - Parcel A - Right of First Refusal

It was explained that this agenda item was previously negotiated as part of a development agreement. This vote is a formality in order to proceed. This was done recently on a different parcel for the same development.

MOTION: To decline the Town's right of first refusal pursuant to M. G. L. Ch. 61B, §9 for "Parcel A," a portion of 25 Tiot Street.

(Smith-Lee - Heitin) 2-0 **PASSES**

Vote to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with Police Dispatcher's

A draft of the negotiated agreement with the Police Dispatchers was provided for the Board to review. It was agreed that the negotiated changes were straightforward and approval was recommended.

MOTION: To approve the agreement with the Police Dispatchers as discussed.

(Smith-Lee - Heitin) 2-0 **PASSES**

Consider Transfer of Control of One School Street to Board of Library Trustees

Sharon Standing Building Committee chair Gordon Gladstone has advised that his committee is considering bidding the demolition of One School Street as a separate contract ahead of the general contractor for construction and site work. If so, it is likely that this work would begin by mid-September. Pursuant to the license agreement with the current occupant, 60 days advance written notice to vacate must be provided. A message was sent informally and Mr. McGrath respectfully requested that the final three rental payments be waived to help defray the cost of a rental storage facility for the museum artifacts.

MOTION: To turn over care, custody and control of the property located at One School Street to the Board of Library Trustees effective September 1, 2019.

(Smith-Lee - Heitin) 2-0 **PASSES**

MOTION: To provide 60 days advance written notice to vacate to the current tenant at One School Street and waive the remainder of the rental fees.

(Smith-Lee - Heitin) 2-0 **PASSES**

Review and approve consent calendar

- I. Vote to approve minutes of May 23, 2019
- II. Vote to proclaim June 14, 2018 Flag Day
- III. Vote to appoint election workers for the period beginning September 1, 2019 at the request of the Town Clerk, Marlene B. Chused
- IV. Vote to approve acceptance of grants/gifts to the Recreation Department in the amount of \$4,500 for special events

MOTION: To approve the consent calendar.

(Smith-Lee - Heitin) 2-0 **PASSES**

Report of the Town Administrator

Mr. Turkington noted that he has been contacted by a motion picture studio regarding the use of the Community Center for a movie location. There has been some coordination with dates to avoid as much conflict with Recreation Department programming as possible.

A regularly scheduled staff meeting took place recently with all Department heads. It was followed by a short meeting with the State where they spoke about development of social media best practices for engagement and outreach.

There are presently three RFPs in the works for lease of space for cell communications equipment. The proposal deadline is June 28, 2019.

Ms. Barnes provided an update on the construction progress for the new Town Hall building. An early August building turnover is expected. Although it is speculation at this point, authority will be sought in advance but it is speculated that August 22 would be the final access date for residents to tend to business in person at the current Town Hall building. The building is expected to be closed August 23, through the weekend and the following Monday, August 26. The new Town Hall would then be open for business on August 27.

There will be a meeting with the moving company later this week. It is expected that they will provide moving boxes which will be coordinated and subsequently moved into the new building by Department. King Information Systems will be providing a quote to move the current archival system to the new building.

Construction continues to be on schedule. Interior finished such as floor tiles, drywall and painting have begun in addition to the septic leach field excavation.

There will be a tour of the new building for Town Hall employees on the afternoon of June 18. There are meetings twice monthly with the OPM. The cameras and microphones have been approved. There is a discrepancy with the FFE bids. There is a six-week lead time for the office furniture so time is of the essence in resolving the discrepancy.

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

None.

Adjournment to Executive Session

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:43 pm.
(Smith-Lee - Heitin) 2-0 **PASSES**

List of Documents

1. Board/Committee candidate applications
2. Moose Hill Cooperative Nature School sign locations and
3. Sign datasheets
4. Correspondence from Robert Shelmerdine
5. Plan of land – 194 Edgehill Rd
6. M.G.L., Ch61B §9
7. February 13, 2018 minutes
8. Grant of License with Sharon Police and Fire Historical Society
9. Correspondence
10. Minutes
11. Proclamation
12. Letter and list of persons to be appointed
13. Memorandum