

MINUTES
SHARON SELECT BOARD
January 5, 2021

The meeting of the Sharon Select Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Select Board Chair Emily Smith-Lee remotely via Zoom. Select Board members William Heitin and Hanna R. Switekowski were in attendance as was 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.

Vote to approve the Library Employees collective bargaining agreement

MOTION: To approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Sharon Library Employees SEIU Local 888.
(Heitin - Switekowski)

Heitin: AYE
Switekowski: AYE
Smith-Lee: AYE
3-0 **PASSES**

Candidate interviews for Energy Advisory Committee

Ms. Milena Virrankoski introduced herself to the Select Board as a candidate for Economic Development Committee. She stated that she is originally from Finland. Her interest in the Economic Development Committee stems from the high taxes. She feels that although she has a limited economic background, she has a unique perspective and can ask questions that others may overlook. Ms. Virrankoski enjoys cooking, golf, tennis, and travel in her spare time.

Mr. Aleksandar Tomic introduced himself to the Select Board also as a candidate for the Economic Development Committee. He has lived in Sharon for two years. Mr. Tomic is an economist and works at Boston College. He is interested in the impact of the High School and would like to help building an economic base that makes sense for this community. In his free time, Mr. Tomic enjoys travel and working around the yard on or tinkering with the car. He also enjoys politics.

The Board thanked Ms. Virrankoski and Mr. Tomic for their time this evening explained that it is the Board's policy not to make appointments on the same night that they meet with candidates, rather they will do so at a future meeting.

Appointments to Energy Advisory Committee

The following list of candidates have met with the Board over the course of several meetings in consideration of appointment to the Energy Advisory Committee.

Paul Lauenstein
Mike Sherman
Chris Pimentel
Dan Spence
Dan Rabatsky
Stuart Brown

The Board briefly shared their thoughts on the candidates and consensus was reached on candidates Mike Sherman, Chris Pimental and Dan Rabatsky.

MOTION: To make the following appointments to the Energy Advisory Committee, Chris Pimental for a three year term expiring December 31, 2023 and Mike Sherman and Dan Rabatsky for two year terms expiring December 31, 2022.
(Heitin-Switekowski)

Heitin: AYE
Switekowski: AYE
Smith-Lee: AYE
3-0 **PASSES**

Solar Oversight Group

The Board tabled the designation of three members of the Economic Development Committee and Energy Advisory Committee to form a solar oversight group. The Board would like the newly appointed Energy Advisory Committee candidates to begin meeting and receive recommendations from both committees on members who are interested in working in this capacity. The Board will consider this again at a future meeting.

Vote to set date for Fall 2021 Special Town Meeting

Town Clerk Mark Hogan has provided a list of possible dates for Special Town Meeting. Special Town Meeting is held only if necessary. Sharon bylaws require that the Board vote to set a date before January 15 each year.

MOTION: To set a date of November 15, 2021 for Special Town Meeting with an alternate date of September 19, 2021 if it is necessary to hold the meeting outdoors due to COVID-19.
(Heitin-Switekowski)

Heitin: AYE
Switekowski: AYE
Smith-Lee: AYE
3-0 **PASSES**

Review and approve consent calendar

- I. Vote to approve the regular session minutes of December 15, 2020
- II. Vote to open the warrant for the May 3, 2021 Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 8:30 am; close the warrant on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 and add a list of placeholder articles
- III. Vote to approve and sign the Notice of Award to Statewide Aquastore, Inc of Syracuse NY in the amount of \$4,034,362 for replacement of the Massapoag Avenue water tank
- IV. Vote to approve and sign the Notice of Award to Niezgoda and Murray Excavating LLC of Harwich, MA in the amount of \$231,250 for Phase 3 of the Heights water main replacement project
- V. Vote to approve the request from Massapoag Yacht Club to set out racer markers on the lake for the 2021 season
- VI. Vote to approve and sign the 2021 Common Victualler's licenses for:
 - a. Angel's Café
 - b. Pizza Market

MOTION: To approve the consent calendar.
(Heitin-Switekowski)

Heitin: AYE
Switekowski: AYE
Smith-Lee: AYE
3-0 **PASSES**

Report of the Town Administrator

Mr. Turkington provided the following update:

Things have been relatively quiet due to the holidays. There were no emails received between the date of the last meeting and the deadline for preparing the agenda for this meeting.

Town Counsel has requested a joint meeting with the ZBA on Wednesday next week if your schedules allow.

The Select Board sector budget is being finalized at this time.

The designation of the solar oversight group will be scheduled for the February 9 meeting.

Capital Outlay is scheduled to do their site visit on January 23 and decision meeting on January 28.

Tax bills have been sent and although higher than usual are actually 1.5 percent less than originally projected as a result of advantageous borrowing. The first two tax bills are calculated at last year's rate and there was brief discussion today between the Assessor and Finance Director about a format for changing the estimated tax bills to reflect rate changes.

Topics not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours in advance of the meeting

Ms. Switekowski mentioned that last evening was Lou Kafka's last in office. He had represented Sharon for 30 years. She extended her thanks to him for his service and wished him well in his retirement.

Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:00 pm
(Heitin – Switekowski)

Heitin: AYE
Switekowski: AYE
Smith-Lee: AYE
3-0 **PASSES**

List of Documents

- Draft agreement
- Resume
- Board/Committee application
- Candidates for Energy Advisory Committee
- Candidates for Economic Development Commit
- Special Town Meeting dates
- Minutes
- Placeholder articles
- Memoranda (2)
- Notices of Award (2)
- Bid tabulations (2)
- Request letter