

**MINUTES**  
**SHARON SELECT BOARD**  
*August 11, 2020*

The meeting of the Sharon Select Board was called to order at 6:00 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.

**Alcohol licenses**

Mr. Turkington explained that the Town has received five applications for four all alcoholic beverage package store licenses. It is within the Board's purview to award either some or all licenses. These will be re-issued each year and if the Board elects to award all four now, they have the option to reconsider in the future based on development at the Sharon Gallery.

**MOTION:** To award all alcoholic beverages, off premises licenses to the following applicants:

Perevoloka, Inc. dba Bread and Butter	374A South Main Street
Sharon Market LLC	17 Post Office Square
Bapa Mahant Ne Sang Corp dba Liquor World	700-800 South Main Street
Ninety-Five Nominee Realty Trust (Heitin - Switekowski)	144 Old Post Road

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

The Board explained that they are open to a discussion and consideration of a future wine and malt license at for DDAS Corp. d/b/a BP Foodmart at 68 Pond Street should they wish to submit an application. This will require a future hearing.

**Review and approve consent calendar**

- I. Vote to sign the 2020 State Primary Warrant
- II. Vote to accept gifts of \$3,000 from Veronica Wiseman/Mercury International and \$2,000 from The Needle Group to the Sharon Recreation Department for the Park n View outdoor movie night at the Islamic Center of New England

**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.

- There has been some coordination between staff and the Moderator to consider October 11, 2020 for an outdoor Annual Town Meeting under the constraints presented due to Covid-19. Staff is working on consolidating the Annual Town Meeting warrant.
- Priorities worksheets have been provided for the Board to review. State Aid has been committed at Fiscal 2020 levels. This leaves a \$64,000 budget shortfall for the Select Board sector.
- Recruiting has actively begun for a Public Health nurse.
- Kristian White has been hired as the new building inspector. Mr. White will begin his employment on August 24.

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

Mr. Khoury of Madoff and Khoury provided the Board with a description of the agreements for consideration. He explained that the construction is nearly complete. The agreements are essentially HUD templates. DHCH restricts 25 percent or 48 units for affordable housing. DHCH has agreed to a local preference and 33 of the 48 units will be offered to Sharon residents or municipal/school employees. The lottery has been advertised in the Boston Globe and Patriot Ledger as well as local publications printed in three foreign languages. Five applications have been received so far.

**MOTION:** To authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Monitoring Agreement and Affordable Housing Restriction Agreement for Sharon Residences located at 135 Old Post Road.  
(Heitin- Switlekowski)

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

#### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee candidate interviews**

Ms. Smith-Lee thanked all candidates for raising their hands to volunteer in this very important initiative. After a brief discussion about the expected make-up of the committee, the Board interviewed the following two groups of candidates for the newly established Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee:

Group 1 - Oliver Farrell, Marjorie Mitlin, Dru Ledbetter, Lucy Swedberg, Lajos Kamocsay  
Group 2 - Wendy Alexis-Janvier, Matthew Coughlin, Bill Kondrath, Ellie Zinno, Kiana Pierre-Louis

Ms. Ledbetter expressed that she was unable to continue beyond 7:00 pm and the Board offered to meet with her again at their next scheduled meeting on August 18 along with two other candidates who could not attend this evening.

Each candidate was given a list of questions so they could prepare their answers ahead of the meeting. Candidates were able to provide information on their background and experiences as well as their thoughts on the needs in the Town of Sharon surrounding diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The Board thanked each candidate for their time and participation in this long discussion.

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 9:22 pm.  
(Heitin- Switlekowski)

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

List of Documents

- Alcohol license applicant list
- Sharon alcohol license quota
- Business district overly map with locations of applicants
- State primary warrant
- Recreation Director memo
- Town Administrator's report
- Updated FY21 Priorities worksheets
- Updated FY21 Capital Outlay chart
- DEI Candidate applications