

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 23, 2015

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Sharon Town Hall at 7:02pm with Chairman William A. Heitin, Clerk Walter B. Roach, Selectman John J. McGrath, and Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr.

Billboard Installation/Mitigation Payment Update

John Carroll of Carroll Advertising was unable to attend tonight but presented to the Town earlier today with a check in the amount of \$150,000 in mitigation payment for the permission to erect billboards. Chairman Heitin noted that the Town expects to receive another \$300,000 by the end of the fiscal year.

Everwood Day Camp Update – Scott Brody

Mr. Brody noted that Everwood is in its fifth summer in the former Horizons for Youth property, now leased by the Town to Everwood. They are also using the adjacent property – the former Gannett site – it's a camp within a camp. They have reinvented the concept of day camp and have focused on a set of skills that the kids may not learn in school but will need to be college ready. He spoke of the camp's focus on the core competencies. He noted that NPR is doing a piece on the approach the camp uses. He pointed out they have opened a camp in China. The largest population of campers is kids from Sharon and some have been with the camp since its inception.

In terms of community use when camp is not in session, they want to serve youth-serving organizations and youth in the community. There are many youth, civic and religious organizations in Sharon that use space at the camp. He spoke of his partnership with Sharon Public Schools. They sponsor many leagues/teams in Sharon. In keeping with their mission, they have extended scholarships to Sharon families in need.

Selectman Roach spoke of the trails behind the property and Mr. Brody explained that while camp is not in session, they are available for use. He added that they have tried to reclaim the paths and cleared them.

Selectman McGrath noted the camp's commitment to the community.

Gary Bluestein, chair of the Recreation Advisory Committee, asked Mr. Brody to discuss Everwood's improvements to the buildings on the property. Mr. Brody said that they have repaired and invested in every building on the property, and works hard to restoring the buildings, and does not want to have to tear buildings down. He spoke of their plans to create workshops for campers in one of the buildings, and then a collaborative space in the same building, which can be utilized by not only the campers but also Sharon Public Schools.

Mr. Bluestein discussed the issue of oversight of the property occupied by Everwood, as well as other properties owned by the Town and leased to third parties. He believes that perhaps a subgroup could be formed and meet quarterly and talk about how things are moving forward. Chairman Heitin said that the Board will take the idea under consideration. He added that the Board will be getting tenants in for updates.

The Board thanked Mr. Brody for his time.

Commission on Disabilities Interview – Jessica Stanford

Ms. Stanford has been a Sharon resident for four years and is a non-practicing attorney. Her son was born disabled and is interested in disability issues, as a mom. She has met with several commission members and recently attended one of their meetings.

The Board thanked her for volunteering and will not make a decision at this meeting, but will do so at their next meeting.

250th Anniversary Monument Discussion – Chris Doherty

Mr. Doherty was tasked to come up with a monument to memorialize the Town's 250th anniversary. He spoke of the various ideas that were discussed. The final idea was an armillary, which is 22" in diameter and the pedestal would be approximately 3-4 feet high. The size and shape of the pedestal will depend upon the exact location. The monument would be engraved. The idea was proposed to the 250th Committee, and the cost is in the range of \$3,500. Steve Lesco, member of the Recreation Advisory Committee, offered to sponsor the monument in memory of his parents. Several ideas were discussed and the Committee recommends that the monument be installed in the grassy area in front of the Community Center. The committee is asking for the Board's consideration of the proposed location and design. If approved, the dedication ceremony could be the final event of the 250th anniversary program.

Selectman McGrath asked what the components are and Mr. Doherty replied that the armillary is made from copper and the pedestal is made of limestone. He noted that the view of the lake from the Community Center should be taken into consideration. Mr. Doherty replied that it could be positioned to prevent view obstructions. Mr. Doherty believes the materials are strong and should last a long time.

Selectman Roach said that some of the committee members would like to install the memorial near the benches near the flagpole.

MOTION: To approve the siting of the monument on the grounds at the Community Center, with the final location to be approved by the Board
(Roach - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

NSTAR/Eversource Switching Station Update

Mr. Turkington contacted Town Counsel about the differences between intervenor and limited participant status, at the request of the Board. Town Counsel's memo has been provided to the Board. He commented that the MacIntosh Farms Association was granted intervenor status. He provided the Board with an update on the site visit that he and several members of the MacIntosh Farms Association took yesterday to Milford, where they toured an NSTAR/Eversource switching station.

John Hansen, 25 Apple Valley Drive, said that their position remains the same – they are deeply opposed to the Canton Street site. He asks if the Board has reached a decision as to whether they have decided to pursue intervenor status. He is concerned about potential mitigation measures and whether they satisfy their and the Town's concerns.

Chairman Heitin believes it is the intention of the Board to seek intervenor status. He said that they are conflicted about the benefits, as it is a difficult process to affect change. The town needs to be cognizant of the end result, and spoke of controlling the mitigation measures. He also spoke of the legal costs associated with being intervenors, but the town wants a seat at the table.

Mr. Turkington spoke about the delay in the proceedings due to the notification problems that the MacIntosh Farms Association raised. This might be a good time for the Town and the Association to come together and work with NSTAR/Eversource. Chairman Heitin spoke of the potential setback and how perhaps the Conservation Commission could grant the utility a waiver.

David Martin, member of the Sharon Historical Commission, noted that the proposed site is almost directly across from the historic Chestnut Hill Cemetery, and the Commission is concerned.

COA Executive Director Screening Committee Appointments

The following residents are asking to be considered to serve on the Screening Committee for the COA Executive Director search: Doris Gladstone, Robert Maidman, Jane Desberg, David Nelson and Yulong Lee. The appointment of the Personnel Board is Valeda Britton.

MOTION: To appoint Doris Gladstone, Robert Maidman, Jane Desberg and Yulong Lee to the COA Executive Director Screening Committee
(Roach – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Consent Calendar

- I. Vote to approve regular and executive session minutes of June 9, 2015
- II. Vote to appoint Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr. Chief Procurement Officer for the Town of Sharon
- III. Vote to approve fuel contract for FY16 to Peterson Oil Services, Inc. for mid-grade unleaded gasoline and ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel
- IV. Vote to approve deed to the Conservation Committee for 36R Norfolk Place, Sharon, MA
- V. Vote to approve banner requests for the following:
 - a. Friends of the Library, Annual Book Sale, May 16-23 2016, first position
 - b. DJJ Foundation Third Annual 5K Run/Walk, August 31-September 8, 2015, first position and September 14-21, 2015 in second position
 - c. Sharon 250th Anniversary Committee, Waterfront Events and Parade, July 13-20, 2015 in second position
 - d. Sharon Soccer Association, July 6-13, 2015, in first position and July 20-27, 2015 in second position
- VI. Vote to approve the request from the Sharon Soccer Association to post lawn signs on public and private property (with permission from owner) from July 15 through August 31, 2015

MOTION: To approve the June 23, 2015 consent calendar
(McGrath - Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reported the following:

- With respect to the Police Chief search process, the finalists have been identified by the screening committee. The Board has received the candidate's credentials and proposed questions to ask each of the candidates, and the Board will meet on Thursday to interview the finalists.
- The Finance Committee met last week and approved reserve fund transfers. They have their next meeting date set for July 13.
- The Town's insurance budget is \$13,000 under budget for FY16.
- The Town Administrator performance review will be taken up at the July 6 meeting.
- The Men's Club and Garden Club will provide their proposals at the July 6 meeting. Recreation staff put together a list of private-pay events during the last fiscal year.
- If a decision is not made on Thursday, the Board will need to make their decision on July 6 as to the next Chief of Police.

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen designate the position of Assistant Water Body Monitor as a special municipal employee position within the meaning of M.G.L. c. 268a, and Keevin Geller to said position
(Heitin – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

With respect to Christopher Tingus, he is seeking a waiver of the late fee for licensing his dogs, as the deadline set by the town by-law was on a Sunday. Two letters have gone out since January, and he still hasn't paid.

MOTION: To grant this one-time waiver
(McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Consider approval of lease extension with AT&T and new lease with Sprint for the water tower location at 135R Upland Road; consider proposal from Crescendo to monetize the leases

Mr. Turkington asked this time item to be held, pending final legal review.

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

Public announcement: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is this Saturday from 9-1 at the Department of Public Works.

The interviews for Police Chief begin at 5:30pm on Thursday.

Chairman Heitin spoke about the July 3 festivities at the beach.

Executive Session – 8:10pm

MOTION: To enter into executive session to consider the discipline or dismissal of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual and at the end, to adjourn for the evening. Discussion of any of these in open session would be detrimental to the Town.
(Heitin – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Heitin: Aye
McGrath: Aye
Roach: Aye

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 9:30pm
(Heitin - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Heitin: Aye
McGrath: Aye
Roach: Aye