

**MINUTES**  
**SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
July 7, 2015

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Sharon Community Center at 6:30pm with Chairman William A. Heitin, Clerk Walter B. Roach, Selectman John J. McGrath, and Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr.

**Police Chief Joseph Bernstein Recognition**

The Board thanked retired Police Chief Joe Bernstein for his years of dedicated service to the Town of Sharon. Chairman Heitin read the proclamation from the Board of Selectmen, which reads as follows:

*WHEREAS, Joseph S. Bernstein retired from the Sharon Police Department on July 4, 2015; and*

*WHEREAS, Joseph began his career as Chief of Police for the Sharon Police Department on October 1, 1992; and*

*WHEREAS, Chief Bernstein made a profound impact on those who with and for him and on the lives of those he touched through the Sharon Police Department; and*

*WHEREAS, He has distinguished himself during his years of dedicated service, ever conscious of his obligations to his position and has won the respect and admiration of everyone with whom he came in contact with because of his friendly, courteous manner, integrity and keen sense of duty; and*

*WHEREAS, A police officer who had had a truly valiant and illustrious career, both the Police Department and the residents of Sharon will sorely miss Chief Bernstein and his constant attempts to perform at the highest levels in the name of public safety;*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sharon Board of Selectmen joins with the many friends and family of Chief Joseph S. Bernstein in extending its congratulations on his retirement and wishes him good health and happiness in the future.*

*Given this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015 in Sharon, Massachusetts.*

The commanding officers of the Sharon Police Department presented Chief Bernstein with a plaque in honor of his service. Chief Bernstein said that the town is good hands with these individuals. He thanked his family for their sacrifice and support over the years.

**Community Center Usage Fee Discussion**

Chairman Heitin said that the Board is here tonight to hear the proposals of the Men's Club and the Garden Club.

Kenneth Sawyer of the Men's Club said that their proposal is to remain the status quo with respect to fees and that they want to continue making donations to the Town.

Two representatives from the Garden Club stated they are not currently paying anything for the use of the Community Center, but they do a lot for the town. The members of the Garden Club deliberated at a recent board meeting and voted to approve a \$50 room fee per meeting. They hope that the Board thinks this proposal is a multiple year proposal.

Chairman Heitin said that they will do everything they can to keep them active members of the community. The Board will likely take a position at their next meeting.

**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**

This item will be held until a future meeting.

**Consent Calendar**

- I. Vote to approve regular and executive session minutes of June 23, 2015 and regular session minutes of July 1, 2015
- II. Vote to appoint Jessica Stanford to the Commission on Disabilities for a term to expire on December 31, 2017
- III. Vote to approve Sharon High School Cross Country and Track Club fundraising road race on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at dusk
- IV. Vote to approve Hammershop Pond Dam Reconstruction design contract to GZA, Norwood, MA in the amount of \$55,000 on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works
- V. Vote to appoint Police Chief Tilden Kaufman as a special member of the Standing Building Committee for the Public Safety Building project
- VI. Vote to appoint Police Chief Tilden Kaufman as a Constable with a term expiring on December 31, 2017
- VII. Vote to appoint Elizabeth Siemiatkaska as Parking Officer and hereby approve a \$100.00 per month stipend for the position

**MOTION:** To approve the July 7, 2015 consent calendar  
(Roach -McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

**Town Administrator's Report**

The Town Administrator reported the following:

- The Council on Aging Director Screening Committee has identified four candidates for interviews on July 27; the interviews with the Board will take place in early August.
- The Town received the final \$375,000 final payment from Carroll Advertising for the billboard mitigation agreement; \$700,000 in total. There will be an annual payment of \$60,000 in \$5,000 monthly installments for the next 25 years.
- RFP for the ADA and existing conditions assessment of the Town Hall and fire station has been circulated. The mandatory pre-bid meeting is set for July 15 and the proposals are due July 23.
- The Finance Committee is meeting next Monday to finalize the peer town study they began and nearly completed and to discuss the documents and information desired for the three-board discussion on the town's strategic financial plan currently scheduled for Thursday, September 10.
- Demolition of the property at 175 Pond Street is scheduled for tomorrow, July 8.

**Town Administrator Performance Evaluation Discussion**

This item will be held until the Board's next meeting.

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

None

**Executive Session – 6:45pm**

**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; to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; and discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to collective

bargaining, 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 7:13pm

(Heitin - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Heitin: Aye

McGrath: Aye

Roach: Aye