

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

August 11, 2015

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order in the Town Hearing Room at the Sharon Community Center at 7:00pm with Chairman William A. Heitin, Clerk Walter B. Roach, Selectman John J. McGrath, and Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr.

Council on Aging Search Update

Mr. Turkington informed the Board that two finalists were scheduled to be interviewed by the Board of Selectmen this evening, but late last week, one candidate withdrew. The screening committee met earlier this evening and they voted to re-advertise the position and hope to cast a wider net. The other finalists will be brought to the interview stage after the job is re-advertised.

Cyber Security Insurance Coverage

Mr. Turkington explained that the town has looked into securing cyber insurance, as the town holds sensitive information, including health records, social security numbers, credit card numbers, etc. IT Director Don Hillegass and school IT manager John Markus assisted in obtaining the insurance proposal from our insurance agent, The Weiner Company. He went on to describe the four different options suggested by Weiner Company and explained that the data breach sidecar options offers more coverage. He noted that the town has funds available to cover option #4, which is a \$3 million limit with data breach sidecar option. If we obtain this coverage beginning October 1, the premium for this current fiscal year would be prorated.

In response to a question by Selectman McGrath about the occurrence of cyber-attacks in municipalities, Mr. Turkington replied that there have been several instances of issues or potential issues. Mr. Turkington said that the coverage would cover any claims for any individuals affected by a data breach. Mr. Turkington said that municipalities are beginning to see the need for this type of insurance.

MOTION: To accept option #4 as presented
(McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Approval of Mobile Telecommunications Equipment Site Lease with Sprint & Approval of Assignment of Lease to Crescendo

The Town is still awaiting information from Sprint, so this agenda item will be held for a future meeting.

Town Administrator Performance Evaluation Discussion

Chairman Heitin explained that the Board undertook an evaluation of the Town Administrator. With the exception of a few typographical errors, which will be corrected, he asked the Board if they had any further comments. He explained that overall rating was that Mr. Turkington exceeded the Board's expectations. He noted that it was different to grade Mr. Turkington on a few items given the fact that he has been in the position less than one year.

Selectman Roach said that he spoke with several employees and they all gave good ratings for the Town Administrator. He added that the residents he has spoken with also offered positive feedback, such as Mr. Turkington being responsive to their needs.

MOTION: To accept the TA performance review and sign at a later date
(McGrath – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Consent Calendar

- I. Vote to approve regular minutes of July 21, 2015
- II. Vote to appoint Marion Katz to the Sharon Cultural Council
- III. Vote to approve the block party road closure of Robin Road from approximately 11 Robin Road to Woodland Street on Sunday, August 16, 2015 from 4:00pm-8:00pm
- IV. Vote to approve the block party road closure of Quincy Street from rotary to Paul Revere Road on Saturday, August 22, 2015 with a rain date of Sunday, August 23, 2015 if applicable from 12:00pm-7:00pm
- V. Vote to approve Banner Request Form
- VI. Vote to approve the banner requests from the following groups:
 - a. Council on Aging – September 14-21, 2015 in first position
 - b. Girls Scouts – August 24-31, 2015 in first position
 - c. Sharon Travel Basketball – September 8-14, 2015 in first position
 - d. Sharon Cub Scouts – August 17-24, 2015 in first position
- VII. Vote to authorize the chairman to sign the Statement on Anti-Semitism by Mayors and Municipal Leaders from the American Jewish Committee (AJC) on behalf of the Board
- VIII. Vote to award the Brook Road and East Foxboro Street Water Main Improvements Contract (2016-1) to Gravity Construction, Inc. of Walpole

MOTION: To approve the August 11, 2015 consent calendar
(McGrath - Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reported the following:

- ❖ The goal is to have the Council on Aging finalists interview with the Board of Selectmen on either October 6th or 20th
- ❖ The job description issue with the SMEA employee has been resolved and the matter is being handled at the Personnel Board meeting later this week
- ❖ Police union negotiations continue – the two sides met on July 29 and they hope to wrap up negotiations by the end of the month
- ❖ The final state budget includes a \$23,000 increase in local aid
- ❖ At the Board's next meeting, a general discussion about railroad parking will take place
- ❖ The Town's Facebook page is up and operational and will be another form of outreach to the citizenry
- ❖ Due to flooring replacement, the library will be closed for a number of days in September. This information is on the library's website and will be placed on town's website and Facebook page.

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

Selectman McGrath read several complimentary letters from residents about Public Health Nurse Sheila Miller, and several first responders from the Fire Department.

Chairman Heitin announced Senator Brian Joyce's office hours on Wednesday, August 12th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Sharon Adult Center Library at the Community Center.

Chairman Heitin congratulated Mim & Joe Gopen for being named Citizens of the Year.

Chairman Heitin thanked the financial sponsors, food sponsors and staff that helped with Square Jam.

Chairman Heitin noted that the Triathlon was very successful over the weekend.

Selectman Roach thanked Lauren Barnes & Jennifer Austrino for their hard work in organizing Square Jam; the other Board members echoed his sentiments.

Executive Session – 7:25pm

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body, and at the end, to adjourn for the evening

(Heitin – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Heitin: Aye

McGrath: Aye

Roach: Aye

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:00pm

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

Heitin: Aye

McGrath: Aye

Roach: Aye