

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
September 8, 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.

Sharon Cultural Council Interview – Tahera Sajid

The Board welcomed Ms. Sajid and Chairman Heitin asked her to tell them a little bit about herself and why she wants to serve on the Sharon Cultural Council. Ms. Sajid was born and raised in Pakistan and wanted to engage in the community. She has been active in the Sharon Pluralism Network and after speaking with a member of the Sharon Cultural Council, she feels that the two are similar in their goals. Selectman Roach asked if she would be receptive to the idea of two cultural councils pooling their resources and she replied that she is receptive to the idea and but noted that Sharon is her priority.

Chairman Heitin thanked her for her interest and explained that the Board does not typically appoint the same night as the interview, but that she will hear from them shortly after their next meeting.

Pinning Ceremony – Fire Captain Kurt Simpson

Fire Chief Jim Wright asked Firefighter Kurt Simpson and Captain Bryant Simpson to come forward from the large audience of family, friends and colleagues. Chief Wright explained the process the department went through to hire another Captain and noted that Firefighter Simpson stood out in the process.

Firefighter Simpson's wife Kellie pinned his badge on him and he was introduced to the Board as Captain Kurt Simpson. The Board congratulated Captain Simpson.

Chairman Announcements

While the audience left the meeting room, Chairman Heitin noted that town offices will be closed for staff development on Friday, September 18; the "Light Up the Night" at Lake Massapoag is Saturday, September 19 and the 250th Anniversary Parade is on Sunday, September 20.

Special Police Officer Appointments – Greg Serwo & Kalman Koblick

Police Chief Tilden Kaufman brought Kalman Koblick and Greg Serwo forth as candidates as special police officers and offered their credentials to the Board. Mr. Koblick appreciates the opportunity to serve the town he grew up in and Mr. Serwo is glad he landed in Sharon. He explained that is a part-time dispatcher working full-time for the better part of the summer.

Selectman McGrath asked how his experience was with the Israeli defense forces. He said it was a fascinating experience. Selectman McGrath said that we are honored to have both of these gentlemen on the police force.

Selectman Roach thanked both men for their service.

MOTION: To appoint Greg Serwo and Kalman Koblick as special police officers for the Town of Sharon (McGrath - Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Special Town Meeting Discussion

Chairman Heitin explained that the Board has compiled a list of potential articles, which he read. Mr. Turkington noted that the deadline to submit warrant articles would September 21 if the Board opens the warrant this evening. Selectman Roach doesn't believe there is anything pressing and thinks these items can wait until the Annual Town Meeting. Selectman McGrath suggested that the roof at the Heights Elementary School is time-sensitive. Chairman Heitin also noted that the civil service rescission article could also warrant a special town meeting. Selectman Roach thinks the roof could be temporarily repaired and added to the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

The Board will wait until the next meeting to determine if a Special Town Meeting is needed.

Review Draft of Board of Selectmen's Goals & Objectives

Mr. Turkington explained the goals he has drafted and suggested that the Board review and discuss them at the next meeting and then vote them on October 6.

Solar Credit Purchasing Agreement Discussion

This item will be held until a future meeting.

Consent Calendar

- I. Vote to approve regular and executive session minutes of August 25, 2015
- II. Vote to approve the following banner requests:
 - a. Board of Health Flu Clinics: October 5-12, 2015 in 2nd position & October 19-26, 2015 in 1st position
 - b. Temple Sinai Sisterhood Craft Fair: October 26-November 2, 2015 in 2nd position

MOTION: To approve the September 8, 2015 consent calendar
(McGrath - Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reported the following:

- The Board will soon consider purchase net metering credits from a solar farm project in Walpole
- The job posting for the COA Director ends this week; the screening committee meets next week to interview and the Board will interview the finalists on October 6
- There will be a presentation from a medical marijuana company interested in opening a dispensary on Route 1 in Sharon on September 24

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

Nothing at this time.

Executive Session – 7:25pm

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and at the end, to adjourn for the evening. Discussion of any of these items 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 8:00pm

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

Heitin: Aye

McGrath: Aye

Roach: Aye