

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 21, 2016

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order in the Town Hearing Room at the Community Center at 5:00pm with Chairman William A. Heitin, Clerk Walter B. Roach, Selectman John J. McGrath, and Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr.

2016 Max Performance Triathlon

Interim Recreation Director Christine Kasparian appeared before the Board.

Ms. Kasparian said that the Recreation Department, with the support of the Recreation Advisory Committee, is seeking the Board's support for the following permit fee structure for the Max Performance Triathlon to be held on Sunday, August 14, 2016.

# of Participants	Permit Fee Adjustment
Up to 499	\$2,250
500 - 550	\$2,750
550 - 600	\$3,000
601+	\$3,250

Ms. Kasparian explained that the base fee last year was \$2,500 and there was a dip in participation last year due to a competing triathlon. Mr. Richmond took a hit last year but is anticipating more participants this year.

The Board agreed that this fee structure proposal is fair.

MOTION: To approve
(McGrath - Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

Memorial Park Beach Concession Stand Agreement Discussion

Mr. Turkington explained that Ms. Munroe stated that she could not attend, so Mr. Turkington offered a later appointment time, but neither he or Ms. Kasparian have heard back from her. He asked to hold until the last item on the agenda.

Selectman Roach said that he wanted some clarification on Ms. Munroe's comments that she had lost money due to a freezer being left open. He also pointed out that she had plenty of opportunities to earn money with the 250th anniversary events. Selectman Roach noted that time is of the essence.

Eversource Switching Station Update

Several residents from MacIntosh Farms were present for the discussion, including Mary Lou Kirkpatrick, John Hansen and Herb Glickman.

Mr. Turkington reviewed the updated procedural schedule provided by the Energy Facilities Siting Board. He spoke about the possibility of entering into a Host Community Agreement, which would incorporate various mitigation measures. He can draft a letter to Eversource's counsel and ask them to enter into a Host Community Agreement before the pre-filed testimony is due.

Ms. Kirkpatrick spoke about the inability to get the design specifications for the mitigation structure to conceal the switching station from Eversource.

Mr. Hansen said that the two major intervenors – the Town and MacIntosh Farms – should be on the same page. He asked if the Board objects to the Canton Street site and Chairman Heitin replied that the Town does not object to the site but believes Eversource should be exploring alternate sites.

Ms. Kirkpatrick noted that April 1 is the information request deadline. Mr. Turkington said that he will be talking to Eversource about the architectural drawings. Ms. Kirkpatrick asked where the Host Community Agreement would fit in the procedural schedule and the official record. Mr. Turkington said that would likely be submitted during the hearing process. It is in everyone's best interests to get a Host Community Agreement in place sooner rather than later.

Mr. Hansen said that the MacIntosh Farms are meeting later this week with a representative from Eversource and Mr. Turkington indicated that he was attending. Chairman Heitin noted that they will have to put up a bond or put money into escrow as part of the Host Community Agreement – that will be a requirement by the town.

Ms. Kirkpatrick brought up the issue of providing experts for the pre-filed testimony. Mr. Turkington believes submitting pre-filed testimony in lieu of attending the hearings. She suggested that a representative of the Sharon Historical Commission who could comment on the impacts to the nearby historical cemetery and a local realtor who could comment on the impact on property values might be useful.

Ms. Kirkpatrick believes Eversource has not explored other alternative sites for the switching station. Rather, they explored alternative routes for the cables. Mr. Turkington replied that the Town could bring that up in the information request.

Mr. Glickman said that one of the issues that concerns the MacIntosh Farms group is that Eversource was given the name and contact information of an architect to draw sketches for the camouflage structure and those sketches appear to be not completed.

Mr. Turkington summarized what he would include in an informational request letter from the Board: a copy of the contract with the architect, any documents that he has created, and if they are not finished, they are needed by April 23.

He will do a separate letter requesting a Host Community Agreement.

The Board thanked the residents from MacIntosh Farms for their time.

2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Discussion

#	Topic	BOS
1	Appoint Finance Committee Members	Support 3-0
2	Act on Reports	Support 3-0
3	Rescind Civil Service for Future Members of the Police Department	Support 3-0
4	Personnel By-Law	Support 3-0
5	FY17 Budget & Compensation of Elected Officials	Support 3-0
6	Capital Outlay	Support 3-0 with exception of 2-1 (Roach nay for 5A & 6D)

7	Community Preservation Act Annual Funding & Projects	Support 3-0 with exception of 2-1 (McGrath nay for fields application)
8	Design Services Funds for Heights Elementary Roof Replacement Project	Support 3-0
9	Norfolk County Retirement Annual Assessment	Support 3-0
10	Unemployment Fund	Support 3-0
11	Funding Other Post-Employment Benefits (O.P.E.B.) Trust Fund	Support 3-0
12	Funding Stabilization Fund	Support 3-0
13	Revolving Fund Authorizations	Support 3-0
14	Property Tax Exemptions	Support 3-0
15	Sharon Friends School Fund Records & Appointments	Support 3-0
16	Annual Audit Appropriation	Support 3-0
17	Tax Title Payment Agreements	Support 3-0
18	Home Rule Legislation - 36R Norfolk Place Property Tax Abatement	Support 3-0
19	General By-Law Amendment – Change Town Report Distribution Method	Support 3-0
20	Transfer One School Street Property from School Committee to Board of Selectmen	Support 3-0
21	Approval of Library Project – Mass. Public Library Construction Program Grant Process	Support 3-0
22	Authorization to apply/accept & expend PLCP Grant Funds	Support 3-0
23	General By-Law Amendment – Alternate for Priorities Committee	Support 3-0
24	Citizen’s Petition - Resolution	Oppose 2-1 (McGrath supports)

Selectman McGrath confirmed that Article 3 has been approved by both the union and the Board; Mr. Turkington replied that all parties have given approval.

Selectman Roach noted that, as a member of the Capital Outlay Committee, he did not support items 5A and 6D, the purchase of MacBook Airs and the upgrading of lighting at Cottage Street Elementary, respectively.

With respect to Article 7, Selectman McGrath questioned why no discussion has taken place with the fields group and the residents of Gavins Pond Road. Chairman Heitin said that some one-on-one discussions have taken place. Selectman McGrath said that this type of conversation needs to take place. He said that the residents have concerns about traffic and parking and cannot support the fields proposal as part of Article 7.

Police & Fire Museum License Agreement – One School Street

Chairman Heitin noted that there have been discussions for the Police & Fire Museum license at One School Street. Mr. Turkington reviewed the utility history payments for One School Street from when the School Department used the building and then when it was turned back to the Town. In calendar year 2015, the Town has spent \$4,529.55 on utilities for the building at One School Street.

Selectman McGrath moved from his chair at the table and is speaking as a private citizen. He had previously worked out a lease with the School Department to use space at One School Street for the Sharon Police & Fire Museum. At that time, he was paying 1/3 of the utility bills. He noted that they ran many dehumidifiers, so those were a draw, along with other electronics, like computers and telephones. He said that the School Department still utilized the meeting room occasionally.

He explained that the meeting room is still available for use as meeting room space. He asked that the Board take these factors into consideration when developing a reasonable fee.

Chairman Heitin asked if Selectman McGrath intends to enter into a lease agreement with the Town to continue the Police & Fire Museum. Selectman McGrath said that he does intend to offer this museum in this location. He said his intent was to educate children and they have quite a few field trips. He also noted that the local businesses have benefitted as well. When the town decides to move the building toward another use, he accepts that and he has been realistic about this venture.

Chairman Heitin said that an agreement should be reached sooner rather than later, for such issues as liability. He added that the town has been contacted about reuse of the building.

Mr. Turkington reviewed the terms of the draft agreement, including payment of insurance and percentage of utility costs, and the agreement would expire on December 31, 2017. The agreement also offers a 60 day notice to vacate should the town need it.

Selectman Roach said that the parking lot will be resurfaced but the Town may undertake more extensive repairs, like windows, and wondered if those repairs would be difficult for Selectman McGrath. He replied that he is only there 5 hours per week, and believes that the heat could be brought down.

Selectman McGrath returned to his chair.

Consent Calendar

- Vote to approve regular session minutes of March 8, 2016
- Vote to approve the banner request from SYBSA for their opening weekend activities from April 18-April 25, 2016 in second position
- Vote to approve request by the Massachusetts Audubon Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary to close Moose Hill Street from Moose Hill Parkway to Route 27, up to 3 times in late March to early April, for salamander migration – “Let them pass!”
- Vote to approve the revised 2016 beach fees schedule (to reflect addition of disabled Veteran & Purple Heart recipient)
- Vote to modify the banner dates for the Sharon Garden Club from May 9-16, 2016 to May 3-9, 2016 (or May 4 depending on ATM) in first position

Selectman McGrath asked if the Town received any correspondence about the state not stocking the lake; nothing has been received. If that is the case, could the beach fees be revised again to reflect that the lake is not being stocked; Selectman McGrath was advised yes, they can.

MOTION: To approve the March 21, 2016 consent calendar
(Roach - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reported the following:

- We are in the process of conducting internal interviews for the Operations Supervisor position.
- Chief Kaufman has set up oral panels for the Sergeant and Lieutenant interviews, which will take place next week.

- The deadline to apply for the Treasurer/Collector position is this week and to date, we have received twenty applications. Based on the responses received, we may need to re-advertise.
- The Priorities Committee is meeting tonight to affirm the 3.18% budget allocation figure.
- Staff continues to review options in advance of the expiration of the solid waste and recycling collection contract on December 31, 2016. We are considering containers for solid waste to allow for automated collection, pay-as-you-throw programs to drive down waste and encourage recycling, and weekly recycling collection.
- He is exploring a pair of new options for net solar metering credits and hopes to have more information shortly.

Memorial Park Beach Concession Stand Agreement Discussion

Chairman Heitin said that the current lease holder has been invited to a number of meetings and has not been able to attend. He feels the \$3,000 fee is appropriate and cannot see reducing the fee in half, which is what she is requesting. When this contract was first entered into, the Board did not know about the 250th events, so it was not possible to factor that in, but that the lease holder has financially benefited from these events. Mr. Turkington pointed out that technically, there was an escalator clause put in, so the town should be receiving more money. Selectman Roach said that after the first year of her contract, she asked permission to park her food truck at the Community Center, which the Board agreed to. Chairman Heitin noted that the Fourth of July Committee will be opening up the entire beach because the fireworks will be going on barges, so that will draw more people.

The consensus of the Board is to have Mr. Turkington offer her \$3,000 as the concession stand permit fee and if she does not accept by Thursday, the town will go out to bid.

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

None

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 6:07pm
(Roach – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**