

MINUTES
SHARON SELECT BOARD
December 10, 2019

The meeting of the Sharon Select Board was called to order at 8:00 pm in the second floor Meeting Room at the Sharon Town Hall with Chair William A. Heitin; Clerk Emily E. Smith-Lee; Member Hanna Switlekowski; and Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr. in attendance. The meeting commenced with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vote to approve bond note authorization

MOTION: To approve the sale of \$5,000,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the “notes”) of the Town dated December 13, 2019 and payable February 21, 2020 to Piper Jaffray & Company at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$6,000.00.

Further voted that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated November 25, 2019 and a final Official Statement dated December 5, 2019, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further voted that the Town Treasurer and the Select Board be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time.

Further voted that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further voted that each member of the Select Board, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts, or other documents as may be determined by them or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

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

Vote to approve Rattlesnake Hill uniqueness determination

MOTION: The Select Board has determined that advertising for proposals pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 16(d), will not benefit the interest of the Town of Sharon because the property to be acquired is a significant parcel of land in size and in its unique geologic, vegetative, and ecosystem features. Specifically, the property to be acquired is uniquely situated adjacent to the existing 1,843 acre Department of Conservation and Recreation’s Borderland State Park. Together, Borderland and Rattlesnake Hill would preserve over 2,000 acres of wildlife protection space in eastern Massachusetts. At an elevation of 431 feet, Rattlesnake Hill is the highest point between Cape Cod and the Blue Hills and the last such parcel of land in eastern Massachusetts available for conservation protection. The norther half of the parcel is the largest remaining undisturbed acreage of Lake Massapoag watershed which feeds into the area’s drinking water supply.

In light of the foregoing, it is the opinion of the Board that it is property to waive the publication requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, §16 with respect to this acquisition.

The Board further declares that pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 16(e)(l), the Commission shall publish this determination and the proposed purchase price in the Massachusetts Central Register not less than thirty (30) days before the Town of Sharon executes a binding agreement to purchase the property.

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

Vote to approve Intermunicipal Agreement with Town of Norwood for shared Energy Manager

As you may recall, Mr. Turkington has been in negotiations with the Town of Norwood on a shared Energy Manager. It is felt that both communities feel they could benefit from an individual who would pursue Green Communities grants and oversee projects but also monitor thermostat controls, variable frequency drives and other electronic components and devices. Norwood has agreed to take the lead and do the hiring with Sharon having the opportunity to “buy” up to 20 hours per week. Sharon would be involved in the hiring process. Funding will come from savings in the street lights budget and will be budgeted as part of the operating budget in the future. The Agreement has been reviewed and approved by Town Counsel.

MOTION: To approve the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Norwood for a shared Energy Manager.

(Smith-Lee-Switlekowski) 3-0 **PASSES**

Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:11 pm and adjourn immediately following.

(Heitin-Smith-Lee) 3-0 **PASSES**

List of Documents

- Bond notes
- Rattlesnake Hill uniqueness determination
- Intermunicipal agreement