

**MINUTES**  
**SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
*April 25, 2017*

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

**Proclamation Presentation – Eagle Scout Sean McCluskey**

Chairman Roach asked Sean to talk a little bit about his scouting career and his Eagle Scout project. Sean explained that he has been in scouting since first grade, and worked his way up the ranks. His project, which he worked on with several other scouts, was to plant three trees, install benches and assisted with the installation of flower beds at Deborah Sampson Park at the site of the old Sacred Heart School.

Selectman McGrath read the proclamation from the Board of Selectmen. The Board congratulated Sean on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

**2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 28 Discussion**

Mr. Turkington summarized the intent of the citizen petition, and noted that some members of the Board and Town Counsel have expressed concern about the wells being under Article 97 protection. Town staff suggested that the parcel be broken into three parcels. Mr. Turkington then reviewed the process if this proposal were to pass. Town Counsel is meeting with the lead petitioner, the Conservation Administrator and the chair of the Conservation Commission this evening to discuss the proposal. Mr. Turkington noted that the Board was provided several maps in the meeting packets, showing what the petitioner is requesting, and what the proposed sectioning would be, and no new soccer fields could be added based on this proposal. Selectman Heitin believes the Board should wait to hear from Town Counsel about the outcome of his meeting with the citizen petitioner, as there is some concern about the control of the well sites, as they cannot be under Article 97 protection. The Board agreed to wait on taking a position on Article 28.

**Approval of First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding – 25 Tiot Holdings, LLC**

Mr. Turkington explained that the amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to clarify the number of units, changes the restaurant to public, as it should have been, and notes that the golf maintenance facility is to be not located closer than 1,000 feet to the nearest property line.

Matt MacDonald, 237 Edge Hill Road, feels the proposal before the Board addresses some of the issues he had in the past, and thanked the Board for their work.

Ed Glebus, 252 Edge Hill Road, also thanked the Board and is in favor of the proposal. He noted his concern about traffic and speeding on Edge Hill Road. Elaine Glebus reiterated what her husband said, and encourages the Police Department to perform traffic enforcement and to ticket speeders. Selectman McGrath suggested that the neighbors speak to the Police Department and also suggested performing a traffic study in the area.

**MOTION:** To approve the first amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with 25 Tiot Holdings, LLC

(Heitin – McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

## **FY2018 Budget Presentation – Dr. Luis Lopes, Superintendent, Southeastern Regional School District**

Dr. Luis Lopes, Superintendent, Southeastern Regional School District, appeared before the Board. With him was Mindy Kempner, Sharon's representative to the School Committee.

Dr. Lopes noted that their FY18 budget is up 3.3%, and is comprised of three areas: operating budget, transportation, and other expenditures (capital improvements). He spoke about the acceptance process, and how it is becoming increasingly difficult. Sharon's FY18 assessment is \$239,410, a slight reduction due to the decrease in the number of students attending from Sharon. Dr. Lopes explained the per pupil costs by community within the District. Chairman Roach noted that it is an excellent school and the students leave the school with a solid education and the beginnings of a profession. His grandson attends Southeastern and has taken advantage of the offerings.

The Board thanked Dr. Lopes and Ms. Kempner for their time.

## **Consent Calendar**

- I. Vote to approve regular session minutes of April 13, 2017
- II. Vote to approve the one-day wine & malt alcohol license for Ryan Gott for a Bat Mitzvah at the Community Center on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 11:00am to 4:00pm
- III. Vote to approve the following banner requests from the Rotary Club of Sharon and Sharon Lions Club for their Taste of Sharon's Diversity events:
  - i. All Welcome banner: May 2 (or 3)- May 8, 2017 – 1st position
  - ii. Thank You Sponsor banner: June 12-19, 2017 – 2nd position
  - iii. All Welcome banner: July 17-24, 2017 – 1st position
  - iv. All Welcome banner: August 28-September 5, 2017 – 2nd position
  - v. Thank You Sponsor banner: October 16-23, 2017 – 1st position
- IV. Vote to approve the Veteran's Memorial Park Beach Concession Stand Operating Agreement between the Town and Felix Safai

**MOTION:** To approve the April 25, 2017 consent calendar, as read and understood  
(McGrath - Heitin) 3-0 **PASSES**

## **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Turkington reported the following:

- Finance Director Cindy Doherty passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Her dedication and attention to detail will be missed, but she will be remembered fondly for her smile, sense of humor and caring nature
  - The accounting firm will remain in place until a Finance Director/Town Accountant is hired.
- Selectman Heitin read the notice about the Finance Director Screening Committee:

The Sharon Board of Selectmen is seeking interested persons to serve on the Finance Director/Town Accountant Screening Committee.

Pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Town of Sharon's Personnel By-Laws, the Committee will be responsible for recruiting for the vacancy of Finance Director/Town Accountant, conducting preliminary interviews in confidence and making a recommendation of several finalists to the Board of Selectmen. The Board will then interview finalists.

The Board of Selectmen intends to appoint four individuals to the Screening Committee, with the fifth member of the Committee being an appointment of the Personnel Board. The Town Administrator will serve as an ex-officio member.

Please submit letter of interest and resume to the Board of Selectmen no later than Wednesday, May 17, 2017 to: Sharon Board of Selectmen, Town Office Building, 90 South Main Street, Sharon, MA 02067 or via email to: [lbarnes@townofsharon.org](mailto:lbarnes@townofsharon.org)

When applying, please indicate availability for meetings (i.e. if both day and evening meetings are possible). Please contact the Selectmen's Office at 781-784-1500 x1208 with any questions.

- Mr. Turkington reviewed the timeline for the establishment of the screening committee and the hiring of the new Finance Director.
- The town is in the midst of labor negotiations with several bargaining units, including AFSCME and the MPs.
- He met on April 12 with Cook & Company and Blue Cross to set health insurance rates for FY18. A 6.9% increase will be effective July 1.
- He participated in a conference call with the Mass. School Building Authority on Friday with other town officials to discuss the timeline and milestones related to the next steps in the process for the potential high school renovation/expansion or replacement project.
- The town had its rating call with Moody's yesterday, and Selectman Heitin participated as he has over the past several years. The bond rating will come out tomorrow.
- The tour of Whitney Place will take place on Friday, May 5 for Board members.
- The public forum on trash collection and recycling will take place tomorrow evening at 7:00pm at the Community Center.

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

Selectman Heitin reminded residents of the annual carnival at Deborah Sampson Park this weekend.

#### Executive Session

No executive session is needed.

#### Adjournment

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 7:20pm  
(Heitin - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

#### List of Documents

- Warrant Article 28
- Draft First Amendment to MOU with 25 Tiot Holdings, LLC
- Southeastern Regional School District FY18 budget presentation
- Sean McCluskey Eagle Scout Proclamation Presentation
- April 13, 2017 Board of Selectmen Minutes
- One-Day Alcohol License Application – Ryan M. Gott
- Banner request applications: Rotary Club of Sharon & Sharon Lion's Club for their Taste of Diversity Events
- April 12, 2017 Memo from Recreation Director Linda Berger regarding the RFP for the Concession Stand at Memorial Park Beach
- Concession Stand Operating Agreement
- Proposal (including menu) from Felix Safai for the Concession Stand RFP/Bid
- Report of the Town Administrator
- Miscellaneous Correspondence