

**MINUTES**  
**SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
*November 14, 2016*

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

**Tax Classification Public Hearing**

Administrative Assessor Mark Mazur was present for the public hearing.

**MOTION:** To open the public hearing at 7:00pm  
(Heitin - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

Mr. Mazur noted that he does not have a recommendation for a tax rate yet, so the information he provided to the Board is abbreviated.

The Board of Assessors is recommending that the Board of Selectmen select a residential factor of "one" for fiscal year 2017. This would result in each property class maintaining 100% of its full value tax share.

The Board of Assessors recommends that the Board of Selectmen choose not to adopt a residential exemption for fiscal year 2017. This would result in each residential property maintaining 100% of its full value tax share.

The Board of Assessors further recommends that the Board of Selectmen choose not to adopt a small commercial exemption for fiscal year 2017. This would result in each commercial property maintaining 100% of its full value tax share.

Administrative Assessor Mark Mazur reviewed the materials/data he provided to the Board, which supports the recommendations of the Board of Assessors.

**MOTION:** To select a residential factor of "one" for fiscal year 2017  
(Heitin - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

**MOTION:** To not adopt a residential exemption for fiscal year 2017  
(Heitin - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

**MOTION:** To not adopt a small commercial exemption for fiscal year 2017  
(Heitin - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

**MOTION:** To close the public hearing at 7:04pm  
(Heitin - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

**Reappointment to Town Boards/Committees & One Year Appointments**

**Board and Committee Reappointments**

**New Term:**

**December 31, 2016 thru December 31, 2019**

**Board of Health**

Dr. Kenneth Zoller  
Ms. Luba Raynus

**Cable TV Oversight**

Mr. Leonard Segal

**Commission on Disabilities**

Mr. Peter Melvin  
Mrs. Louis Diamond  
Ms. Susan Friedman

**Community Preservation**

Mr. Marc Bluestein

**Conservation Commission**

Mr. Jonathan Wasserman

**Council on Aging Board**

Ms. Rita Edelston  
Dr. Hridaya Bhargava  
Mr. Neil Grossman

**Historical Commission**

Mr. Gordon Hughes  
Ms. Shirley Schofield

**Lake Management Study Committee**

Mr. Steve Weiss

**Recreation Advisory Committee**

Mr. Gary Bluestein  
Ms. Cheryl Whiting

**Registrar of Voters**

Ms. Colleen Tuck

**Sharon Housing Affordable Trust**

Mr. Andrew Goldberg

**Water Management Advisory Committee**

Mr. Mark Altabet

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Mr. Seth Ruskin

**MOTION:** To reappoint all named  
(McGrath – Heitin) 3-0 **PASSES**

**One-Year Appointments/Reappointments**  
**New Term through December 31, 2017**

Member	Appointed As:
Diane Malcolmson	Animal Control Officer
Edwin S. Little	Animal Inspector
David Skulsky	Auxiliary Police
Joseph X. Kent	Building Inspector
Paul Linehan, Chair	Capital Outlay Committee
Leah Stella	Crossing Guard
Sheila Kahaly	Crossing Guard
Andrea Sullivan	Crossing Guard
Irene Hixson	Crossing Guard
Julianne Vachon	Crossing Guard
Valeriy Tsinman	Crossing Guard
Michael Polimer	Director of Civil Defense
Edward Welch	Fence Viewer
Cynthia Doherty	Finance Director
Edwin S. Little	Norfolk County Advisory Board Representative
Lisa Clark	Parking Officer
Michael Teixeira	Parking Clerk
Elizabeth Curley	Parking Clerk
Beverly Blacker	Parking Clerk
Leah Stella	Parking Clerk
Joseph Jacobs	Plumbing & Gas Inspector
Mark P. Coyne	Sealer of Weights and Measures
Sean Somers	Special Police
Gale Simpson	Special Police
Kelly Troy	Special Police
Neil McGrath	Special Police
Kalman Koblick	Special Police
John Quigley	Special Police
Richard Gelerman	Town Counsel
Paul Bergeron	Veterans Agent
James B. Delaney	Wiring Inspector

Selectman McGrath asked to hold Neil McGrath, as he cannot vote for him due to family connection.

**MOTION:** To reappoint all named, with the exception of Neil McGrath  
 (Heitin – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

**MOTION:** To reappoint Neil McGrath  
 (Heitin – Roach) 2-0-1 **PASSES** (McGrath abstaining)

## Consent Calendar

- I. Vote to approve regular & executive session minutes of November 3, 2016
- II. Affirmation of vote on March 7, 2006 setting parking fee structure
- III. Vote to approve speed limit reductions in thickly settled areas of Sharon per
- IV. recommendations detailed in a memorandum from Town Engineer Peter O'Cain for the following roadways: South Pleasant Street, Chestnut Street, Hampton Road, South Walpole Street, Gavins Pond Road and Chace Drive
- V. Vote to sign the 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant

**MOTION:** To approve the November 14, 2016 consent calendar, as presented  
(Heitin - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**

## Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reported the following:

- The Planning Board closed its public hearing on Thursday and are meeting on December 1.
- The Finance Committee is meeting on Monday, November 21 to consider the revision to the Spring Valley warrant article.
- The Special Town Meeting warrant is at the printer and will be back by Wednesday, November 23 in order for timely delivery of the warrant.
- At the Board's next meeting, the Board will set the tax rate.
- The Cable Advisory Committee will present their proposal to change the name of their committee and charter.
- The Library is making progress with the plans for the new location at One School Street for submission to the state.
- The Recreation Advisory Committee is providing a public input meeting on November 30 from 7-8pm at the Community Center, so the public can see the proposed layout for the Ames Street Playground..
- He met with Chairman Roach and the Fire Chief with Mike Polimer and Chuck Levine about space for storage of Civil Defense. Discussions will continue.
- The architect met with some staff today and will set up space needs meetings with different Town Hall departments.
- With respect to the zoning by-law, the proponent has developed a new proposal based on conversations with various town boards. The article printed in the warrant is the original article; the revised article will be published on the website and will be made available as a handout at Town Meeting. The Board can consider the by-law at their December 6 meeting. The Memorandum of Understanding was revised and will need to be finalized prior to Town Meeting.

## "Team Rocket" First Lego League Robotics Presentation

As part of their work with first Lego league robotics they have created a project around this prompt: think of an area where humans and animals interact with the causes a problem and brainstorm a solution to the problem.

Team Rocket identified a problem with turkey aggression at the school bus stops and on the roads in Sharon. They have brainstormed a solution that would involve spraying a grapefruit juice based liquid on the grass by the side of the road and at bus stops. This would make the grass taste bad so that the turkeys don't want to go

near it. That way the turkeys stay safe and do not harass people or wander into the road where they can be hit by cars.

Team Rocket, as part of their requirement for the robotics competition, shared a skit with the Board of Selectmen.

The Board thanked the girls for their well thought-out and executed skit.

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

Attorney Robert Shelmerdine, attorney for the proponent of the Spring Valley Country Club project, was present. He believes the revised by-law is better than the original. He will go before the Finance Committee next Monday, November 21, and will meet with the Planning Board on December 1. The only open issues that remain with the Board is to vote on the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the revised warrant article. He asked the Board if they can meet before Thanksgiving to vote on these two items, so that any publicity in the media will indicate the Board's votes. His client will have to do a lot of outreach and would like to have as much lead time as possible. Mr. Turkington noted that the Planning Board isn't committed to publishing their report until after December 1.

Selectman Heitin noted that the Board drew a line in the sand, and yet changes have been made. He fears that changes could be made after the Planning Board meeting on December 1, and would like to hear from them before he takes a vote on the article and MOU.

Selectman McGrath asked how the abutters responded to the changes from the townhouses to single family homes on Edge Hill/Tiot Streets. Mr. Shelmerdine replied that the abutters were appreciative of the change to single family homes, but concerns remain as to the lot size for these homes.

Mr. Turkington asked about the status of the maintenance building. Mr. Shelmerdine replied that it will be improved with fencing, landscaping, painting, etc. Neighbors had expressed concern about the condition of the building and that it is an eyesore.

Chairman Roach would also like to hear from the Planning Board before taking a position on the article and MOU. Selectman McGrath would like everyone to be on the same page and hopes that the information is distributed prior to Town Meeting. Selectman Heitin noted that the proponent also has the ability to mail the revised language to all households – it has been done before.

#### **News & Announcements**

- Chairman Roach thanked the residents for their generous donations to the food pantry – an entire truckload of food was collected, as was \$1,369 in donations.
- Selectman McGrath read a thank you letter from a resident to the Fire Chief for the Fire Department's assistance with the resident's cardiac emergency.
- Selectman McGrath thanked all of the participants and those who attended the Veterans' Day ceremony. He also noted the efforts of Grace Leavitt, who got the Pledge of Allegiance back into the high school.

#### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 7:40pm  
(Heitin - McGrath) 3-0 **PASSES**