

**MINUTES**  
**SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
*July 10, 2018*

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00pm in the Town Hearing Room at the Sharon Community Center with Chairman William A. Heitin, Clerk Walter B. Roach, Jr., Selectwoman Emily E. Smith-Lee, Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr. and Assistant to the Town Administrator Lauren Barnes. The meeting commenced with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Veterans Monument Proposal Discussion**

Resident JJ McGrath appeared before the Board. He explained that he had an idea to erect a fountain to honor veterans of the Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan wars. The fountain would be representative of the fountain that was formerly in Post Office Square. He wrote to the Simoni Foundation for financial assistance, and they donated \$8,000 toward the project. He found a sister fountain in the center of Wrentham, and through his research, he found that in order to replicate the fountain from Post Office Square, it would cost \$65,000+. He understands that it may not be financially feasible to replicate the fountain, but rather design a different one. Mr. McGrath suggested the fountain could be placed in Post Office Square or on the grounds of the new Town Hall property. He believes a committee should be formed to develop a design, recommend a location and fundraise.

Chairman Heitin noted that there are talented architects and artists here in Town that may be willing to get involved. Mr. McGrath believes this could be a community project, which is a good thing. Selectwoman Smith-Lee finds the idea appealing, but doubts there is sufficient space in Post Office Square. She agrees that this could be a community effort. Mr. Turkington added that if the plan differs from the original proposal that was suggested to the Simoni Foundation, the Town would have to give the Foundation the opportunity to ask for their money back or allow the Town to use it for the new design. Mr. McGrath agrees that the Standing Building Committee should be consulted as to whether or not it is an option at the new Town Hall site. Chairman Heitin suggested that the Board take this information and digest it, and add this topic to the next meeting agenda to continue the conversation.

The Board thanked Mr. McGrath for his time.

**Appoint Donald Brewer as Deputy Chief of Police & Approval of Employment Agreement**

Mr. Turkington explained that this is the standard employment agreement for the Deputy Chief of Police. Chief Ford looks forward to working with Deputy Chief Brewer, and noted his meteoric rise since joining the Department in 2006. Chairman Heitin would like to do a pinning ceremony in the near future for the Deputy and the new Lieutenants, and Chief Ford offered to hold it at the Public Safety Building.

**MOTION:** To appoint Donald Brewer Deputy Chief of Police and approve the Employment Agreement  
(Smith-Lee – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

**Approval of Maximum Useful Life for Equipment Authorized by 2018 Annual Town Meeting**

**VOTED:** that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with the proceeds of the borrowing authorized by the vote of the Town passed May 7, 2018 (Article 6) is hereby determined pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(1) to be as follows:

<u>Motion</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Borrowing Amount</u>	<u>Maximum Useful Life</u>
6K	Fire Department equipment	\$750,000	20 Years
6B	DPW equipment	\$230,500	10 Years
6F	School technology equipment	\$150,000	5 Years
6L	Police Department equipment	\$136,300	5 Years
6I	School Department equipment	\$90,000	10 Years
6G	School Department furniture	\$23,000	10 Years
6M	Recreation Department equipment	\$19,000	10 Years

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located, or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the subject matter of this vote were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended.

(Heitin – Smith-Lee) 3-0 **PASSES**

#### **Sacred Heart Site Vote – Parcel T No Longer Needed for Outdoor Recreational Purposes**

**MOTION:** That the following parcel of land is found to be no longer needed for outdoor recreational purposes:

That the portion of the Parcel B on land known as the Sacred Heart Site, which was acquired by the Town by deed of the Order of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of New England, Inc. dated December 26, 1974 and recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 5099, Page 169 and shown on a plan entitled “Plot Plan of Sacred Heart Property, Sharon, Mass.” dated June 1973 by the Sharon Engineering Department which plan is recorded in said Registry as Plan Number 1102 of 1974, Plan Book 247, which is currently unused and is held under the care, control and management of the Board of Selectmen for outdoor recreation purposes, be transferred to the care, control and management of the Board of Selectmen to use for general municipal purposes and/or construction of municipal building(s) and related facilities and/or parking.

The property no longer needed is shown as Parcel T on a plan dated June 15, 2018, prepared by Sharon Survey Service, 10 East Chestnut Street, Sharon, MA 02067, containing approximately .82 acres. A copy of this plan is attached to this vote and is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk.

In exchange for the removal of said Parcel T from the open space and parkland restriction under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Board of Selectmen will transfer certain land from the care, custody, management and control of the board of selectmen to the board of selectmen, for outdoor active and passive recreation and open space. The exchanged parcel is approximately 2.2 acres of land and is identified as Parcel F on the “Plot Plan of Sacred Heart Property, Sharon, Mass.” dated June 1973 by the Sharon Engineering Department which plan is recorded in said Registry as Plan Number 1102 of 1974, Plan Book 247, and is described in a deed to the Town of Sharon recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 5099, Page 168.

(Heitin – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

## Consent Calendar

- I. Vote to approve regular and executive session minutes of June 19, 2018
- II. Vote to approve the request of John Reilly for the Sharon Cross Country and Track Program road race on Sunday, October 21 at 9:00am
- III. Confirm the vote taken in Executive Session to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Town of Sharon and Local 1880, IAFF as a supplement to the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement dated November 14, 2017 related to emergency call back area requirements for officers
- IV. Vote to appoint John Ford as Constable for a term good through December 31, 2020
- V. Vote to support the Recreation Advisory Committee's decision to name Rob Maidman as 2018 Citizen of the Year as recommended by Council on Aging Director, Kathleen Medeiros
- VI. Vote to support the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Committee to request that the Sharon Police Department scan the Veteran's Memorial Park Beach parking lot at 10:00am each weekend morning and issue tickets to those cars without a proper permit
- VII. Vote to approve the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Committee for Jon Lewitus to attend the NRPA Director's School in November and Linda Berger to attend the National Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference and Trade Show in September (both budgeted for FY19)
- VIII. Vote to approve the Fulfillment of Conservation Restrictions on Property Located Off 135 Old Post Road and 669 and 675 South Main Street
- IX. Vote to approve out of state travel for Fred Turkington to attend the ICMA Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on September 19-23

Selectman Roach does not believe that the Police has the manpower to ticket vehicles on the weekends before the lake officially opens, and wonders if a gate guard could be brought in early. Mr. Turkington believes the request was made because gate guards do not have ticketing authority. Mr. Turkington will ask Ms. Berger if both police enforcement and bringing in a gate guard an hour early are options.

**MOTION:** To approve the July 10, 2018 consent calendar, with the exception of item VI  
(Heitin – Roach) 3-0 **PASSES**

## Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reported the following:

- Department heads met with the Master Plan consultants today. A community-wide survey will be distributed next month.
- Two firms have expressed interest in erecting billboards along Route One. The Town has asked both firms for mitigation funds.
- The Town's insurance package is complete, and is approximately \$30,000 under budget, even with the additional coverages for cyber and umbrella.
- With respect to the trash program, there are about 300 households that did not receive barrels, but those issues are being addressed. There were approximately 100 customers who were not being charged by Republic Services, but since the Town is taking over billing, that will be remedied.

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

None.

## Executive Session – 7:38pm

**MOTION:** To enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect pending litigation with regard to real property and public records request and at the end, to adjourn for the evening. Discussion of these items in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town.

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

Heitin	Aye
Roach	Aye
Smith-Lee	Aye

## Adjournment

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 8:12pm

(Roach – Smith-Lee) 3-0 **PASSES**

Heitin	Aye
Roach	Aye
Smith-Lee	Aye

### List of Documents

- J.J. McGrath – June 11 correspondence re: proposed monument
- Vote of the Board of Selectmen for the Maximum Useful Life of Departmental Equipment
- June 19, 2018 Board of Selectmen regular and executive session minutes
- John Reilly – correspondence requesting permission for road race
- Letter of Agreement Between Town of Sharon and Local 1880, IAFF
- Linda Berger, Recreation Director – June 26, 2018 Memo
- 2018 Citizen of the Year
- Police scanning Veteran's Memorial Park Beach parking
- Out of state travel for Assistant Recreation Director Jon Lewitus and Recreation Director Linda Berger
- Fulfillment of Conservation Restrictions for the property located off 135 Old Post Road and 669 and 675 South Main Street
- Miscellaneous Correspondence