

MINUTES
SHARON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
April 30, 2019

The meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen was called to order at 11:10 am in the Town Hearing Room at the Sharon Community Center with Chairman William A. Heitin, Selectwoman Emily E. Smith-Lee, and Town Administrator Frederic E. Turkington, Jr.

Take positions on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant – Sharon Public Library Project Funding

Ms. Smith-Lee acknowledged that the neighbors have legitimate concerns about the proposed site of the potential new library. While she understands those concerns, she believes very strongly that there is no other viable location. Chairman Heitin expressed disappointment with the process and hopes that there will be additional outreach in the following weeks. However, he feels that it is important that the Board be supportive.

Ms. Carolyn Weeks of the Library Board of Trustees asked about the protocol for building construction. It was the feeling of the Board of Trustees that protocol was being followed. Mr. Heitin explained some about the role of the Standing Building Committee in the process and stated that there would be continued conversations about formalizing best practices.

Mr. Turkington feels that there are three important takeaways from the discussion. First, the impact of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners may not work with us. Second, the Trustees are an independently elected group much like the School Committee and have jurisdictional issues that must be respected. Finally, that there must be balance in how much should be spent to obtain enough adequate information for the public to make an informed decision.

Ms. Smith-Lee acknowledged the sequence of events. The abutters rightfully want answers to questions that aren't available until later in the process. She also feels that Town leadership still has a good deal at stake after the vote next week in not breaking the faith with the community about building projects. Mr. Turkington agrees that follow-through is critical to validate trust.

It is the position of the Board of Selectmen to support this article for Annual Town Meeting.

Review and approve consent calendar

- I. Vote to approve April 9, 2019 minutes.
- II. Vote to approve the updated documentation presented by Eagle Square Hospitality for the Square Kitchen and Bar liquor license Change of Officers, Ownership Interest and Stock Transfer.
- III. Vote to approve the following banner requests:
 - i. Sharon Girl Scouts May 27-June 3, 2019 in 1st position
 - ii. Sharon Recreation Summer Concert Series, June 17-24, 2019 in 1st position and waive the fee
- IV. Vote to appoint Kalpana Vijayakumar to the Sharon Cultural Council for a term through June 30, 2022 and Deepak Shahane to the Sharon Technology and Telecommunications Advisory Committee for a term through December 31, 2020
- V. Vote to accept payment of \$948 in FY19 from families responsible for damage to the backboard at Deborah Sampson incurred on April 6, 2019.

MOTION: To approve the consent calendar.
(Smith-Lee – Heitin) 2-0 **PASSES**

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

None.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 11:25 am
(Smith-Lee – Heitin) 2-0 **PASSES**

List of Documents

1. Article 17 – Sharon Public Library Funding
2. Minutes
3. Eagle Square Application Materials
4. Appointment Certificates
5. Memo
6. Invoice for Backboard Replacement
7. Copy of MGL CH. 44 §53A