

**SHARON SELECTBOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, October 2, 2017  
MINUTES**

**Selectboard Members present:** Mary Gavin (Chair), Kevin Gish,

**Selectboard Members absent:** Luke Pettengill

**Staff Attending:** Tim Higgins, Road Foreman; Deb Jones, Finance Manager; Margy Becker, Selectboard Assistant.

**Visitors:** Sue Sellw; Sheriff Chamberlain; Deputy Claude Wygant, Lindsay Warren, 7 Stars Arts Center

Mary Gavin convened the regular meeting at 6:30PM.

**Regular Business:**

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

**Kevin Gish made the motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2017 meeting as submitted. Mary Gavin seconded. The motion carried.**

**2. Changes to the Grand List:**

Galen Mudgett reported on the Board of Listers' proposed changes to the grand list. He explained the changes result in a decrease in grand list value of approximately \$200.

**Motion by Kevin Gish to approve the changes to the grand list as summarized in a report to the Selectboard dated 9/27/17. Mary Gavin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

The changes as approved by the Selectboard result from 1) a resolution of a warranty deed defect which resulted in changes to parcel acreages and valuations (Marc and Susan Wood, et al), and 2) delays in the processing of 4 Current Use applications at the state level. A copy of the proposed changes to the grand list as presented by the Board of Listers is attached to these minutes.

**3. Public Comments:**

Sue Sellw reported on concerns regarding storage of junk cars at two properties in Sharon, one on Harlow Road and one on Moore Road. The Moore Road parcel is subject to an enforcement order by the Agency of Natural Resources. Margy Becker was asked to contact the State of Vermont to report potential violations. Brief discussions ensued regarding the need for a junkyard ordinance. Planning Commissioner Joe Ronan has been researching model ordinances.

**4. Highway Business:**

- a. **Road Foreman reports:** Tim Higgins reported the new leaf blower is working well. The crew has been hauling hard pack from Pike to complete surface repairs to gravel roads.
- b. **7 Stars Arts Center/Baxter Library Drive:** Lindsay Warren inquired whether the Town would be interesting in contracting with Countryside Property Maintenance, who has proposed completing driveway repairs to ½ of the U-shaped shared driveway. The Selectboard agreed with Tim Higgins that the Town will proceed to repair other half of the driveway.
- c. **Rte. 132 FHWA Repairs:** Tim Higgins reported that Nott's Excavating has completed its portion of repair work to Rte. 132 which dates back to the July 1 storm. He is still waiting for pavement repairs to occur.

d. **Broad Brook Road Bank Stabilization:**

Margy Becker reported she has been in touch with Holden Engineering, and she is waiting for them to report back as to their schedule for this project. Holden Engineering will prepare the final plan and bid documents, in addition to other pre-construction activities.

e. **Bid Award - Gravel Hauling:**

After Selectmen reviewed the bid tabulation, **Kevin Gish made the motion to award the hauling bid to the lowest bidder, Adam Stone at \$11.75/ton. Mary Gavin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

f. **Road crew vacancy:**

Selectmen agreed to a special meeting (executive session) for a candidate interview. The meeting is scheduled for 5:00PM Thursday, October 12.

g. **Employee Evaluations:**

Deb Jones and Tim Higgins will complete employee evaluations by the next meeting on October 16, 2017.

5. **Windsor County Sheriff:**

Michael Chamberlain and Deputy Claude Wygant met with the Selectboard. Traffic control issues were discussed and new priorities agreed upon. The Sheriff's Department will conduct speed surveys during the course of the next month and report back to the Board in early November. This data will be an indicator as to where more in-depth traffic surveys are needed to justify possible adjustments to existing speed limits.

6. **EC Fiber Board Appointment:**

Margy Becker informed Selectmen Robert Ferguson is resigning as representative to the EC Fiber Board. David Karon, currently an Alternate, has expressed interest in becoming the

representative. Clare Holland will continue as Alternate. **Motion by Kevin Gish to appoint David Karon to the Board of EC Fiber. Mary Gavin seconded, and the motion carried.**

7. **Selectboard Assistant Report:**

Margy Becker provided a brief status report on the status of Selectboard business.

8. **Review & Approve Warrants:**

Payroll and check warrants were reviewed and approved.

9. **Executive Session:**

**Kevin Gish made the motion at 8:35PM to enter executive session to evaluate one or more employees with the Finance Manager in attendance. Mary Gavin seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Selectmen exited from executive session at 8:55PM.

10. **Adjournment: Kevin Gish made the motion to adjourn at 8:55PM. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.**

Submitted by Margy Becker