

**SHARON SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes
March 8, 2017**

Selectmen Present: Mary Gavin, Luke Pettengill, newly-elected Kevin Gish
Staff Attending: Margy Becker (taking minutes), Deb Jones, Finance Manager;
Visitors: Ira Clark, Sue Sellew (Planning Commissioners), Everett Hammond, P.E.

Call to order: Mary Gavin called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

1. Election of Officers:

Motion by Luke Pettengill to nominate Mary Gavin as Chairman. 2nd by Kevin Gish. Motion carried 2-0-1 (Gavin abstaining).

Motion by Mary Gavin to nominate Luke Pettengill as Vice Chair. Motion carried 2-0-1 (Pettengill abstaining).

Motion by Mary Gavin to nominate Kevin Gish as Clerk. 2nd by Luke Pettengill. Motion carried 2-0-1 (Gish abstaining).

Selectboard Chair, Mary Gavin, made suggestions for Selectboard policies and briefly reviewed the basic principles of the open meeting law. Selectboard training opportunities were noted. It was agreed Board members will bring suggestions for board priorities to their next meeting on March 20th.

2. PSB Review of Proposed 500kW Solar Project (Rte. 132):

Ira Clark and Sue Sellew joined Selectmen and Attorney Ryan Kane (via phone) to prepare for the March 14th pre-hearing conference concerning Norwich Technologies' petition for a Certificate of Public Good. Attorney Kane will report back to both boards after the conference.

3. Review & Approve Minutes:

Motion by Mary Gavin to approve the minutes of February 21, 2017 as submitted. 2nd by Luke Pettengill. Motion carried 2-0-1 (K. Gish abstaining).

4. Review & Approve Warrants:

Check and payroll warrants were review and approved as presented.

5. **Better Back Roads Grant Applications**

Selectmen reviewed and approved the application for a Better Back Roads grant application for preparation of an inventory of road erosion areas. The Town would contract with the Regional Planning Commission to perform the inventory. Total project cost estimates are \$11,864, with the local share contribution (cash or road crew labor) estimated at \$3,864.

The Selectboard met with Engineer Everett Hammond regarding preliminary cost estimates to mitigate an erosion area on Broad Brook Road, which involves stabilizing the bank below the road. The Town hopes to apply for a second grant to complete this project. But engineering cost estimates are high, illustrating the complexity of the project. Everett Hammond noted the steep slope, Broad Brook meander, and a 50+ foot road elevation above the brook as factors contributing to the cost of remediation. Luke Pettengill suggested benching to provide equipment access.

6. **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Mary Gavin at 8:07pm. The Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Submitted by Margy Becker