

**SHARON SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes (Final)
Thursday, September 5, 2019**

Board Members Attending: Joe Ronan, Kevin Gish, Mary Gavin
Staff Present: Margy Becker, Deb Jones, Frank Rogers
Members of the public: none

Joe Ronan called the special meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Review/Approve Agenda:

Mary Gavin made the motion to approve the agenda without changes. Kevin Gish seconded. The motion carried.

Norwich Technologies – Proposed Decommissioning Plan:

Joe Ronan presented a new proposal from Norwich Technologies for a decommissioning plan of the solar installation on Rte. 132. Further consideration of this proposal will occur during the special meeting on September 9.

Work Session: Paving Capital Improvement Plan:

Selectmen reviewed new detailed cost estimates from Horizons Engineering for major pavement reclamation projects scheduled for FY20 – FY21, inclusive of Howe Hill, Broad Brook, Fay Brook, and Quimby Mountain roads. These projects are to be funded by a bond in the estimated amount of one million. Potential construction schedules for base work and culvert replacements were agreed to. Follow-up discussions were scheduled for Monday, September 9. Deb Jones will revisit impacts of a 10 vs. 12-year bond repayment schedule on budgets and municipal tax rates.

Selectmen agreed to a plan for preparation of public education materials related to the bond vote. The public hearing on the bond vote, which is required by statute, has been confirmed for 7:00PM, Thursday October 24, 2019 at Sharon Elementary School. Margy Becker will follow-up with Sharon Elementary School staff concerning reservation of the music room or cafeteria for that meeting.

Baxter Library Driveway Repairs:

A sudden thaw in March 2019 caused flooding of the library basement and ponding of water at the rear entrance to the building. The unmanageable amount of snow/ice melt overwhelmed drainage features along the school/town right-of-way, causing unsafe access to the library, and the need for major driveway repairs and improvements to drainage infrastructure. The

Selectboard is in receipt of a proposal from Horizons Engineers in the amount of \$1,800 to develop plans for these repairs and improvements. Some drainage improvements are proposed along the boundary to the school grounds.

Margy Becker briefly reported she has learned that Pathways Consulting provides annual stormwater reporting to the State of Vermont on behalf of the elementary school. Pathways' annual report(s) may provide useful information as the Town plans for improvements to drainage features along the school/library boundary. Additionally, Pathways' annual inspections involve assessment of stormwater infrastructure in the vicinity of the parking lot and along the access road to the school. The Town's paving capital improvement plan lists this road for shim and overlay in the next year. It was agreed that Joe Ronan will ask school principal Keenan Haley for a copy of relevant stormwater reports.

Further consideration of the Horizons' proposal was postponed until the September 9th meeting.

Warrants:

Check and payroll warrants were approved.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mary Gavin to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:20PM. The motion was seconded by Kevin Gish and passed unanimously.

The Board exited executive session at 7:40PM.

Adjournment:

Mary Gavin made the motion to adjourn at 7:40PM. Kevin Gish seconded. The motion carried.

Submitted by, Margy Becker