

**SHARON SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes
Friday, December 20, 2019**

Selectboard Members Attending: Joe Ronan, Kevin Gish, Mary Gavin
Staff Attending: Deb Jones (Finance Manager,
Public Attending: None

Meeting was called to order by Joe Ronan at 7:40am.

The Selectboard discussed the General Fund's operating budget and transfers to other funds for FY2021. One topic discussed was the amount of revenue anticipated for delinquent taxes, which shows only penalty for the current tax year, and the amount of wage expense anticipated, which shows all payments to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the fiscal year regardless of the year the penalty was posted. Both penalty revenue and expense are budgeted at \$13,000 for FY2021. If the Selectboard decides to ask voters to consider a lower rate of penalty for the first days after the tax due date, the amount of revenue and expense would likely be lower.

The Selectboard discussed whether or not they should add the cost of a new Regional Energy Coordinator to be employed by TRORC of \$5,950.17 to the Town in the budget or if it should be a warned article, and as of this meeting they are leaning toward a warned article. They also briefly discussed the Ashley Community Forest, which has land in both Sharon and Strafford. Joe Ronan said he would get in touch with the Chair of the Strafford Selectboard to see how they are approaching this issue.

The Selectboard is considering adding a line item appropriation for the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD), the organization that helped with the "4-Town Future" community meetings. Deb will speak to Margy Becker about this, e.g. would it be a membership.

Mary Gavin made a motion to adjourn at 9:00am, which was seconded by Kevin Gish and the motion carried 3-0-0.

Adjournment:

Mary Gavin made the motion to adjourn at 9:00AM. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Submitted by,
Deb Jones