

**SHARON SELECTBOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Minutes (DRAFT)  
Thursday, January 2, 2020**

Selectboard Members Attending: Joe Ronan (via phone), Kevin Gish, Mary Gavin  
Staff Attending: Deb Jones (Finance Manager,  
Public Attending: Emily Grube, Pomfret Selectboard; Geo Honigford, Sharon  
Flood Hazard Bylaw Administrator

Meeting was called to order by Kevin Gish at 1:30PM.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**A Motion was made by Mary Gavin to approve the agenda without changes. Kevin Gish seconded. The motion carried.**

**2. Howe Hill Specifications and Bidding Process**

Selectmen discussed advantages and disadvantages of Horizon Engineering's three options for bidding, as summarized in an email to both Pomfret and Sharon Selectboards on December 20, 2019. "Option 2" entails separate contracts based on a bid award to the "lowest combined qualified bidder". This would require the selectboards of Sharon and Pomfret to jointly award the bid at a warned meeting. Selectmen expressed this option as their preference over option 1 (advertising a joint contract) or option 3 (separate yet simultaneous advertisements and separate contracts).

**Joe Ronan made the motion to instruct Horizons Engineering to**

- a) advertise for bids consistent with "option 2" as presented in Horizons' email to the Pomfret and Sharon Selectboard dated December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019;**
- b) modify bid specs for both towns to indicate bids shall be delivered to and opened at Horizons' office in Pomfret.**

**The motion was seconded by Mary Gavin and carried 3-0-0.**

Emily Grube reported the Pomfret Selectboard will be holding its discussions of the Howe Hill bid specs and bid advertising during its next regular meeting on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Emily Grube also reported Pomfret Selectmen plan to add culvert replacements to their bid specifications. Sharon Selectmen had previously agreed the Town would oversee the 10 River Road culvert replacements as a separate project. Board members reconsidered this decision. It was agreed Horizons will be instructed to add the 10 culvert replacements on River Road as a bid alternate to the Sharon specifications.

The Selectboard identified bid terminology that needs further clarification and agreed to summarize this list in an email to the Pomfret board prior to its meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Selectmen agreed Harrington Engineers should further explain why certain specifications for paving Sharon's smaller roads differ on the plans versus specifications presented to the voters at the public information meeting on the bond vote. Jon Harrington will be requested to attend the Sharon Selectboard meeting for Monday night, January 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss both sets of concerns.

**3. Walter Radicioni (dba Down River Investments, LLC) Notice of Appeal of Administrative Officer Decision to Issue Notice of Violation**

Sharon Flood Hazard Bylaw Administrator Geo Honigford met with Selectmen to review the basis for his recent Notice of Violation issued to Mr. Radicioni. The Bylaw states the Sharon Development Review Board must hold a hearing on Mr. Radicioni's appeal within 60 days. Selectmen asked Mr. Honigford to obtain confirmation from the Town Attorney that this in fact the procedure to be followed. Geo Honigford will inform DRB Chair Ira Clark how to proceed.

Geo Honigford stated he had concerns regarding existing litigation involving Mr. Radicioni and DRB business that warranted discussion in executive session.

**Mary Gavin made the motion to enter executive session at 2:30PM with the Administrative Officer and Selectboard Assistant to "discuss a civil matter of which premature disclosure would place the public at a substantial disadvantage". Kevin Gish seconded. The motion carried 3-0-0.**

The Selectboard exited executive session at 2:52PM. Margy Becker was asked to schedule a telephone conference with the Town Attorney to be held during a regular or special meeting in late January.

**4. Review/Approve January 6, 2020 Agenda**

Selectmen reviewed and made changes to a proposed agenda for its regular meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:30PM. Michael Sacca will be informed his presentation to the Selectboard on Ashley Community Forest will be scheduled for 7:00PM.

**5. Adjournment:**

**Mary Gavin made the motion to adjourn at 2:52PM. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.**

Submitted by,  
Margy Becker