

**SHARON SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, May 21, 2020
Minutes (Final)**

*The meeting was held via teleconference and pursuant to Open Meeting
Law amendments in place for COVID 19.*

Attendance confirmed via roll call:

Selectboard Members: Joe Ronan, Mary Gavin;

Selectboard Members Absent: Kevin Gish

Staff: Deb Jones (Finance Manager, Margy Becker (Selectboard Assistant), Frank Rogers (Road Foreman)

Town Officials: Debra St. Peter, Town Clerk

Members of the Public: Jon Harrington, P.E., Horizons Engineering; Robert Molinario and Caleb Connor (Pike Industries)

The meeting was called to order by Joe Ronan at 9:00AM.

1. **Review/Approve Agenda:**

Mary Gavin made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

2. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

3. **2020 Paving Updates:**

Pike Foreman Bobby Molinario reports **two culverts** have been discovered at the bottom of Howe Hill Road by the railroad overpass which **need to be replaced immediately**. It was agreed the Sharon crew will install the culverts and immediately after Quimby Mountain ditch work is complete. This may entail another day or two of emergency road closure.

Selectmen proceeded with final consideration of the bid alternate of \$72,000 for 4,000 linear feet of underdrain on Howe Hill. Jon Harrington presented the benefits of utilizing underdrain. Howe Hill's steep profile and water shedding off fields in certain areas present conditions suitable for use of underdrain to prevent water from getting underneath the pavement. Bobby Molinario, Pike Industries, concurred that lane heaving does indicate a problem. The Board discussed the feasibility of delaying installation of underdrain but decided against this approach. Selectmen instead asked Jon Harrington to reprioritize underdrain for locations where its use would be most critical and to submit a revised recommendation for board consideration at the Tuesday, May 26th special meeting.

Pike Industries representatives presented arguments for the Town's reconsideration of the windrowing bid specification. The Selectboard's response was to ask Pike to present its alternate proposal and associate cost for consideration at the May 26th special meeting.

4. **Adjournment:**

Mary Gavin made the motion to adjourn at 9:45AM. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Submitted by,
Margy Becker