

**SHARON SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, July 14, 2020
Minutes (Final)**

*This meeting was held in compliance
With the Vermont Open Meeting Law with electronic participation.*

Attendance confirmed via roll call:

Selectboard Members:	Joe Ronan, Kevin Gish, Mary Gavin;
Staff:	Deb Jones (Finance Manager), Margy Becker (Selectboard Assistant), Frank Rogers (Road Foreman)
Town Officials:	none

Chair Joe Ronan convened the meeting at 7:30AM via roll call.

1. Review/Approve Agenda:

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

2. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

3. Road Foreman Reports:

VTRANS has completed concrete road surface repair work in the I89 overpass on Quimby Mountain Road. Frank Rogers also reported the potholes on Broad Brook Road located at the overpasses will be filled and paved over, when Pike paves next week.

2020 Paving discussions included a report from Deb Jones that the asphalt index pricing is working in favor of the Town. The index was at 515 at the time of Pike's bid; it is at 471 today (for a 1.69/ton savings = approximately \$8200 savings), and it is forecasted to drop to 474 in time for the top coat application.

4. Corona Virus Planning: FY21 Interest on Late taxes:

Mary Gavin reported on news exchanged during the Sharon Incident Command Meeting held the prior evening. The Food Shelf is finally seeing an increase in household visits. In May 47 households were served, and in June 71 households were served. Sharon Community Health Coordinator, Karen Gray, reports she is resuming office hours on Friday at the Lighthouse. South Royalton Rescue reports calls are up slightly. Sharon Fire reports it is resuming in-person meetings and trainings. Keenan Haley reports he is awaiting the guidelines for in-person instruction this fall at Sharon Elementary. Summer camps are underway and the lunch program continues. The Department of Education is encouraging

the school to allow use of the gym for the state primary on August 11. The next IC meeting is 5PM on July 27th.

Selectmen agreed to encourage residents to VOTE BY MAIL in the August state primary. Ballots are available now upon request to Town Clerk, Debra St. Peter. Arrangements for voting in-person are still being confirmed.

Selectmen also encourage residents to PAY TAXES VIA MAIL or ONLINE. Appointments will be available for those who need to pay in cash, but residents will be urged to call ahead. Deb Jones, Finance Manager, will provide more details regarding online payment options in the very near future. A drop box has also been ordered.

Joe Ronan noted the State of Vermont is now forecasting a potential 11% drop in revenues. The Selectboard has been using an 8% reduction in revenues in its budget planning to-date.

5. Approval of Warrants:

Motion by Mary Gavin, second by Kevin Gish, to approve check warrant 1049A in the amount of \$24,806.31 which revises previously approved check warrant 1049, and includes three payments to Community Bank NA totaling \$24,806.31. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mary Gavin, second, by Kevin Gish, to approve check warrant 1050 in the amount of \$39,432.08, inclusive of payments to the following vendors: ADT security for monitoring services at the Town Offices (\$161.16), Blue Cross Blue Shield for health insurance premiums (\$7,181.80), Casella Waste Systems for solid waste removal (\$34.98), Green Mountain Mowing for grounds maintenance (\$422.50), Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District FY21 membership assessment \$16,522, GUVSWMD for 50 punch coupons (\$2,475); Magee for office supplies (\$110.99), David Phillips for headstone maintenance and mowing (\$210), South Royalton Rescue for FY21 dues (\$6,823.88), Tarrant, Gillies, Richardson for legal services (\$2,987.20), Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) for consulting services on town plan revisions (\$2,502.57). **The motion carried unanimously.**

6. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:30AM made by Mary Gavin. Kevin Gish seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Joe Ronan
Kevin Gish
Mary Gavin