

**SHARON SELECTBOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 30, 2021  
MINUTES (FINAL)**

*This meeting was held in compliance with the Vermont  
Open Meeting Law with Electronic and Telephonic Participation*

Participating via Zoom: Selectboard members Joe Ronan, Mary Gavin, Kevin Gish; Margy Becker (SB Assistant), Deb Jones (Finance Manager), Shawna Pinette and Bill Raymond, Threat Owl, Inc.; Donna Foster, resident.

**Call to Order:** The Chair convened the meeting at 6:35PM.

**1. Review/Approve Agenda:**

**Kevin Gish made the motion to approve the agenda. Mary Gavin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

**2. Public Comments:**

Donna Foster explained the need for a new and temporary location for her Foster Gardens tent sale for the period May 21 – June 19, 2021 10 – 6PM daily. She has been informed that RL Vallee dba Sharon Trading Post does not have room for her on their lot during construction. SB members noted concerns about approving use of the Town Green as requested. A plan was made for SB members to contact RL Vallee to further discuss. Discussions on this matter will continue April 5.

**3. May 8, 2021 Town Meeting Preparations:**

Selectmen reviewed proposed formats for the May 8, 2021 town meeting warning. SB members were supportive of approving the version which includes notice of the Australian Ballot informational meeting to be held prior to voting May 8.

**Motion by Kevin Gish to approve the Town Meeting Warning, inclusive of the notice of the Australian ballot information meeting (option 1), as presented. Mary Gavin seconded. The motion carried.**

A tentative agenda for the Australian Ballot informational meeting was reviewed. SB members will further discuss at the next meeting. Margy Becker will confirm whether the proposed April 29 date of the Town's informational meeting conflicts with the School's meeting dates and report back. SB members will also inquire with the Ashley Forest Committee as to when they plan to host an informational meeting for Sharon residents.

**4. Liquor License Renewal Application – Sharon Trading Post:**

Selectmen approved the 2021 liquor license for Sharon Trading Post. The license will be uploaded into DocuSign for signing and then transmitted back to the Town Clerk.

5. **Greater Upper Valley SW District Appointments:**

**Motion by Kevin Gish to appoint Mary Gavin as Town Representative to the GUVSWMD for a term of two years. Joe Ronan seconded. The motion carried 2-0-1, Mary Gavin abstaining.**

**Motion by Mary Gavin to appoint Kevin Gish as Alternate Town Representative to the GUVSWMD for a term of two years. Joe Ronan seconded. The motion carried 2-0-1, Kevin Gish abstaining.**

Mary Gavin provided a brief update on the solid waste district's development of an area food waste composting option.

6. **ADA Railing Upgrades at Old School House:**

Deb Jones noted that a prior VLCT Risk Management survey of town buildings conducted by Wade Masure (VLCT) identified the need for grab handrails on the backstairs entrance to the OSH building. SB members agreed to hire Jack Jones to install the railings at a compensation rate of \$35.00/hour, which equates to the compensation rate paid to prior repairs & maintenance staff.

7. **Hazard Mitigation Plan Revisions:**

Selectmen met with Shawna Pinette and Bill Raymond to review town capabilities for preventing natural disasters and for lessening the potential consequences of natural disasters. An example of town capabilities is a capital improvement plan for upgrade of under-sized culverts on town highways or ongoing hazardous materials spill training by Sharon Fire Dept. (SFD) The next step in hazard mitigation plan review will require involvement of SFD, Emergency Co-coordinators, Road Foreman, and the broader community. SB members agreed to schedule two meetings for this phase of plan revisions. Margy Becker will contact SFD to inquire about IC Team participation in the meetings. The dates for these discussions are tentatively late April.

8. **Harlow Road – updates:**

SB members exchanged updates concerning the Harlow Road situation and agreed to pursue discussions with Royalton SB members concerning an agreement to submit a joint letter to the Vermont Attorney General and state officials. SB members noted Vince Gross and Colleen LeBaron's interest in convening another neighborhood meeting with Selectmen. In separate discussions SB members noted increasing concerns regarding the appearance of a property along Harlow Road owned by Dylan McCullough. SB members will follow-up with Mr. McCullough and apprise the Town Health Officer Alex Bird of the problem.

9. **Congressman Welch: Community Funding Requests:**

Congressman Peter Welch's office announced last week that it is requesting applications for projects to be funded by stimulus funds. Joe Ronan reported he contacted the Clara Martin Center to explore the possibility of expanding substance abuse treatment programs in the

immediate area. Clara Martin was receptive to this suggestion, but their staff noted their inability to meet the deadlines for application submittals to Welch's office. SB members expressed support for continuing a dialogue with Clara Martin Center regarding drug treatment programs.

**10. Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of March 15, 2021 minutes to occur at the next meeting.

**11. Approval of Warrants:**

**Kevin Gish made the motion to approve Payroll Warrant for the Period March 14 through March 27, 2021 with a cash draw of \$15,816.21. Mary Gavin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Kevin Gish made the motion to approve Check Warrant #1141 Recreation in the amount of \$375.50 for payment to the Central VT Cal Ripken Baseball League. Mary Gavin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mary Gavin made the motion to approve AP Warrant #1138 in the amount of \$1,680.25 for payments to Dept of Public Safety for \$50 for the Fire Safety Permit for construction at the garage, Evans Motor Fuels for \$1371.81, Fastenal for \$33 for shop supplies, Foley Services for \$169.44 for 3 weeks of uniforms, and to Frank Rogers for \$56 for use of personal vehicle when the F550 was in use and to avoid use of big trucks. **Kevin Gish seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.****

**Mary Gavin made the motion to approve AP Warrant #1139 in the amount of \$811.12 for payments to GMP totaling \$657.87 (5 invoices), Lucky's Trailer Sales for \$22.26, Magee Office Products for \$49.52 and Maine Oxy Group for \$81.47. **Kevin Gish seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.****

**Mary Gavin made the motion to approve AP Warrant #1140 in the amount of \$8,019.45 including payments to Northeast Delta Dental for \$446.18, to Sabil & Sons for \$84.52, to South Royalton Rescue for \$6823.92 for March, to Ted Green Ford for \$185.99 for service, to Lincoln National Life for \$223.24, to Tyler Wight Heating for \$105 for furnace work at the garage, to US Bank for \$150.60 for copier lease and maintenance. **Kevin Gish seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.****

**12. Adjourn:**

**Kevin Gish made the motion to adjourn at 8:50PM. Mary Gavin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted by,  
Margy Becker