

**Sharon Selectboard
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 28th, 2022 FINAL**

Participants attending via Zoom: Kevin Gish, Selectboard Chair; Mary Gavin, Selectboard Vice Chair

Participants attending In Person: Sarah Pfeiffer, Selectboard Clerk; Nicola Shipman, Selectboard Assistant; Lucy Pierpont, Finance Manager; Catherine Sartor, Town Clerk; Deb Jones, Treasurer; Frank Rogers, Road Foreman; Galen Mudgett, Head Lister

Call to Order:

Kevin Gish called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

1. Review/Approve Agenda

Sarah Pfeiffer made a motion to approve the agenda. Mary Gavin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Comments:

No public comments.

3. Snow Removal Agreement:

Kevin Gish made a motion to authorize Sarah Pfeiffer to sign the Snow Removal Agreement Addendum with the School District. Mary Gavin seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

4. FY24 Budget Preparation

Highway Infrastructure Budget discussion included an update from Deb Jones regarding revisions since the last draft.

The Sharon Highway Garage Improvement Schedule discussion included a review of a possible schedule for the Town Highway Garage improvements with the understanding that there are many unknowns at this point. The schedule does include two \$50,000 allocations from ARPA, one in FY23 and one in FY24 in preparation for the garage improvements.

Deb Jones noted that the actual obligated ARPA funding to date is \$83,000 +/- , so there have been some suggested changes for how the remaining funds might be allocated. Specific projects on the priority list including repairs to Town buildings, upcoming paving projects through the Paving Grant and projects that are unfunded by Grants due to their classification

as Class III paved roads, as well as the Quimby Mountain Road Bank Stabilization and Wing Wall Replacement project.

Deb Jones noted that the overall objective when considering this draft of the budget is to make sure the Infrastructure budgets and the ARPA funding are aligned with the budget goals and the Selectboard overall goals.

Lucy Pierpont presented changes to the General Fund Budget and the Highway Budget since the last time they were presented.

Galen Mudgett said any reassessment would not affect the FY24 Budget, as it would take at least two years to complete.

Overall, there was consensus that the most recent draft of the FY24 budget is moving in the right direction and is closer to the document that will be used as the budget presented with some minor changes.

Kevin Gish and Sarah Pfeiffer are comfortable with the budget as presented. Mary Gavin agrees that the budget is closer to what she would agree to, but she still would like to see the numbers match goals she outlined previously.

The Board will need to make a motion for proposed FY23 Wage changes at the January 9th meeting. Finance Manager Lucy Pierpont will work to draft a motion for the Selectboard that outlines the proposed changes.

5. Other Business:

No other business.

6. Adjourn

Sarah Pfeiffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55AM. Mary Gavin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Nicola Shipman