

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Tuesday July 8, 2008  
7:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 7:00 pm in the Sharon Town Offices with Chairman, Richard A. Powell, Selectman William A. Heitin, Selectman Walter "Joe" Roach and Town Administrator Ben Puritz

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

School Superintendent, Barbara Dunham, with School Committee Chair Allison Rutley and others in attendance, discussed before the Board of Selectmen the importance of having a School Resource Officer (SRO) in the schools. The School Resource Officer would act in a social worker role, would be invaluable to have an officer around if something major were to occur, and most importantly school safety. Chief Joseph Bernstein feels that an SRO would serve as a mentor to the students and would render strong positive relationships with school administrators and teachers.

Selectman "Joe" Roach brought up the issue of funding for the new program. Dr. Dunham informed the Board that the School is able to fund the first year of the program in the amount of \$60,000. The Police would also fund the program on the municipal side up to estimated \$15,000-\$20,000 a year ad necessary. Selectman Roach's concern is for the continuation of the program and fears the program would be stopped due to lack of funding.

Dr. Dunham said that a job description is in the process of being completed and will be presented to the School Committee in August. The SRO is expected to be on board at the school in September of this year.

**VOTED:** (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously that the Board of Selectmen will support the School engaging the employment of a School Resource Officer.

**CONTINUED HEARING RE SHARON TAXI FARE INCREASE**

The Board continued the hearing re Sharon taxi fare increase as requested by John Dellorusso the owner of Sharon Taxi. The proposed rate is \$4.00 for the first mile and \$3.00 for each mile thereafter.

**VOTED:** (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to increase the taxi fare from \$3.00 to \$4.00 for the first mile and from \$2.50 to \$3.00 for each mile thereafter.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ACTIVITES UPDATE**

To be re-scheduled.

## **CONSIDER SIGNING THE LOCAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR LOCAL ACTION UNITS**

Jane Desberg Executive Director of the Sharon Housing Authority, came before the Board requesting the Board's signature on the *Local Initiative Program application for Local Action Units*. Ms. Desberg said that the Department of Housing and Community Development requires the application and supporting documentation be approved in order to include 9 Glenview Road in Sharon's affordable housing inventory. The application must be signed by an elected official as well as the Chair of the Housing Partnership.

**VOTED:** (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to have Chair Richard Powell of the Board of Selectmen sign the *LOCAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR LOCAL ACTION UNITS*

## **REVIEW FALL TOWN MEETING (NOVEMBER 17) 2008 SCHEDULE**

The Board reviewed the Fall Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2008. Also noted was that the closing of the Warrant for "Petition Articles" and everyone else in on Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

## **APPROVE 43D CONTRACTS RE EXPEDITED PERMITTING GRANT**

The Board reviewed the following 43D contracts: Land/Strategies submitting Scope of Service and fee budget to provide an area plan for downtown Sharon for an estimated fee of \$40,000 - Professional Services Agreement by McCabe Enterprises to provide planning and economic development services related to Post Office Square and "43D" to support the revitalization of the Post Office Square for a total fee of \$10,000 - Wastewater Management Planning for Post Office Square by Wright-Pierce to perform wastewater management planning for Post Office Square for a total of \$43,800.

**VOTED:** (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously that the Board sign the following contracts: Land/Strategies for \$40,000; McCabe Enterprises for \$10,000 and Wright-Pierce for \$43,800.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**VOTED:** (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to approve the Regular Session Minutes of May 27, 2008 and Executive Session Minutes of May 27 and June 10, 2008

## **DESIGNATE RICHARD POWELL AS POINT CONTACT FOR BRICKSTONE**

**VOTED:** (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to designate Chair Rich A. Powell as point contact re negotiations with Brickstone.

**VOTED:** (Roach/Powell) Voted unanimously to designate Selectman William A. Heitin as an alternate point contact for Brickstone.

## **CONSIDER SIGNING WATER METER INSTALLATION CONTRACT**

**VOTED:** (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to have the Board sign the previously approved Water Meter Installation Contract.

## **CONSIDER SIGNING MEMORANDUM OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH AFSCME/DPW**

**VOTED:** (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between AFSCME Local 362 Sharon DPW and the Town of Sharon providing a 2.5% across the board wage increase retroactive to July 1, 2007.

## **DISCUSS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RE SHARON HILLS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS**

Sharon residents expressed their displeasure over proposed changes in the development agreement by Brickstone developers. Brickstone developers presented a list of proposed changes to the Town in June 2008. John Twohig, the attorney representing the project, states *"he doesn't feel the proposed changes constitute 'material changes' but would go before Town Meeting for a third time, if that's what it takes."*

The major changes proposed most concerning abutters revolve around use of Mountain Street, water issues and reconfiguration of the site plan. Mountain Street residents at the meeting complained about Brickstone trucks using the rural road. The agreement states vehicles are only permitted to use Mountain Street as an emergency access point. Chair Richard Powell stated that access to Mountain Street is a big issue. Selectman Roach stated: *"They (developers) just can't come and do this stuff - the cooperation with the public goes a long way"*.

The Board of Selectmen to set a public hearing for July 29 to further discuss Brickstone related topics. The location to be determined. The Board said that they would do their best to post in advance substantive information about the proposed changes on the hope that citizens will be able to review the material before the hearing.

Chair Powell said: *"There's no deception going on here, and there's no lack of disclosure. It's a fluid process."*

## **FY08 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION**

It was the consensus of the Board to have the FY08 Audit Engagement proposal reviewed by the Audit Committee.

## **New Business/Other Business**

### **PLACEMENT OF STOP SIGNS**

The Board discussed the placement of stop signs at Bishop Road Williams Road Southerly, Bishop Road Williams Road Northerly, Chessman Drive Williams Drive Easterly, Chessman Drive Williams Drive Westerly. There will be a hearing on Tuesday, July 29, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. at the High School Library.

## **PROPOSED OUTDOOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS**

The Board reviewed the memo from Eric R. Hooper, P.E., and Superintendent of Public Works re "Proposed Outdoor Watering Restrictions". The proposed watering restrictions are as follows: Outdoor water use limit to a two-hour period from 6-8 p.m., two days per week (Monday/Wednesday odd numbers or Tuesday/Thursday even number depending on address), and allowed no unattended watering Friday through Sunday. (These restrictions do not apply to hand held watering devices.) The Water Department recommends that the Board of Selectmen vote to implement the 2-hour, 2-day per week restriction, to be effective May 1, 2008 through October 1, 2008.

**VOTED:** (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to implement the 2-hour, 2-day per week restriction, (Monday/Wednesday odd number homes or Tuesday/Thursday even number homes) effective May 1, 2008 through October 1, 2008.

## **Consider Voting on Agreement with Mr. Uliano limiting the access easement in the Piona property purchase**

**VOTED:** (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to enter into agreement with Mr. Uliano limiting the access easement in the Piona property purchase per form of agreement forthcoming from Town Counsel.

## **Watermain Installation - Norwood Street**

A memo from Eric Hooper, Superintendent of Public Works dated July 8, 2008 re Watermain Installation - Norwood Street was discussed. Mr. Hooper stated that the watermain installation under Norwood Street from the Walpole line (195 Bridge) to Bullard Street is scheduled to start on Monday, July 14. Construction activities will occur between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The project should be completed by the end of September.

**VOTED:** (Heitin/Roach) Voted unanimously to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and real property and at the end thereof adjourn for the evening.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:05 P.M.

Powell: Aye  
Heitin: Aye  
Roach: Aye