

Sherborn Select Board  
March 16, 2023  
6:30 PM-Virtual

Members Present: Jeff Waldron, Marian Neutra, George Morrill, Eric Johnson, Paul DeRensis

Staff Present: Jeremy Marsette, Diane Moores

**Call to Order and Recess to Executive Session**

Jeffrey Waldron called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and asked the Assistant Town Administrator to read the agenda items pertaining to Executive Session.

Motion to recess to Executive Session, to return to Open Session at 7:15 pm, for matters pertaining to:

Item 1: Meeting with Town Counsel pursuant to MGL c30A, s 21(a)(3) and Suffolk Construction v DCAM, 449 Mass. 444 (2007) to discuss 31 Hunting Lane, 41 N Main St., Igor Lybarsky et al v Town of Sherborn,, Land Court No 21 MISC PS 000193 (HPS) and 31 Hunting Lane, LLC v Sherborn Board of Appeals, Housing Appeals Committee No. 2021-05 and 41 North Main Street, LLC v Sherborn Board of Appeals, Housing Appeals Committee No. 2021-06, and pursuant to GL, c 30A, s 21(a)(7) “to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grain-in-aid requirements”, specifically the Public Records Law, GL c4, s 7(26) (discuss privileged communications from Town Counsel re litigation).

Item 2: strategy session to prepare for contract negotiations with non-bargaining employee pursuant to GL, c 30A, s 21(a)(2) (Lieutenant Position - Police Department).

The Open Session of the meeting resumed at 7:34 pm and Jeffrey Waldron asked Diane Moores to read the agenda for the remaining items. Paul DeRensis requested the vote on the Ballot Questions be postponed until after the Advisory Open Hearing.

Motion: Move to approve the Agenda as amended.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: Marian Neutra

Roll Call: DeRensis, aye; Morrill aye; Johnson, aye; Neutra, aye; Waldron, aye

**Public Comment** - Brian Connolly announced the library will be re-opening on March 20th and thanked all that have worked so hard to get this project completed.

**Consent Agenda**

*Payroll Warrant - Town Administrator*

*Draft Minutes: 1/14/23; 2/16/23; 3/2/23*

*Next Scheduled Meeting: 3/30/23*

*Consideration of One Day Liquor License: Friends of the Sherborn Library, April 1, 2023*

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: Marian Neutra

Roll Call: DeRensis, aye; Morrill aye; Johnson, aye; Neutra, aye; Waldron, aye

### **Review of Proposed Cable TV Verizon License**

William Solomon, Attorney, reviewed the terms of the license in advance of the Public Hearing scheduled for March 30, 2023.

### **PUBLIC HEARING - BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES**

Chris Canney, Building Commissioner, reviewed proposed increases to fees for permits and inspections. The new fees more accurately reflect the costs to the department for conducting the inspections.

Motion: Move to adopt the fee schedule as proposed effective April 1, 2023.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: Marian Neutra

Roll Call: DeRensis, aye; Morrill aye; Johnson, aye; Neutra, aye; Waldron, aye

### **MA Jail Diversion Program Grants**

Chief Galvin updated the SB on the Crisis Intervention Team Grant and the Co-Response Grant. He is working with surrounding towns to request a grant for local training of officers to improve response to mental health crises and help individuals with mental health and substance use conditions access behavioral health services rather than enter the criminal justice system.

### **Request to use Surplus Equipment Fund**

The Fire & Rescue Department requested to use funds from the Surplus Equipment Revolving Fund for the purpose of covering the Town's matching portion for several grants that have been awarded and used. The balance of the revolving fund is \$9,549.51 and the total for the matching portion of the grants is \$8,522.74.

Motion: Move to authorize the Fire Chief to utilize the Surplus Equipment Revolving funds as requested.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: Marian Neutra

Roll Call: DeRensis, aye; Morrill aye; Johnson, aye; Neutra, aye; Waldron, aye

### **Consideration of a Donation**

Chief Galvin requested acceptance of a gift from the Rocchio Family in the amount of \$500.

Motion: Move to accept the gift in the amount of \$500 from the Rocchio Family.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: Marian Neutra

Roll Call: DeRensis, aye; Morrill aye; Johnson, aye; Neutra, aye; Waldron, aye

### **2023 Annual Town Meeting**

- Review and Consideration of Signing the 2023 ATM Warrant - after discussion, Jeff Waldron read through the Warrant articles and asked for Board members to place a hold on any they were not ready to vote to support. Holds were placed on Articles 7 (FY24 Omnibus Budget), 8 (FY24 Capital Items), 9 (Regional School Capital Items), 12 (Combined Appointed Treasurer/Collector Position), 13 (Amend Board of Assessors Membership), 18 (Amend ZBL - Ground Mounted Solar), and 19 (Amend GBL - Stretch Energy Code).

Motion: Move to issue and finalize the 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: Marian Neutra

Roll Call: DeRensis, aye; Morrill aye; Johnson, aye; Neutra, aye; Waldron, aye

Motion: Move to support and recommend favorable action on all articles not held.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: George Morrill

Roll Call: DeRensis, aye; Morrill aye; Johnson, aye; Neutra, aye; Waldron, aye

- Consideration of Ballot Questions - moved to 3/18 meeting (Advisory Hearing)

### **Consideration of Appointments**

- Farm Pond Advisory Committee - Zenya Wild for a term to expire June 15, 2026
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council - Robert Wolff for a term to expire June 15, 2024
- Interim Finance Director - Deb Siefing for a 60-day extension through May 16, 2023

Motion: Move to approve appointments as listed.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: George Morrill

Roll Call: DeRensis, aye; Morrill aye; Johnson, aye; Neutra, aye; Waldron, aye

### **Consideration of Acceptance of Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022**

The Middlesex County Retirement System has requested a vote on accepting Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022. Chapter 269 would allow for a larger one-time COLA increase above the maximum 3% year over year. If approved by 2/3 of the communities covered in the Middlesex County Retirement System the Retirement Board would begin funding the adjustment in FY26. The vote deadline is June 30th.

Selectman DeRensis suggested postponing the vote to a future meeting after an analysis of the impact on the town budgets can be done.

## **Consideration of Signing the IMA between the Town of Sherborn and the DS Regional School District**

The IMA allows for the towns of Dover and Sherborn to finance the capital expenses for the Regional School District independently (i.e., one can use free cash and the other can bond the expense)

Motion: Move to sign the Dover Sherborn Regional School District Intergovernmental Agreement as presented.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: George Morrill

Roll Call: DeRensis, aye; Morrill aye; Johnson, aye; Neutra, aye; Waldron, aye

## **Administrative Items & Routine Business**

*Select Board Reports* - George Morrill reported the Teacher Negotiations are ongoing. Jeffrey Waldron.

*Town Administrator Report* - the first group meeting for Board of Health Shared Services will be Monday; the Letter of Intent has been submitted for the Fire Station solar project and progress is moving forward for a summer 2023 install; the website update is in progress, and the Tri County Vocational School will be back in June to update the SB on the building project.

Motion to adjourn to at 7:33 pm

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: George Morrill

Roll Call: DeRensis, aye; Morrill aye; Johnson, aye; Neutra, aye; Waldron, aye

The meeting may be viewed by going to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).

The documents from the meeting may be viewed by reaching out [diane.moores@sherbornma.org](mailto:diane.moores@sherbornma.org)

Submitted by: Amy Davis

Approved: May 4, 2023