

Sherborn Select Board  
April 20, 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 6:32 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 7:00 pm, for matters pertaining to:

Moved: Jeffrey Waldron

Second: Eric Johnson

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

Item 1: to discuss strategy with respect to threatened potential litigation if the Chair so declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Select Board and Town, and the Chair does so declare, to discuss the matter of Five Star Bldg. Corp. v. Town of Sherborn, pursuant to MA GL, c 30A, s 21(a)(3) and (7) and Suffolk Construction v DCAM, 449 Mass. 444 (2007) (Library);

The Open Session of the meeting resumed at 7:35 pm and Jeffrey Waldron asked Diane Moores to read the agenda for the remaining items. Items 5 and 6 will be moved to the start of the agenda.

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as amended.

Moved: George Morrill

Second: Eric Johnson

Vote: 4 - 0 via roll call (Paul DeRensis not yet present)

**Public Comment - none**

**Consent Agenda**

*Payroll Warrant - Town Administrator*

*Draft Minutes: 3/30/23*

*Next Scheduled Meeting: 4/25/23 (ATM); 4/26/23 (ATM 2nd night if needed)*

*Review of Meeting Dates for May and June*

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: George Morrill  
Vote: 5 - 0 via roll call

### **Consideration of Signing Town Election Warrant**

Per Chapter 39, Section 10, the SB must approve the warrant so it can be posted 7 days before the election.

Motion: Move to approve the May 9, 2023 Annual Town Election Warrant as presented.

Moved: Paul DeRensis  
Second: Marian Neutra  
Vote: 5 - 0 via roll call

### **Consideration of East Coast Greenway letter of Endorsement**

The East Coast Greenway Alliance would like to designate a section of the Upper Charles Trail, including the small piece in Sherborn, as part of the Maine-Florida greenway.

Motion: Move to approve signing of Letter of Endorsement.

Moved: George Morrill  
Second: Marian Neutra  
Vote: 5 - 0 via roll call

### **Consideration of Acceptance of Gifts and Grants**

- *Town Campus Gift* - \$500 from Margo Powicki towards the transformation of Town Campus.

Motion: Move to accept the gift of \$500.

Moved: Paul DeRensis  
Second: Eric Johnson  
Vote: 5 - 0 via roll call

- *Library MA Cultural Council Festivals and Project Grant* - \$2,500 to run intergenerational programs at the library.

Motion: Move to accept the Library MA Cultural Council Festivals and Project Grant in the amount of \$2,500.

Moved: Paul DeRensis  
Second: Eric Johnson  
Vote: 5 - 0 via roll call

- *Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant* - \$21,266 for the purchase of a High-Fidelity EMS Simulation Manikin Kit & Accessories.

Motion: Move to accept the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant in the amount of \$21,266.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: George Morrill  
Vote: 5 - 0 via roll call

### **Consideration of Approval of Employment Agreement for Police Lieutenant**

Motion: Move to approve the Employment Agreement of Lt. Luke Tedstone.

Moved: Eric Johnson  
Second: George Morrill  
Vote: 5 - 0 via roll call

### **Consideration of Promotion of James Graziano to Sargent**

Motion: Move to promote Officer James Graziano to Sargent.

Moved: George Morrill  
Second: Marian Neutra  
Vote: 5 - 0 via roll call

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

The Act allow for a larger one-time COLA than the maximum of 3% year over year. The cost to the Town over 10 years is \$167,000 starting in FY26.

Motion: Move to accept Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022.

Moved: Paul DeRensis  
Second: George Morrill  
Vote: 5 - 0 via roll call

### **Consideration of update to Select Board Policy and Procedures**

Jeremy Marsette is in the process of reviewing and updating the SB Policy and Procedures. He suggested adding "Correspondence" as a standing meeting agenda item. This item would include copies of general correspondence received by the SB. There would be no discussion or debate however the Board would have the opportunity to request an item raised by the correspondence be added to a future agenda. After discussion, it was decided to scan and send correspondence to the SB members weekly instead of adding a standing agenda item.

### **Review/Discussion of Town Forest Charge**

At the meeting earlier this month the SB started discussion regarding the Town Forest Committee and its current charge. The Town Forest Committee charge and applicable MA General Law were provided. The bike park that was recently approved by the Town Forest Committee will be discussed at the next SB meeting.

### **2023 Annual Town Meeting**

- Discussion on Agenda Items for prior to the start of ATM
- Various Warrant Articles that SB will speak on at ATM

There was discussion about which articles the SB would address. It was decided that beyond Jeffrey Waldron stating the vote of the SB on the articles, any comments made by SB members would be as taxpayers not on behalf of the SB.

### **Administrative Items & Routine Business**

*Select Board Reports* - There was discussion about May/June meeting dates. It was decided the May meetings will be on the 4th and the 25th. June meeting dates will be determined after the Town Election.

*Town Administrator Report* - the Town has entered into a 19-month electric supply contract which will save \$33,000 at current usage. The budgeted amount for the next fiscal year has not been adjusted since the library will be back in use. The railroad crossing upgrade will happen the weekend of May 20th (was originally scheduled during school vacation). The library landscaping will begin on May 1st and with plans to complete it in time for the Library Fair.

Motion to adjourn to at 9:20 pm.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: George Morrill

Vote: 5-0-0 roll call

Submitted by: Amy Davis

Approved: June 1, 2023