

Sherborn Select Board
September 7, 2023
6:30 PM - Virtual

Members Present: Jeff Waldron, Marian Neutra, Eric Johnson, Paul DeRensis, Steven Tsai

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 7:00 pm, for matters pertaining to:

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 7:00 pm and Jeffrey Waldron asked Diane Moores to read the agenda for the remaining items.

Motion: Move to approve the Agenda.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: Steven Tsai

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

Public Comment - Steven Tsai read an email from Pine Hill School regarding the recent dismissal from school due to extreme heat. A few other parents also spoke about the lack of air conditioning at Pine Hill and the detrimental effect on learning during the recent heat wave.

Special Town Meeting

Eric Johnson left the meeting for this discussion.

- *Consideration of signing the October 17, 2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant -*

Motion: Move to approve the Warrant for the October 17th Special Town Meeting.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: Marian Neutra

Roll Call: Tsai, aye; Neutra, aye; DeRensis, aye; Waldron, aye

Eric Johnson returned to the meeting.

Proposed 40B: Brush Hill Homes - a site visit was conducted on September 7th and comments are due back to MassHousing on September 26th. An extension needs to be requested by the SB.

Motion: Move to approve the deadline extension request to MassHousing.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: Steven Tsai

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

Consideration of Acceptance of Various Donations and Grants

- *Various donations* - \$750 from the Joseph W. & Faith K Tiberio Charitable Foundation; \$400 from the Dougherty Family to be used to support the Open House on October 15th; and \$3,243 from the Fire & Rescue Association for the purchase of Class A (Dress) uniforms.

Motion: Move to accept the donations totaling \$4,393 as presented per MGL Chapter 44, Section 53 A.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: Eric Johnson

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

- *Grant* - FEMA Assistance to Firefighters has awarded a grant in the amount of \$27,047.61 for the purchase and installation of a direct source exhaust capture system at Station 1.
- *Grant* - the FD, through the Holbrook Regional Emergency Communications Center, has received a grant award in the amount of \$58,831.50 for the purchase of additional portable radios. This will allow the department to fully issue a portable radio to each Firefighter, instead of housing radios in apparatus. This will greatly enhance the safety of our members while they are responding to the station for an emergency call or if they live in the vicinity of an emergency call to which they respond directly. There is no action required by the Town.

Motion: Move to accept the FEMA AFG grant as presented per MGL Chapter 44, Section 53 A.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: Marian Neutra

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

Consideration of Use of Sale of Surplus Equipment Funds

- *Update Police Department Mountain Bikes* - recently 3 officers have completed mountain bike patrol school bringing the total number of trained officers to 6. With the addition of the rail trail and the large number of trails in town new bikes will allow trained officers to patrol these areas more effectively while on shift. With the transition to regional dispatch staffing levels allow for trained officers to patrol on bikes for a

portion of their shift. The PD is requesting authorization of spending up to \$4,500 to purchase and equip 2 new police mountain bikes and new vehicle racks.

- *Public Safety Drone Program* - the FD has received a donation from the Fire Association to partially fund a drone program. The PD would like to use funds from the sale of surplus equipment to match the FD funding (\$10,000). A public safety drone program would be utilized to improve the situational awareness of our public safety agencies during critical incidents.

Motion: Move to authorize the spending from the Sale of Surplus Equipment Funds as requested.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: Eric Johnson

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

ARPA Funding: Update & Review of Project Funds

- *Woodhaven/Leland Farms Water Project* - the water treatment plan has been submitted to MA DEP and final design submission should be agreed to shortly. All allocated ARPA funds are anticipated to be used.
- *Tree Removal* - all ARPA funds have been spent.
- *Farm Pond Stormwater & Stair Replacement* - Stantec has been contracted to design the new path and associated stormwater BMPs to reduce the negative effects of the runoff to the Pond. The design work is expected to be completed in the next 3 months then the consultants will present to the Conservation Commission for approval. The ARPA funds will be spent on this phase and additional funding will be needed for the construction phase.
- *GIS Inventory of Wells & Septic* - mapping is approximately 63% complete and spending is on track.
- *Irrigation of Laurel Farms* - drilling for well locations has been approved and is expected to be done at the end of September. Assuming the drilling yields sufficient water, there will be a request to release the remaining \$190k to continue with the design of the irrigation system.
- *Digitizing of Town Records* - project is underway and all allocated funds will be needed.
- *Town Solar Project* - the Fire Station project is ready for install within the next six months. The total cost of the installation on the fire station is \$94,448. A direct payment under the Inflation Reduction Act is expected to be \$25,500 - 28,300. The Transfer Station project has been removed due to the significant amount of design/permitting.
- *Transformation of Town Campus* - the library stairs and associated work required a more formal design because the project hit the 30B threshold and requires a public bidding process. The bid is expected to be done this fall.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit Program

- *Overview of the MS4 Program & Permit Requirements* - Representatives of AECOM presented an update on Sherborn's MS4 permit. The full discussion can be found on www.youtube.com or www.dsctv.com

Update on Dopping Brook Road Drainage

Informed by meeting with Dopping Brook Road residents and coordination with the Conservation Commission, a draft RDA has been prepared by the Town's Stormwater Consultant to mitigate stormwater runoff and impacts to abutters.

Additionally, the Central MA Mosquito Control District is conducting a project to help restore capacity of downstream drainage ways.

Eric Johnson Left the meeting for the evening.

North Sherborn Water/Sewer District Warrant Article SB Discussion

Marian Neutra spoke about her upcoming presentations to inform the voters about this article.

Consent Agenda

Payroll Warrant - Town Administrator

Draft Minutes: 6/1; 8/10; 8/16; and 8/28/23

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Paul DeRensis

Second: Steven Tsai

Roll Call: DeRensis, aye; Tsai, aye, Neutra, aye, Waldron, aye

Administrative Items & Routine Business

Select Board Reports - Steven Tsai recently met with the CR Watershed Association and requested a discussion of the adoption of the Community Preservation Act be added to a future agenda.

Town Administrator Report - Tri-County has received MSBA approval of \$80 million towards the \$280 million school building project. The Capital Budget Committee recently sent out guidance on FY25 capital project requests.

Move to Adjourn – 9:17PM

Moved: Marian Neutra

Second: Paul DeRensis

Roll Call: DeRensis, aye; Tsai, aye, Neutra, aye, Waldron, aye

The documents presented at the meeting may be viewed by emailing diane.moores@sherbornma.org

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Submitted by: Amy Davis

Approved: 10-19-2023