

Sherborn Select Board  
September 27, 2023  
Meeting before the Start of Advisory Public Hearing  
6:30PM

Members Present: Jeff Waldron; Marian Neutra, Steven Tsai

Staff Present: Jeremy Marsette, Diane Moores

Motion to approve the agenda as Presented.

Moved: Marian Neutra

Second: Steven Tsai

Approved: Neutra, aye; Tsai, aye; Waldron, aye

Paul DeRensis not present for vote.

Jeff Waldron asked if there was any last-minute discussions regarding the Warrant Articles.

After a discussion among the board members, it was the consensus of the Board to wait until the Advisory Hearing to revote on Article 4.

Motion to continue the SB meeting until 7PM at the Advisory Hearing

Moved: Marian Neutra

Second: Steven Tsai

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

Approved: 3-0-0

SB Member Paul DeRensis not present for vote.

Submitted by:

Diane Moores

Sherborn Select Board  
At  
Advisory Hearing regarding Warrant Articles for Special Town Meeting  
September 27, 2023 – Virtual  
7:00 PM

Members Present: Jeff Waldron, Paul DeRensis, Steven Tsai, Marian Neutra  
Staff Present: Jeremy Marsette, Diane Moores

Select Board Member Eric Johnson was not present for the Advisory Hearing

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 53, Section 9A for the purpose of establishing provisions for obtaining and submitting nomination papers for town office, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Select Board for the Town Clerk)*

Jeff Waldron, Chair stated that the Select Board at their meeting of September 21, 2023 voted 5-0-0 to support Article 1 as written.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by deleting Chapter 5, Section 4 in its entirety, which currently provides:

Dog Fund. All monies collected as fees, fines, charges, penalties and other like monies as set forth in this Bylaw shall be deposited in a Dog Fund established under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, section 53E. and, further to re-number Chapter 5, Section 5 to become Chapter 5, Section 4; or take any other action relative thereto. *(Select Board for the Town Clerk)*

Jeff Waldron, Chair stated that the Select Board at their meeting of September 21, 2023 voted 5-0-0 to support Article 2 as written.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will authorize the construction of a roundabout and other traffic improvements to the intersection of Washington Street and Maple Street, the plans for which are available for the public at the office of the Town Clerk and the Town's website, and to fund such roundabout and traffic improvements by:

- (1) transferring \$134,778.93 of funds initially borrowed to pay the costs of the Pine Hill Access Road Project pursuant to Article 10, Item 5 of the Warrant at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, and \$35,372.29 of funds initially borrowed to pay costs of paving at the Transfer Station pursuant to Article 8, Item 7 of the Warrant at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting, which funds, in each case, are no longer necessary to complete the respective projects for which they were authorized to be borrowed, and by
- (2) the remaining balances of funds previously appropriated by the Town for this purpose,
- (3) any available funds from the Commonwealth pursuant to Chapter 90 allocations to the Town of Sherborn; and
- (4) the amounts of any available funding from any state or federal grants, or to take any other action related thereto. *(Select Board)*

Jeff Waldron informed the Advisory Committee that they are very confident that the Town will be receiving the \$500,000 Grant to be used for the round-a-bout

Sean Killeen gave a brief presentation on Article 3.

Paul DeRensis stated that the Maple/Washington Street intersection has proven to be a very dangerous intersection and many accidents have occurred there. It is the responsibility of the Town to make this intersection safer and believes that the construction of the round-a-bout will do so.

Jeff Waldron, Chair stated that the Select Board at their meeting of September 21, 2023 voted 5-0-0 to

support Article 3 as written.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the amended Preliminary Development Plan for the Meadowbrook Commons project located at 104 Coolidge Street, the original of which was approved in conjunction with amending the Zoning Map to EA for the subject property at the Special Town Meeting of

There was a discussion regarding the original 2017 Preliminary Development Plan that was approved at the 2017 Special Town Meeting. The Plan at that time proposed to have seven (7) Affordable Units for a total of 10%.

In 2020 Sherborn voters approved a new Zoning By-Law, Section 4.9. The new zoning provision now requires 15% or 10 Affordable Units.

Motion:

Move that the Select Board support Article 4 contingent on compliance with the Zoning Bylaws of the Town.

Moved: Jeff Waldron

Second: Paul DeRensis

Approved: 4-0-0

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

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to file a petition with the General Court to obtain special legislation to establish the North Sherborn Water and Sewer District, in substantially the form that is on file with the Town Clerk, such petition to include such other or additional provisions as the Select Board deems appropriate, provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, the Select Board being hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Select Board)*

Jeff Waldron, Chair informed the Advisory Committee that the Select Board at their meeting of September 21, 2023 voted 4-0-0 to support Article 5 as written.

Select Board Marian Neutra gave a brief presentation. The Board informed those present that the first step is for the Article to approved at Special Town Meeting and then once that happens it will then go to the Legislature for approval.

The Select Board answered various questions posed by those in attendance at tonight's virtual meeting.

The full discussion can be viewed by going to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) or [www.dsctv.com](http://www.dsctv.com)

Motion to Adjourn 11PM

Moved: Steven Tsai

Second: Marian Neutra

Approved 4-0-0

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

Submitted By: Diane Moores

Approved: 10-19-2023