

**TAKEN FROM THE MINUTES
OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 1, 2023**

ARTICLE 19

VOTED:

That the Town authorize the Select Board to submit to the General Court a special act providing for an increase in the number of members of the Select Board from three (3) to five (5), all as set forth on page 40 of the Warrant for this Annual Town Meeting; provided, however that the General Court may make clerical or editorial decisions of form only to such bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this article.

An Act Regarding the Select Board of the Town of Sharon

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be in the town of Sharon a Select Board consisting of five (5) members. The Select Board shall serve as the chief executive officer and policymaking body of the town and have and exercise all the powers and duties vested in boards of selectmen pursuant to the General Laws. Select Board members shall serve for three-year terms with as nearly as possible one-third of the members expiring each year, with no more than two Select Board members' terms to run concurrently.

SECTION 2. At the next annual town election following at least 90 days after the passage date of this act in the General Court, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Sharon for acceptance at an annual town election to be held in said town in the form of the following question which shall be placed on the official ballot:

“Shall an act passed by the General Court entitled ‘An Act expanding the Select Board of the town of Sharon be accepted?’”

Below the question shall appear a summary of the act prepared by Town Counsel and approved by the Select Board. If a majority of the votes cast to the question is in the affirmative, sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act shall take effect in the town of Sharon, but not otherwise.

SECTION 3. At the first annual town election after the effective date of this act in the Town of Sharon, one Select Board member in addition to the three members presently serving shall be elected for a three-year term and one additional Select Board member shall be elected for a two-year term. The terms of those members presently serving as Select Board members at the time of the adoption of this act shall be unchanged by adoption of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

A STANDING VOTE. 110 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 57 IN THE NEGATIVE.

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

MARK F. HOGAN

SHARON TOWN CLERK