

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
June 22, 2011
TOWN HALL – 1ST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: David A. Smith Sr.
James T. Collingwood Jr.
Margaret Z. Martin

Others Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

David Smith Sr. addressed a notification by Ray Gunn on Lime Kiln Road about engaging in a retail business selling costume jewelry and other items out of his garage. The notification asserted, without disagreement from the Board, that this use is allowed by right without a special permit.

The minutes of the May 25, 2011 meeting were reviewed. At 7:15 p.m., a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Collingwood, seconded by Ms. Martin, and approved.

Mr. Smith noted that the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) will hold a meetings - in North Adams, Great Barrington and Pittsfield - about the expected state of the Berkshires in 2030. The BRPC will also hold a meeting to train planning board members on July 28, 2011, 6 pm at its office.

Mr. Smith noted that the members of the BRPC, in a recent meeting, discussed the Cape Cod Light Compact. The towns band together and buy power collectively from electrical utilities to stabilize their electric rates. Senator Ben Downing was present at that meeting to discuss, but not necessarily recommend, whether Berkshires towns should explore such a compact.

Mr. Smith discussed the need to elect a vice chairman and to set up a committee to review bylaws. Two meetings are anticipated in July, due to new applications filed, though the ordinary summer schedule is one meeting per month.

At 7:45 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Collingwood, seconded by Ms.

Martin and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Milleron
Secretary to the Planning Board