

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 24, 2005
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

Board Members Present: Richard J. Kirchner, Chairman
Janet G. Stanton
David D. Macy, Selectman

Others Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator
Diane P. Roosa, Recording Secretary
Rene Wood, Chairman, Planning Board
Vito Valentini
Sheryl Lechner, Berkshire Eagle
Peter Rowntree, Sheffield Times

Chairman Kirchner called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for January 3, 2005. **Selectman Stanton moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2005 meeting, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.**

ONE-DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION –

- Berkshire Children’s Chorus at Berkshire School, Saturday, February 5, 2005:

Selectman Macy moved to approve a one-day all alcoholic beverage license, with copy of letter of insurance coverage, to Berkshire Children’s Chorus for an event at Berkshire School, Saturday, February 5, 2005, seconded by Selectman Stanton. Motion carried unanimously.

SMART GROWTH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROJECT UPDATE – RENE WOOD

Rene Wood, Planning Board Chairman, announced to the Board that the Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant was awarded to the Town of Sheffield in the amount of \$25,000. Ms. Wood credited the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission for their assistance in obtaining these funds. An outline summarizing the status, highlights and scope of work to be performed was distributed to the Board (copy attached). Ms. Wood reported that regular updates would be made to the Board to keep them informed of the status of the project. Selectman Stanton suggested that these reports be made at a meeting that was televised so that residents of Sheffield would have an opportunity to be informed as well.

EXPLORING THE IDEA OF A SHEFFIELD WEB SITE – VITO VALENTINI

Vito Valentini was present to request that the Board explore the idea of creating a Town of Sheffield web site. Mr. Valentini explained that he feels having a web site would be an important aspect to the economy of the town. Mr. Valentini further stated that when he goes out of town he routinely checks the web site to gain information on the place he is going to visit. After a discussion, Selectman Macy suggested that Town Administrator Weitz continue the investigation begun on this issue last year and to report back to the Board.

**SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION PROGRAM - FY’06 Letter of Intent to Participate**

Selectman Stanton moved that the Town of Sheffield continue with the Southern Berkshire County Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection program and to send a letter of intent to participate, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENTS:

Town Administrator Weitz stated that Counsel had recommended language changes to Section 4 §2 of the Personnel Policy (copy attached to file). **Selectman Stanton moved that the changes be accepted as noted, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ITEMS:

Selectman Macy reported that there is a pile of snow in front of the Sheffield Pub at the intersection of Miller Avenue and Route 7 that is obstructing the visibility of traffic exiting from Miller Avenue onto Route 7. It was suggested that Chief McGarry look into the matter.

Selectman Macy also wanted to remind everyone that it is against the law to plow snow onto a town or state highway.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Valentini asked if there was any possibility the town would allow people to once again back up to the transfer facility in order to dispose of their garbage. Town Administrator Weitz stated that there is a liability issue as well as traffic flow issue and that this practice would not be reinstated at this time.

Sheryl Lechner, Berkshire Eagle, asked the Board what was the timetable for replacing the Administrative Assistant, who recently gave her notice. Town Administrator Weitz stated that the position has been advertised. He further stated it would probably take a few weeks for the interview process to be completed before a final selection is made.

Selectman Macy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m., seconded by Selectman Stanton. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane P. Roosa
Recording Secretary