

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 6, 2006
TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Janet G. Stanton, Chairman
David D. Macy, Selectman
Julie M. Hannum, Selectman

Other Staff Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator

Others Present: Rene Wood, Planning Board Chairman
Robert Ullich, Senior Police Officer
James M. McGarry, Police Chief
Jim Larkin, Jr.
David Steindler, Finance Committee Chairman
Jim Kelly

Chairman Stanton called the meeting to order at 7PM

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Selectman Hannum moved to approve the meeting minutes for February 6, and February 21, 2006. Selectman Macy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RENE WOOD RE: SMART GROWTH GRANT UPDATE, PROPOSED BYLAWS

Rene Wood reported on the status of the three tasks of the Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant:

Task 1 - Zoning By-Law review and revision subcommittee members include Building Inspector Tom Carmody, Fred Gordon, Tony Gulotta, Julie Hannum, Tim Hewins, David Macy, Doc Nourse, Peter Rowntree, David West, Joe Wilkinson and Rene Wood. Tom Matuszko of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is the lead consultant. The subcommittee is working on a Uses Table and corresponding definitions; when finished will forward its work to the Planning Board for review and action. The objective is to make the bylaws consistent and up to date with federal and state law and easier to use and understand,

Task 2 Recruit, staff, train, advise and monitor members of the town's Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) and key subcommittees. Members include Louie Aragi, Jr., Tammy Blackwell, Peter Cherneff, Harry Conklin, Bart Elsbach Frank Garretson, John James, Kathy Orlando, Robert Pasqualina, Janet Stanton (Board of Selectmen with Julie Hannum attending 2/27 meeting), Don Ward and John Wightman. Selectman Hannum interjected that the three items the committee are most interested in studying are Affordable Housing (special aspects to be determined), Open Space & Recreation Plan, and Adoption of Community Preservation Act (funding).

Task 3 Improve Zoning Protections of Sheffield Water Supply Sources. Members Beth Bartholomew, Wray Gunn, Susan Silk, Bob Weitz, David West & Rene Wood (assisted by Tom Matuszko of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission) are reviewing the current Water Supply Protection District by laws (section 215-19 to section 215-26), revised Zone II delineation, sample by-laws from MA Dept of Environmental

Protection, and as well as previous documents/studies done for the Sheffield Water Company. The Committee is currently working through proposed draft recommendations and will forward revised bylaws to the Planning Board for review and action.

In addition to the above three tasks, Rene Wood provided a working map and discussed an Adult Entertainment Overlay District Zoning Bylaw the Planning Board will submit to the town for vote (2/3 vote required to adopt) at the Annual Town Meeting. Sample of the by-law is available at the Town Clerk's Office. Ms Wood stated that this is a proactive measure to limit Adult Entertainment to a specific district. Available land for Adult Entertainment would total 0.42% of entire town's acreage.

JIM LARKIN RE: AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION UPDATE

Jim Larkin read and fielded questions concerning a draft warrant article to establish an Agriculture Commission. Such commission is in keeping with last year's Right To Farm By-law. The committee recommended having an odd number of members (5 or 7 plus 2 alternate members).

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT

At the recommendation of Police Chief James McGarry, Selectman Macy moved to appoint Senior Officer Robert Ullrich to the position of Sergeant, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief McGarry indicated that Mr. Ullrich (who has been on the Police Force for 26 years) already performs in such capacity; the new title is necessary as other government agencies recognize the rank of sergeant as a legitimate position in which to interact.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION – vote to PARTICIPATE FY07
Selectman Hannum moved to sign a letter indicating the town's intention to participate in the Fiscal Year 2007 Household Hazardous Waste Collection, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.

MAIL OF NOTE: REQUEST FOR VOCATIONAL TUITION

The Board noted letters from Robert & Martha Kilmer, Robbie Kilmer, and Harrison Kilmer updating the Board of this year's school related achievements and requesting to continue town's support of vocational tuition. Selectman Macy moved to approve Martha and Kilmer's request to continue funding education for their sons Robbie and Harrison at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in the Region One School District for the 2006/2007 school year. Selectman Hannum seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ONE DAY WINE & BEER PERMIT APPLICATION

Selectman Hannum moved to issue a one-day wine & beer permit to Scott Larson of True North Events & Catering (Boothbay Harbor, ME) for the Sheffield Plastics Picnic at the Town Park on August 5, 2006 or rain date of August 6, 2006. Selectman Macy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS

At Selectman Macy's inquiry, Finance Committee Chairman David Steindler discussed the School Budget and status of Town's FY06 budget. The Finance Committee will invite the School Committee, and Board of Selectmen to attend its next meeting. Mr. Steindler expressed concern about school administration adding 100% state aid (\$46K Chapter 70, and \$110K Transportation Aid) to school budget after budget voted on by the towns -- Schools can use transportation aid, not Chapter 70. In addition, the Highway

Department will need a Transfer from the Reserve Fund due to four severe storms washouts damaging roads. Mr. Steindler stated that the Board of Selectmen may want to consider adding an override article at the Annual Town Meeting for funding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Selectman Hannum moved to end this regular session meeting, and enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining, seconded by Selectman Macy. ROLE CALL VOTE: Chairman Stanton, aye, Selectman Macy, aye and Selectman Hannum, aye.

The Board adjourned at approximately 8 PM and went into Executive Session at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Gilbert
Recording Secretary