

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 19, 2006
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
7 PM**

Board Members Present: David D. Macy, Chairman
Julie M. Hannum, Clerk
James T. Collingwood

Other Staff Present: Robert A. Weitz, Town Administrator
Rhonda LaBombard, Recording Secretary

Chairman Macy called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Selectman Hannum moved to approval of Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2006 and June 5, 2006. Seconded by Selectman, Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Summer Meeting Schedule

All agreed to cancel July 3rd meeting. The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting will be July 17, 2006. If necessary the board will meet on July 10, 2006.

Mail of Note

Adelphia Franchise License: Administrator Weitz read a letter from Adelphia regarding renewal of cable television license, which expires on April 10, 2009. Adelphia will be invited to attend the August 7th Selectmen's meeting to discuss the renewal. Discussion ensued regarding cable access for all Sheffield residents.

Adelphia license Amendment: Administrator Weitz read letters from the Five Town Cable Advisory Committee and Town of Stockbridge Town Counsel regarding Adelphia's request to amend PEG access funding. Selectman Hannum moved to support the position of Stockbridge agreeing that the amendment is unnecessary and that the Selectmen will not sign the amendment, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Weitz read a letter of resignation from Planning Board Member Fred Gordon, effective August 1, 2006. Discussion ensued regarding the advertisement and appointment process for vacancies on the Planning Board. Selectman Hannum moved to send a letter to Mr. Gordon thanking him for his services, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Board and Committee Members:

Cultural Council: Amber Spring
Lindsay Crawford
Ann Moulton

Alternate Delegate to Berkshire Regional Planning Commission:
Rene Wood

Southern Berkshire Regional School District Committee:
John. Pollitt
Dek Tillett

Selectman Hannum moved to appoint the above, seconded by Selectmen Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously

Discussion ensued regarding the Agricultural Committee and the need for a delegate for Berkshire Regional Transit Authority.

Smart Growth Grant 2006 Progress Report and 2007 Grant:

Planning Board Chairman Rene Wood was present to discuss the Smart Growth grants. A progress report for the FY06 grant was given at the last Selectmen's meeting. Selectman Hannum suggested a joint meeting between the Selectmen and Planning Board to discuss the FY06 grant. A tentative date for this meeting will be July 12, 2006 at 6 p.m. Rene will discuss this date with the Planning Board at their meeting on Tuesday, July 20th. Rene suggested the town focus on an engineering study for the village green in applying for the FY07 grant. Selectman Hannum concurred with Rene, who would be the town representative and would work with Tom Matuszko from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. Selectman Hannum moved to apply for the FY07 Smart Growth Grant for an engineering study, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Gravel Permit Renewal – East Stahl Road

The Board of Selectmen made a site visit to the gravel bed and was satisfied that all conditions were being met. Discussion ensued regarding dust and calcium chloride. Administrator Weitz will contact White Engineering to discuss condition #13 regarding monitoring by the town. Selectman Hannum moved to approve the Kradel Excavation Permit renewal with the following change to the conditions: Condition #6 shall strike the use of calcium chloride for dust control, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion

carried unanimously. Selectman Hannum moved to renew the permit for 3 years, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Request For Waiver of Annual Building Inspector Fees-SBRSD

Discussed a request made to Administrator Weitz to waive the Building Inspector fees for SBRSD annual inspections. Discussion ensued regarding the fees and services provided by the Town of Sheffield to the school district. Selectman Collingwood moved to deny the request to waive fee for SBRSD, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

Selectmen Items:

Selectman Hannum would like a reminder sent to all boards and commissions regarding the Conflict of Interest seminar hosted by the Town of Great Barrington on June 29, 2006. Discussion ensued regarding audio or visual taping of the seminar. Selectman Hannum suggested that this issue be brought to the attention of Burke LaClair's office in Great Barrington.

Selectman Collingwood inquired if any further information was available on the Swap Shed at the Transfer Station. Administrator Weitz stated no. Selectman Collingwood will discuss the issue with Recycling Coordinator David Steindler.

Selectman Macy inquired on the progress with the "push-off" for the Village Green project. Administrator Weitz stated that he is waiting for a cost estimate from Foresight Engineering. He will contact them again.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Library Director Nancy Hahn announced the Garden Dedication on June 24, 2006 at 1 pm and invited everyone to attend. Discussion ensued regarding the scheduled events for the dedication.

Rene Wood asked if the town was considering pursuing another business park since the first one is now full. Selectman Macy stated that this issue is open for discussion.

Rene Wood discussed the need for safety improvements at the intersection of Hewins Street and Route 7. Discussion ensued. Selectman Hannum moved to send a letter asking Mass Highway to investigate changes to improve visibility and safety at this intersection, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously. Letter will be copied to State Senator and State Representative.

Executive Session: Selectman Hannum moved to enter into executive session to discuss: Litigation and Collective bargaining and that the meeting will open following executive session only to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion Carried unanimously.

Selectman Macy called for a roll call vote as follows to enter executive session:

Selectman Macy – yes

Selectman Hannum- yes

Selectman Collingwood – yes

Executive Session opened at 7:55 p.m.

Meeting opened at 8:45 p.m.

Selectman Hannum moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard, Recording Secretary