

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 7, 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 Weitz, Town Administrator
Rhonda LaBombard, Recording Secretary
Rene Wood, Planning Board Chairman
David Steindler, Finance Committee, Chairman
Judith Schnurr, Finance Committee, Member
David Smith, Finance Committee, Member
Jamie Pomeroy, Conservation Commission, Chairman
Susan Young, Library Trustee
Peter Rowntree, Library Trustee

Chairman Macy called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Selectman Hannum moved to approve the meeting minutes and executive session minutes for July 17, 2006, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE-REGIONAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT:

Finance Committee Chairman David Steindler reported that the original budget submitted by the School Committee reflected estimated receipts from Chapters 70 and 71. At that time it was agreed that if any extra were received from the state it would be returned to the town to reduce the school assessment. The Finance Committee would like the Selectmen to support a request for the funds to be used to reduce Sheffield's portion of the assessment. Discussion ensued regarding the same situation last year but the funds were not used to reduce the assessment. Selectman Hannum made a motion to send a letter to the school district requesting that excess funds received for Chapters 70 and 71 be used to reduce Sheffield's portion of the school assessment, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously. Finance Committee Member David Smith made a motion to send a joint letter from the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen to the school district requesting that excess funds received for Chapters 70 and 71 be used to reduce Sheffield's portion of the school assessment, seconded by Judith Schnurr.

Motion carried unanimously. Rene Wood thanked the Selectmen and Finance committee as a taxpayer for their effort in upholding a good faith expectation from the School District.

MAIL OF NOTE:

Administrator Weitz read a letter submitted by the Planning Board regarding a Planning Board stipend. Chairman Macy stated that this request was reviewed before the annual town meeting by the Selectmen and Finance Committee and if the Planning Board was granted a stipend it would set a precedent for the many other town volunteers to also ask for a stipend.

Administrator Weitz read for letters of resignation from the following:

Bob Pasqualina, Planning Board Alternate for Special Permits

Carolyn Ullrich, Emergency Management Service Staff

Edward Pickert, Highway Department

David Steindler, Industrial Development Commission

Selectman Hannum moved to accept with regret the above resignations and that a letter be sent to each thanking them for their service to the town, seconded by Selectmen Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Hannum suggested that the list of appointments be reviewed for anyone not seeking reappointment and a letter sent thanking them for their service.

APPOINTMENTS:

Planning Board: The Planning Board submitted a letter of endorsement for the appointment of Bill Gillooly to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board. Selectman Hannum moved to appoint Bill Gillooly to the Planning Board, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Conservation Commission: A letter was sent from the Conservation Commission requesting that a sixth member be appointed to the Commission. The letter included the following as possible members:

Ted Pitman

Norman Schnayer

Frank Barros

Dennis Sears

Chairman Pomeroy stated that Dennis Sears no longer is available to serve on the commission. Chairman Macy asked if the prospective members could attend the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss their qualifications. Chairman Pomeroy will contact them. Selectman Collingwood will abstain from the appointment because of a property sale between himself and Frank Barros.

Poll Workers: The Town Clerk submitted the following list to be appointed as poll workers for the 2007 election season:

Elizabeth Smith, Joseph Gulotta, Lovina Gulotta, Morris Decker, Phil Garcia, Betsey Garcia, David Wright, David West, Carol Sica, Nancy Kriegle, Fred Gordon, Candice Parsons, Mahlon Parsons, Janet Gilligan, Wray Gunn, Michele Brooks, Norma Moulton, Yvette DuVal, Michael Ovitt, Scott Rote, Angel Rote, Marcia Brolli, Judy Steindler, David Steindler, Jane Hiaz, Lois Levinsohn, Brian Levinsohn, Sabina Ullrich, Natalie Funk, Sandra French, June Wolfe, Deb Wilkinson, Bruce Person, David Macy, Julie Hannum, James Collingwood, Phylis Joyce

Selectman Hannum requested that her name be removed form the list. Selectman Collingwood moved to appoint the above with the exception of Julie Hannum, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO HUNT ON TOWN PROPERTY:

Administrator Weitz read a letter from Anthony and Patricia Barelli requesting permission to hunt on town property. Selectman Hannum moved to grant permission for the Barelli's to bow hunt in the town park and bow and/or shotgun hunt in the town forest, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

ANTIQUA LICENSE FOR 1695 NORTH MAIN STREET:

Selectman Collingwood made a motion to grant an antique license to Reginald Madison at 1695 North Main Street, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN ITEMS:

Selectman Collingwood discussed used cars on Home Road. The property is in violation of by-laws in regards to the number of cars on the property. The issue will be turned over to the Chief and Zoning Enforcement Officer for review and possible enforcement.

Selectman Hannum discussed a letter from the Planning Board regarding the Zoning Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector. Administrator Weitz read the letter. Discussion ensued regarding creating a document listing the steps needed for projects and/or buildings. Creation of this document will be by the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Zoning Enforcement Officer since these are the departments involved. Rene Wood Planning Board Chairman will work on coordinating the creation of the document.

Selectman Hannum inquired why some boards and commissions have stipends while other do not and why the Selectmen are paid a stipend.

Selectman Collingwood moved to enter executive session at 8:10 pm to discuss real estate and negotiate litigation, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting will adjourn immediately following the executive session.

The role call vote was as follows to enter executive session at 8:10 pm is as follows:

Selectman Macy – Aye
Selectman Hannum – Aye
Selectman Collingwood – Aye

Selectman Hannum moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Collingwood.
The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard, Recording Secretary