

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
JULY 21, 2008  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
7:00 PM**

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

Other Staff Present: Joseph A. Kellogg, Town Administrator  
Rhonda LaBombard, Assistant Town Administrator

Chairman Hannum called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Selectman Macy moved to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2008 meetings and 2 sets of minutes from the July 9, 2008 meetings, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE:**

Rene Wood acted as spokesperson for the Economic Development Task Force. The draft plan was presented to the Board. Rene indicated the plan is a working document that will be enhanced and expanded as needed. This plan is to be used as a guideline for economic development. Task Force member Jason Ostrander explained the lay out of the plan and reviewed the survey results. Consultant Rich Vinette reviewed the summary of strategies. In closing Rene stated that the plan is on the Town Web site and that comments and feedback will be accepted until August 15, 2008. Chairman Hannum stated that it was pleasure to work with the Task Force. Resident Laura Grunfeld stated the Task Force did a great job and she would like to see the plan expanded to include more energy resource action steps.

**CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME – LIMEY OF SHEFFIELD LLC:**

Michael Dutton was present to discuss his application for a change of corporate name on his alcoholic beverage license. The current corporate name is Limey of Sheffield LLC, which will be dissolved and the new corporate name will be The Bean and I, LLC. Selectman Macy moved to approve the change of corporate name from Limey of Sheffield, LLC to The Bean and I, LLC, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

**FY08 SOLID WASTE USER FEE ABATEMENT:**

Selectman Macy moved to grant FY08 Solid Waste Abatements in the amount of \$104 for 295 Clayton Road and the amount of \$21 for 319 Miller Ave, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Selectman Macy moved to appoint Anne Hyatt and Mary Ellen Deming to the Council on Aging each for a three-year term, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

**PERMISSION TO HUNT TOWN PROPERTY:**

Anthony and Patricia Borelli have requested permission to hunt on Town owned land. Selectman Macy moved to grant permission to Anthony and Patricia Borelli to bow hunt only at the Town Park and Library and to shotgun, black powder and bow hunt at the Town Forest off of Berkshire School Road, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY:**

Jack Pollitt has requested that the Town place an article on the next Town Meeting Warrant to form a Commission on Disability. Jack has offered to serve on the Commission. Selectman Macy moved to place an article to form a Commission on Disability on the next Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

**BRTA DELEGATE:**

Selectman Macy moved to appoint Town Administrator Kellogg as the Town's BRTA Delegate, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

**MAIL OF NOTE:**

Chairman Hannum read a letter from the Ashley Falls Village Improvement Society about substandard phone service in Ashley Falls. Selectman Macy moved to write a letter to Verizon regarding the substandard telephone service in Ashley Falls, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

**SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:**

Selectman Macy stated the entire Village Green would be shut down for one day at some point for paving. The date has not been confirmed. Parking areas will be coned off along Route 7 and Police Officers will be stationed to help assist people to get to businesses in the Village Green.

Chairman Hannum said that a very productive 5 Town Meeting had been held to discuss collaboration between the Southern Berkshire Regional School District and Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

Chairman Hannum noted that Karen Robarge has been installed as Postmaster of Ashley Falls and offered Karen her congratulations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

James Larkin stated that the Economic Development Plan was a good thing for Sheffield.

Louis Aragi Jr. thanked the Board for their letter of support for his manure digester grant application. Mr. Aragi explained how the digester works to provide electricity and heat to the homes and barns on the farm. They have applied to Rural Development for a loan/grant for the project. The entire cost of the project is \$1.8 million. The excess electricity produced will be sold back to the grid.

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

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard  
Assistant Town Administrator