

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 4, 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 17, 2008 meeting and 2 sets of minutes from the July 21, 2008 meetings, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

Local Emergency Planning Committee:

Selectman Macy moved to appoint Fire Chief Richard Boardman to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a one-year term, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcement-Agricultural Commission:

Chairman Hannum announced that Kathy Orlando has requested appointment to the Agricultural Commission and Ruth Ziegler has requested appointment as an alternate member of the Agricultural Commission. The appointments will be made at the next meeting on August 18, 2008.

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT TERMS:

Selectman Macy moved to make the appointment term of all current members of the Fire Department and Emergency Services Staff indefinite, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously. The appointment of the Fire Chief will be a 3-year appointment.

CURB CUT – 1119 HOME ROAD:

The Highway Superintendent and Police Department have approved the curb cut. Selectman Macy moved to approve the curb cut for 1119 Home Road, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Selectman Collingwood stated that the Kiwanis Club would be clearing the brush from the intersection of Berkshire School Road and Route 7.

Chairman Hannum reminded everyone that Sheffield in Celebration would be held on September 6th from 12 pm to 6 pm at the Town Park.

Chairman Hannum noted that a meeting would be held at the Bushnell-Sage Library on August 21, 2008 at 7:00 pm to discuss access sites to the Housatonic River. The Housatonic Valley River Association has chosen 3 possible sites in Sheffield to upgrade.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:

Administrator Kellogg reminded everyone that the Village Green will be closed all day on August 11, 2008 for the final paving. This will complete the Village Green Project. Police officers will be available to assist with parking and access to businesses in the Village Green. The rain date for the paving will be Tuesday, August 12, 2008.

Administrator Kellogg stated that the Economic Development Task Force is continuing to take comments on the Economic Development Draft Plan until August 15, 2008.

Administrator Kellogg discussed the possibility of closing Town Hall one day a week this winter to conserve on heating oil.

Administrator Kellogg stated that the Town did not receive the Community Development Block Grant for the construction of a Senior Center. A meeting of the Building Committee will be scheduled to discuss possibilities.

Administrator Kellogg stated that the Town is seeking bids on paving for Rote Hill Road and Hulett Hill Road. Drainage work will also take place on these roads. Oil and stone will be placed on East and West Roads depending on cost.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

George Oleen was present to discuss the relocation of the WWI Monument to Barnard Park.

George Oleen inquired about identification for Town Officials. Administrator Kellogg will discuss this with Chief McGarry.

Chairman Hannum noted that Governor Patrick is holding an open town meeting on August 5, 2008 at 6:00 pm at the Great Barrington Band Stand.

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

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator