

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
JUNE 15, 2009  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: David D. Macy, Chairman  
Julie M. Hannum, Clerk  
Rene C. Wood

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Selectman Hannum moved to approve minutes for the June 1, 2009 meeting, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

**WIND ENERGY SITING REFORM LEGISLATION:**

Selectman Wood explained the proposed legislation regarding wind energy siting and asked the Board to send a letter to the Joint Committee on Telecommunications opposing several sections of the legislation. Discussion ensued. Selectman Hannum moved to approve the concept of the letter pending wording amendments from Selectman Wood, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

**UPDATED BOTTLE BILL:**

Administrator Kellogg recommended supporting the proposed update to the bottle bill to include non-carbonated drink bottles as those requiring a deposit. Selectman Wood moved to support the proposed bottle bill update and to send letters to our State Senator and Representative asking for their support, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

**SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM:**

The Southern Berkshire Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program is in its ninth year and the Board has been asked to approve an agreement with multiple towns to provide disposal of hazardous waste materials. The estimated cost for the Town for FY2010 will be \$2,769. Selectman Wood moved to sign the contract for the Southern Berkshire Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

**PAY AS YOU THROW:**

This discussion has been tabled until the Selectmen's meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

**FRIENDLY UNION-DEWEY MEMORIAL HALL FY10 LEASE:**

Discussion ensued regarding a renewal of the lease of Dewey Hall for the Senior Center. The lease includes an additional stipend of \$50 for the months of November, December, January, February and March to help with the cost of utilities. Priscilla Cote, President of the Sheffield Friendly Union was present and explained the reason for the stipend. Selectman Wood inquired about a clause missing in item #2. Ms. Cote stated that it was an omission and a corrected copy would be forwarded. Selectman Wood moved to sign the lease pending the amendment to item #2, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

**FY 2010 APPOINTMENTS:**

Chairman Macy read the following list of applicants requesting appointment:

	<u>Term</u>
Agricultural Commission -Morvin Allen, Dominic Palumbo	3 year
Agricultural Commission Alternates - Ruth Ziegler, David Smith Sr.	1 year
Animal Inspector - Richard Boardman	1 year
Ashley Falls Historic District Commission - Richard Swiatek	3 year
Board of Assessors - Barbara West	3 year
Board of Registrars - Elizabeth Smith, Patricia Sadera	2 year
Conservation Commission - Cheryl Blackburn	3 year
Constable - James M. McGarry	1 year
Council on Aging - Richard Magenis, Lovina Gulotta	3 year
Cultural Council - David Reed	3 year
Disabilities Commission - Jack Pollitt	3 year
Electrical Inspector - Richard Cappadona	1 year
Assistant Electrical Inspector -Ken Kushi	1 year
Economic Development Committee - Kevin Schmitz, James Kelly	3 year
Emergency Management Coordinator - Edward McCormick	1 year
Five Town Cable Advisory Committee - George Oleen, Paul O'Brien	1 year
Plumbing and Gas Inspector - Robert Krupski	1 year
Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector - Robert Gennari	1 year
Park and Recreation Committee- Grace Campbell, Joseph Wilkinson, Vito Valentini, Michael C. Ovitt	1 year
Parking Clerk - Felecie Joyce	1 year
Police Department - Susan Rathbun, Brian Fahey, Ryan Kresiak, Jacob Gonska, Eric Munson, Sheryl Johnson, Scott Farrell, Gary Mitchell, Michael C. Ovitt, Gregory H. Priest, Richard L. Robarge	3 year
Public Weigher- Michael Pezzee, Patricia Gillespie, Clifford Twiss	1 year
Recycling Coordinator - David Steindler	1 year
South Berk Dist Veterans Service Delegate - Richard Kirchner	1 year
Special Town Counsel - Kopelman and Paige, Mirick O'Connell	1 year
Town Clerk - Felecie Joyce	3 year
Town Counsel - Sarah Bell	1 year
Zoning Board of Appeals - Jack Pollitt	3 year

Selectman Wood asked for a hold on the appointment of David Smith Sr. as Agricultural Commission Alternate Member and a hold on the appointment of David Steindler as Recycling

Coordinator. Discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Board to hold on the appointment of David Smith Sr. Selectman Hannum moved to appoint the above applicants as submitted with the exception of David Smith Sr. as Alternate Member to the Agricultural Commission, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

**FY 2010 APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Chairman Macy read the following list of position vacancies and applicants for the positions:

	<u>Term</u>
Ashley Falls Historic District Commission	3 year
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	1 year
Alternate Delegate – Rene C. Wood	
Board of Assessors	2 year
Conservation Commission – James T. Collingwood Sr.	2 year
Constable-Bruce H. Person	1 year
Council on Aging	3 year
Cultural Council	3 year
Disabilities Commission	staggered
Emergency Management Director - James M. McGarry	1 year
Emergency Management Staff - Amanda Ball, Jessica Beham	indefinite
Finance Committee - John James, Colin Smith	3 year
Health Inspector - George Oleen	1 year
Historical Commission	3 year
Housing Commission - Christine Ludwiszewki	3 year
Housing Commission Associate Members	1 year
Local Emergency Planning Committee - James McGarry, Richard Boardman Joseph A. Kellogg	1 year
Park and Recreation Committee - Kevin Joyce	1 year
Public Weigher - James M. McGarry	1 year
Zoning Board of Appeals Associate Member - Wray Gunn	1 year

Action on the above appointments will take place at the Selectmen’s meeting on June 29, 2009.

**ONE-DAY COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE:**

Deborah Alves operated a hot dog cart at the Ashley Falls tag sale held on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Health Inspector George Oleen inspected the cart before its use and gave his approval. Discussion ensued regarding the fee for a one-day license. Selectman Wood moved to grant a one day Common Victualler license to Deborah Alves and to set the fee at \$25.00, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

**ONE-DAY WINE AND MALT LICENSE:**

Dennis Sears has applied for a one day Wine and Malt license for a function at the Town Park on June 28, 2009. There will be no sale of wine and malt. Selectman Hannum moved to grant a one-day Wine and Malt license to Dennis Sears for June 28, 2009 at the Town Park, seconded by Chairman Macy. The motion carried 2-0; Selectman Wood abstained from the vote.

## **TEMPORARY ROADSIDE EVENT SIGNS- OLD PARISH CHURCH ANTIQUE SHOW:**

Three applications for three different sign locations were received for the Old Parish Church Antique Show on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Wood moved to grant the temporary roadside event signs for the Old Parish Church Antique Show to be held on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

## **SELECTMEN ITEMS:**

Selectman Hannum congratulated the Town of New Marlborough on their 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Selectman Hannum attended the Great Barrington River Walk this past weekend and picked up a map of Great Barrington's trails and greenways that she will show to the Open Space and Recreation group for discussion on the possibility of creating one for Sheffield.

Selectman Hannum noted that the mosquito season has begun and would like to follow up with a survey on Berkshire County Mosquito Control.

Selectman Wood noted that the Upper Housatonic Valley Natural Heritage has grant funds available to start, update or expand walking trails.

Selectman Wood gave an update on Berkshire GMC and will continue to keep the Board informed on the status.

Selectman Wood discussed the trees removed by National Grid. She will follow up with the Sheffield Tree Project about possible replacements.

Selectman Wood noted that she attended two trainings this past week, one for new Selectmen and one for finance officers. Discussion ensued regarding the State and local budgets.

Selectman Wood congratulated all the graduating seniors from Sheffield.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:**

Administrator Kellogg stated that he contacted Mass Highway regarding the painting of crosswalks on Main Street. They are debating the type of paint to use and hope to have them painted by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Kellogg stated that the subscriber feature on the Town web site has been activated and people can now sign up to receive e-mails on news and announcements.

Administrator Kellogg announced that the Town is considering placing an order for compost bins. A minimum order of 20 is needed before the order may be placed. Anyone interested should contact the Selectmen/Administrator's office.

Administrator Kellogg stated that the annual road paving will be a top coat on Hulett Hill and Rote Hill Roads. East and West Roads are scheduled to be paved with oil and stone next week. Residents on East and West Roads will be notified.

Administrator Kellogg discussed scheduling the next Selectmen's meeting for June 29, 2009 and cancelling the meeting scheduled for July 6, 2009. It was the consensus of the Board to meet on June 29<sup>th</sup> and cancel the meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dennis Sears complimented the Town on the web site subscription service.

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

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard  
Assistant Town Administrator