

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 29, 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
Members of the Public

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Selectman Hannum moved to approve minutes for the June 15, 2009 and June 18, 2009 meetings. Selectman Wood seconded the motion with the following changes to the June 18, 2009 minutes:

Add to Others Present: Members of the Public, Note that the meeting was a working session; change Solid Waste Study Committee to Solid Waste Task Force; add to paragraph 2 and 3 that all transfer station operations were discussed. Selectman Hannum agreed to amend her motion to include the noted changes. The motion carried unanimously.

EAST AND WEST ROADS – OIL AND STONE PAVING:

Chairman Macy acknowledged that the residents on East and West Roads did not receive a one month notice for the paving scheduled on their roads, as had been agreed to by previous Boards of Selectmen. Several residents sent letters both for and against paving each road and several were present. West Road residents submitted a petition signed by 10 residents on West Road against the paving. Residents expressed the following concerns: increased and speeding traffic, paving the north end, which is the worst portion of the road, character changes of the road if paved, drainage issues and maintenance issues. Residents in favor of the road expressed their reasons for paving the road: mud and ruts, safety, slippery, winter conditions, meeting traffic head on trying to avoid the road conditions and speed. Police Chief James McGarry, Fire Chief Richard Boardman and Highway Superintendent Ed Lord all expressed their concerns with public safety, winter safety and cost to maintain these as gravel roads. The discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

RESIGNATION – BOARD OF HEALTH:

David Smith Sr. submitted his resignation from the Board of Health. Selectman Hannum moved to accept the resignation and to send Mr. Smith a letter of thanks, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

FY 2010 APPOINTMENTS:

Chairman Macy read the following list of applicants for appointment:

	<u>Term</u>
Agricultural Commission Alternate Member- David Smith Sr.	1 year
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Alternate Delegate - Rene C. Wood	1 year
Conservation Commission - James T. Collingwood Sr.	2 year
Constable - Bruce H. Person	1 year
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
Housing Commission - Christine Ludwiszewski	2 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

Selectman Wood moved to appoint the above applicants, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

WIND ENERGY SITING REFORM LEGISLATION:

Selectman Wood presented a revised letter for the Board's approval to oppose several sections of the proposed Wind Energy Siting Reform Legislation. Selectman Hannum moved to approve the letter and send it to the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

SCRAP METAL RECYCLING – FY 2010:

The agreement with Ray's Auto for scrap metal recycling is expiring. Administrator Kellogg recommended the scrap metal recycling be put out for bid. Selectman Wood moved to put the scrap metal recycling out for bid, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER STATION UPDATE:

The Board has decided not to proceed with the Pay as You Throw system of trash disposal for FY 2010. The system used in FY 2008 will be used for FY2010. The Finance Committee will make a recommendation to the Board on the flat fee for use of the Transfer Station. The Board is seeking residents to serve on a Solid Waste Task Force to look at alternative options for trash disposal funding.

SENIOR CENTER UPDATE:

The Town was notified that the proposed new Senior Center may be receiving a Community Development grant from the Massachusetts DHCD using stimulus funding. It was the consensus of the Senior Center Building Committee to accept the grant. The Board will make its decision on the grant at their next meeting.

SELECTMEN ITEMS:

Selectman Wood stated that any resident that would like to replace any tree removed by National Grid should contact the Sheffield Tree Project. Kerry Douglas, a member of the Sheffield Tree Project was present and confirmed that the Tree Project will help residents replace those trees removed.

Selectman Wood submitted proposed letters to Senator Kerry, Senator Kennedy and Representative Olver in support of Berkshire GMC. Selectman Hannum moved to send the letters, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Hannum reminded residents that Berkshire Mosquito Control is available to residents for mosquito control problems.

TOWN ADMINSTRATOR ITEMS:

Administrator Kellogg thanked Berkshire School for their annual donation to the Town.

Administrator Kellogg discussed the Town budget and noted that it was balanced for FY 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Larkin stated that he was in favor of the oil and stone paving on West Road but not asphalt paving.

Pauline Schumann invited everyone to the Independence Day Celebration at the American Legion Hall on July 3, 2009 at 7 pm.

Selectman Hannum moved to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and not to return to open session, seconded by Selectman Wood. The roll call vote was as follows:

Chairman Macy – aye

Selectman Hannum – aye

Selectman Wood – aye

The motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

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

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator