

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 17, 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 Wood moved to approve minutes for the August 3, 2009 and August 6, 2009 meetings, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Macy read the following list of applicants for appointment:

Priscilla Cote – Board of Health
Rene C. Wood – Economic Development Committee
David Wells – Disabilities Commission
The appointments will take place at the next meeting.

SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE:

Selectman Wood moved to appoint the following applicants to the Solid Waste Task Force: Greig Siedor, Ted Pitman, Fred Panitz, David J. Steindler, Peter Stiglin, David Smith Sr., Bart Elsbach, Marcia Friedman, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

Selectman Wood moved to appoint the following applicants:

Disabilities Commission – Donald J. Perry, Noah Parsons

Historical Commission – Rick Esposito

Ashley Falls Historic District Commission – Richard Cherneff

Housing Commission – John Stookey, Paul O'Brien

Housing Commission – Alternate – Kathy Orlando, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the one vacancy on the Council on Aging. Selectman Hannum moved to appoint Rosemarie Wright to the Council on Aging, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

RED CROSS STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING:

Administrator Kellogg explained that the Red Cross is mandated to provide services to victims of disaster and have requested a statement of understanding from the Town to use the Town Hall as

an alternate site for an emergency shelter. Selectman Hannum moved to authorize Chairman Macy to sign the Red Cross Statement of Understanding, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

CURB CUT PERMIT:

Mark Hohlstein and Linda Keller submitted a request for a curb cut at the corner of Water Farm and Home Roads. The curb cut has been approved by the Police Chief and the Highway Superintendent. Selectman Hannum moved to approve the curb cut pending clarification on the location, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

TEMPORARY ROADSIDE EVENT SIGN:

Mt. Everett Regional High School has requested permission to place a temporary roadside event sign in the Village Green for home soccer and basketball games. The application has been approved by the Police Chief. Selectman Hannum moved to grant the temporary roadside event sign to Mt. Everett Regional High School for home soccer and basketball games, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW ANTIQUE AND SECOND HAND GOODS LICENSE:

Andre Gordon has applied for an Antique and Second Hand Goods License for his business, Retrouve, located at 725 North Main Street. Selectman Hannum moved to grant the license for Retrouve at 725 North Main Street, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

LIVERY LICENSE:

Nick Trierweiler was present and inquired about obtaining a Livery License from the Town. Livery licenses have not been issued in the past. Administrator Kellogg will check with Town Counsel and other towns regarding requirements of Livery licenses. Chairman Macy also advised Mr. Trierweiler to contact the Zoning Enforcement Officer regarding his proposed business to make sure it is allowed by the Zoning By-laws.

SELECTMEN ITEMS:

Selectman Hannum stated Lila Milukas has been working as a college intern for the Town this summer and thanked Lila for the great work she has done.

Selectman Hannum noted the telephone number for Mosquito Control and urged residents to call for mosquito issues.

Selectman Hannum congratulated Pine Island Farm for receiving a grant for the installation of a manure digester.

Selectman Hannum gave an update on the Business After Hours event to be hosted by the Town on September 10, 2009.

Selectman Wood stated that Berkshire Regional Planning Commission has received funds for their technical assistance program. The Town will continue to benefit from this program

Selectman Wood gave an update on a letter the Board submitted regarding wind siting legislation. Senator Downing has issued a statement on his position. It was noted that the process for wind siting legislation has slowed to allow more discussion.

TOWN ADMINSTRATOR ITEMS:

Administrator Kellogg stated that the Town has received a Community Development Block Grant from stimulus funding to construct a new Senior Center. The Senior Center Building Committee will meet on Tuesday at 10:00 am to discuss and update the plans.

Administrator Kellogg stated that Transfer Station billing letters have been mailed and reminded all residents to send in the slip before the August 31st deadline. The billing letter will be available on the Town website.

Administrator Kellogg stated that the Sheffield Fair will host the 1st Annual Showmanship and Fitting Competition. The Fair will be held on September 12, 2009.

Administrator Kellogg stated that bids for the new pumper tanker for the Fire Department should be going out within the next two weeks.

Administrator Kellogg stated that 17 residents have contacted his office for the purchase of compost bins. The minimum order is 20.

Administrator Kellogg stated that he has been in contact with the Sheffield Kiwanis and they are in the process of updating and repairing the ladder signs in Town.

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

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator