

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SEPTEMBER 8, 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
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 August 17, 2009 and September 2, 2009 meetings, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

KEITH NEAL:

Keith Neal, from 155 County Road, was present to request placement of a culvert on County Road to reduce the water in his yard. Discussion ensued. Board members noted their opinion that the situation did not appear to be a Town matter but instead was an issue between neighbors. It was agreed, however that the Board would solicit input from the Highway Superintendent to determine if the Town's road was at risk.

LIVERY LICENSE:

Nick Trierweiler was present to discuss his request for a Livery License to operate from his residence at 329 Cross Road. Administrator Kellogg said he had contacted Town Counsel regarding issuing Livery Licenses and her recommendation was to require applicants for Livery Licenses to provide proof of insurance. The Building Inspector was consulted and the business is in compliance with zoning. Selectman Wood moved to allow the granting of Livery License at a fee of \$25.00 per year with proof of insurance and all employees must have a CORI check, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.
Selectman Wood moved to grant a Livery License for one vehicle for 2009 to Nicholas Trierweiler, pending proof of insurance and a CORI check, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

Selectman Hannum moved to appoint Priscilla Cote to the Board of Health, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.
Selectman Hannum moved to appoint Rene C. Wood as an ex-officio member of the Economic Development Committee, seconded by Chairman Macy. The motion carried 2-0; Selectman Wood abstained from the vote.
Selectman Hannum moved to appoint David Wells to the Disabilities Commission, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE:

The Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce has applied for a one day Beer and Wine License for a function to be held on September 10, 2009 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Village Green. Selectman Wood moved to grant the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce a one day Beer and Wine License for a function to be held on September 10, 2009 in the Village Green pending a signed application, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

PERMISSION TO HUNT TOWN OWNED PROPERTY:

Todd Clay has requested permission to hunt at the Town Park and in the Town Forest. Selectman Hannum moved to grant Todd Clay permission to bow hunt only in the Town Park and bow, shotgun and black powder hunt in the Town Forest, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

MMA 6th GRADE ESSAY CONTEST:

Selectman Hannum noted that this will be the 4th year of the Town's participation along with the Southern Berkshire Regional School District and the Towns of New Marlborough, Monterey, Egremont and Alford in the MMA 6th Grade Essay Contest. The contestants write an essay prompted by "If I were elected leader of my community, I would make a difference by...". Selectman Hannum will coordinate the contest. Selectman Hannum made a motion to participate in the MMA 6th Grade Essay Contest, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN ITEMS:

Selectman Hannum stated that the Town will host a Chamber of Commerce Business after Hours event on Thursday, September 10, 2009. Sheffield businesses have been invited to attend.

Selectman Hannum noted that the Sheffield Fair will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 12 pm to 6 pm in the Town Park.

Chairman Macy thanked Selectmen Hannum and Wood for their work in the Business after Hours event.

Selectman Wood stated that Lila Milukas, summer intern, worked with the Chairmen of various Boards and Committees to gather information to update the Town's website. A survey form has been created for residents to give their input on the website update. The forms will be available on the website and at the Sheffield Fair.

Selectman Wood stated that Board/Committee vacancy applications will be available at the Town table at the Sheffield Fair on Saturday.

TOWN ADMINSTRATOR ITEMS:

Administrator Kellogg stated that Bulky Waste days have been set for October 16th, 17th and 18th.

Administrator Kellogg said he and Chairman Macy attended a planning meeting regarding H1N1 Flu Clinics to be held at the Southern Berkshire School District. Information will be announced as soon as dates are set.

Administrator Kellogg stated that a Special Election for the vacant Senate seat created by Senator Kennedy's passing will be held on January 19, 2010. The primary will be held on December 8, 2009. The last day to register to vote in this primary will be November 18, 2009.

Administrator Kellogg stated that the tentative date for oil and stone paving on East and West Roads will be September 18, 2009. Letters will be sent to residents on these roads.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Historical Society has submitted an application for a temporary roadside event sign for an exhibit to be held on various dates between September 19, 2009 through November 1, 2009. Selectman Wood moved to grant the temporary roadside event sign to the Sheffield Historical Society for an exhibit to be held between September 19, 2009 and November 1, 2009, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

The Solid Waste Task Force has a meeting scheduled for September 9, 2009 at 4:00 pm. Administrator Kellogg submitted a proposed charge for the Task Force. Selectman Hannum moved to adopt the charge as submitted, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously. The charge will be placed on the Town website.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator