

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MARCH 15, 2010  
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 two sets of minutes from the March 1, 2010 meetings and one set of minutes from the March 3, 2010 meeting, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Selectman Wood moved to appoint Malcolm McCain as a probationary member of the Fire Department as recommended by Chief Boardman, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESIGNATION – COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES:**

Selectman Wood moved to accept the resignation of Hope Swanson from the Commission on Disabilities and to send her a letter of thanks, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

**CURB CUT- 1223 COUNTY ROAD:**

Selectman Hannum moved to approve a curb cut as submitted and approved by the Police Chief and Highway Superintendent, for 1223 County Road, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously. Selectman Wood noted that in the future all curb cuts should have a sketch of the curb cut on the application.

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION – FARM ANIMAL EXCISE:**

James M. Larkin, Chairman of the Agricultural Commission, distributed a proposal to eliminate the excise tax for farm animals and machinery. Discussion ensued regarding farm eligibility and clarification on the impact of this proposal. The Agricultural Commission will provide the Board with more information from the Department of Revenue before any action is taken on the submitted proposal.

**SMART DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM:**

Selectman Wood expressed her concerns with the maintenance fees for the mandatory SMART Deferred Compensation Program for part-time employees. A letter has been drafted to Treasurer Timothy Cahill addressing these concerns. Selectman Hannum moved to sign and send the letter to Treasurer Cahill expressing the Board's concerns with the maintenance fees for the

mandatory deferred compensation plan, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Selectman Wood moved to sign and send a letter of intent for FY2011 for the Southern Berkshire Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

**SELECTMEN ITEMS:**

Selectman Hannum encouraged residents to clean up the roadsides in their neighborhoods.

Selectman Hannum reminded residents of the importance in responding to the U.S. Census.

Selectman Wood read a list of vacancies for Town boards and commissions and urged interested residents to apply. She also announced the list of open elected positions and noted that anyone interested should pick up their nomination papers from the Town Clerk by Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and return them by Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Selectman Wood discussed the recent legislative breakfast that she attended with Selectman Hannum and Administrator Kellogg. The focus of the discussion was on local aid and health insurance reform.

Selectman Wood congratulated the students and staff at Southern Berkshire Regional School District for their recent play production. It was a great program.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

Administrator Kellogg explained that residents with home mailing addresses would receive their census forms in the mail. Residents with P.O. boxes would have the census forms delivered to their homes by census workers. He also explained that if forms were not returned, then workers would knock on doors to determine why the form was not returned.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Pauline Schumann from the Friends of the Senior Center was present to announce a fund raiser that will be held for the new Senior Center. A Big Band Dance Concert will be held on April 17, 2010 from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm at the Undermountain Elementary Cafeteria. The cost will be \$20 if purchased before the event and \$25 at the door.

Town Clerk Felecie Joyce stated that the Boy Scouts will hold a rabies clinic on March 27, 2010 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Town Hall parking area. The Town Clerk's office will be open during the clinic for licensing.

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

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda LaBombard  
Assistant Town Administrator