

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKING MEETING
APRIL 15, 2010
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
3:45 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 3:45 pm.

Selectman Hannum moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the performance, discipline or dismissal of a Town employee and to return to Open Session upon conclusion of the Executive Session, seconded by Selectman Wood. The roll call vote was as follows:

Chairman Macy – Aye
Selectman Hannum – Aye
Selectman Wood – Aye

The Board returned to Open Session at 4:13 pm.

The Board reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Discussion ensued regarding School Committee stipends. Selectman Wood recused herself from the discussion, since her spouse is a School Committee member. The School Committee members waived their stipends last year and discussion continued regarding whether or not to include the stipends in the FY11 budget. Administrator Kellogg will seek an opinion from Town Counsel on this issue.

The vocational education tuition amount is level funded and will cover tuition costs for three students.

Article #9 – regarding the Selectmen serving on other boards/committee -The list of positions covered by this Article will be included in the motion made at Town Meeting.

Article #13 – regarding Bonded Indebtedness- The debt will be paid off in approximately 10 years.

Article #27 – regarding a Leash By-law - The Board approved the wording for the leash by-law.

Article #18 – regarding the Purchase of a Backhoe - Selectman Wood inquired if the Board will review the purchase of the backhoe before the funds are spent and discussed the possibility of purchasing a used backhoe. Discussion ensued on the purchase of used equipment.

Article #19 – regarding Bid Documents for a new Highway Garage - Selectman Wood inquired how the construction of the highway garage would proceed if this article is approved. Administrator Kellogg explained that the requested funds in this Article are from Proceeds from Sale of Land not Free Cash. If the Article is approved the goal would be to go out to bid and have actual bid amounts for the Annual Town Meeting in May of 2011.

Article #23 – regarding a TIF Plan - Sheffield Plastics should have submitted their plan last week. Selectman Kellogg will follow up with Sheffield Plastics.

Article #26 – regarding Zoning By-law Changes – Flood Plain Overlay District - Discussion ensued regarding the definition of SPGA.

Discussion ensued regarding the approval process for the Annual Town Meeting warrant. It was suggested that the deadlines for zoning warrant article submissions next year be set earlier.

Selectman Hannum moved to approve and sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as presented, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 4:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator