

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 2, 2010
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Julie M. Hannum, Chairman
Rene C. Wood, Clerk
David A. Smith, Jr.

Others Present: Joseph A. Kellogg, Town Administrator
Rhonda LaBombard, Assistant Town Administrator

Members of the public

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Selectman Wood moved to approve minutes from the July 15, 2010 meeting and the July 19, 2010 meeting, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICE CHIEF CONTRACT:

It was noted that House Bill 4487, allowing James McGarry to continue serving as Police Chief beyond his 65th birthday, has been approved by the Legislature and signed by the Lt. Governor. Discussion ensued regarding a renewal of the Chief's contract. Selectman Smith moved to approve a renewal contract with Chief McGarry, for the period January 5, 2011 to June 30, 2013, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

SHEFFIELD LAND TRUST – BERKSHIRE SCHOOL CONSERVATION RESTRICTION:

Kathy Orlando, from the Sheffield Land Trust, and Michael Maher, Headmaster of Berkshire School, were present to discuss a conservation restriction of 11 acres on the Berkshire School campus to the Sheffield Land Trust. Selectman Wood moved to approve a conservation restriction of 11 acres on the Berkshire School campus as proposed, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

SHEFFIELD WATER COMPANY – CHAPTER 61 FOREST LAND LIEN RELEASE:

The Sheffield Water Company is in the process of obtaining permits to construct a new water storage tank on Water Farm Road. The property is currently in Chapter 61 and the Water Company is requesting that the designation be removed from two acres in order to construct the new tank. Under the terms of Chapter 61, the Town must be given an option to purchase the property being removed. Selectman Wood moved to not exercise the Town's option to purchase Chapter 61 property from the Sheffield Water Company, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Marcia Friedman has requested appointment to the Cultural Council. Action on the appointment will take place at the next meeting.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Selectmen Smith congratulated Salisbury Bank on the opening of their new branch on North Main Street. He and Selectman Wood attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at the bank this morning.

Selectman Wood also congratulated the Salisbury Bank on their new branch.

Selectmen Wood said that the Economic Development Committee will hold a meeting on August 11, 2010 at 5:30 in Town Hall to discuss the Business to Business and Business to Consumer event to be held at Sheffield in Celebration. All businesses are invited to attend or may drop off suggestions or comments in the Town Administrator's office.

Selectman Wood stated that the Wind Siting Legislation has passed the House but not the Senate.

Selectman Hannum noted that she, Selectmen Wood and Administrator Kellogg attended the closing ceremony at the Kops n Kids Camp and said the event again was a success.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator Kellogg reminded residents that new FY11 Transfer Station Stickers must be affixed to vehicles by August 16th and anyone without a new sticker after that date will be denied access to the Transfer Station. Also, anyone with a last name beginning with A or B did not receive a billing letter; those letters will be sent on Tuesday.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pauline Schumann asked the Board how residents may become more involved with decisions regarding the new senior center. Chairman Hannum said that there are three boards and committees involved with the senior center, but the final decision on any Town owned building is made by the Board of Selectmen.

Pauline Schumann thanked Salisbury Bank for their donation to the Friends of the Senior Center.

Pauline Schumann noted that the Elder Services magazine included an article on the new senior center.

Pauline Schumann invited the Board to attend a luncheon and tour at Geer Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center on August 12, 2010 at noon.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Town has joined with the Town of Lee to bid on a backhoe for each Town in hopes of receiving a better price. Selectman Smith moved to sign an agreement with the Town of Lee to jointly purchase two backhoes, one for each Town, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hannum said that the Board has chosen Khaki Brown as the color for the exterior Hardie Plank siding of the new senior center. The building will be all one color.

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

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator