

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
OCTOBER 18, 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 three sets of minutes from the September 27, 2010 meeting, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

**JUDY STEINDLER – COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES FAIR:**

Judy Steindler, Chairman of the Commission on Disabilities and Laura Grunfeld, Commission on Disabilities member were present to discuss a Disabilities Fair to be held on November 3, 2010 at Mt. Everett High School from 3 pm – 7 pm. The Fair is sponsored by the Commission and the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. There are 40 agencies currently signed up and more are expected. The Fair is open to the public.

**EMS PLAN:**

The Board reviewed the draft EMS plan and requested the following changes:

Page 6 and Part D – A contact name for Canaan Rescue needs to be added

Part C, Section 1 needs to be completed

Page 8 – Check with Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Service for their performance standards

Selectman Wood moved to not participate in the Southern Berkshire regional Emergency Service Zone Plan and to submit our own application, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

**TOM INGERSOLL – SHEFFIELD TREE PROJECT:**

Tom Ingersoll, Kathy Orlando and Mike King from the Sheffield Tree Project were present to update the Board on their program. They also announced that Sheffield has received a Tree City USA Designation for 2009. Mr. Ingersoll explained the process involved for seeking the designation and stated that they will soon be applying for the designation for 2010. Signs will be placed at the entrance to Town from Route 7 north and south and a plaque will be hung in Town Hall. The Sheffield Tree Project will hold a community work day on October 30, 2010 and Mr. Ingersoll said that anyone interested should meet in the Town Hall parking area at 9 am. The projects will be to prune and mulch trees.

**NOVEMBER ELECTION BALLOT QUESTIONS:**

Discussion ensued regarding the three ballot questions for the November election. Question #1 – a yes vote will remove the sales tax on alcoholic beverages and a no vote will leave the tax as existing. There was no consensus of the Board on Question 1. Question #2 – a yes vote would be repeal Chapter 40B dealing with affordable housing permitting and a no vote will not make any changes to Chapter 40B. Selectman Wood moved to state the Board's position as in favor of Question #2, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion

carried unanimously. Question #3 – A yes vote would reduce the State sales tax to 3% and a no vote would leave the sales tax at 6.25%. Selectman Wood moved to state the Board's position as not in favor of Question #3, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously. Residents were reminded that polls will be open at the Town Hall on November 2, 2010 from 7 am to 8 pm.

**MRF RECYCLING GRANT APPLICATION:**

Administrator Kellogg said that there is a MRF grant application due at the end of October that could be used to hire a summer position for the Transfer Station to increase awareness and education regarding recycling. Selectman Wood moved to authorize Administrator Kellogg to apply for the grant, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

**SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:**

Selectman Wood updated the Board on the progress of Wired West.

Selectman Wood stated that the Direct Local Technical Assistance Grant application to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is due at the end of October. Discussion ensued regarding submitting an application that would provide information and assistance to chairs of boards and committees. Selectman Wood will obtain more information before a decision is made.

Selectman Hannum said that the new fire truck arrived on Friday and an open house would be scheduled soon for residents to view the truck.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

Administrator Kellogg congratulated Michael Ovitt on receiving his renewed 5 year certification as a Treasurer/Collector.

Administrator Kellogg said that the recycling rules have changed and now allow screw tops to stay on plastic bottles as long as the tops are also plastic and are left on the bottles.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Laura Grunfeld said that she would like the term Selectman changed to a non gender based title. Administrator Kellogg explained that the position title is set by the State and would require special legislation to change legally. He acknowledged his agreement with Ms.Grunfeld's concern and said such legislation should be pursued.

John Arthur Miller, Director of the Senior Center, was present to announce that the Council on Aging will provide rides to the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Election and to the Disabilities Fair on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Anyone needing a ride should call the Senior Center.

Mike King expressed his concerns with the confusion regarding the new changes to recycling. It is difficult not to recycle items that are no longer accepted. Discussion ensued regarding metal recycling. Mr. King would like to be able to remove usable items from the scrap metal roll off box.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Sand Bids:** Bids were opened on Friday, October 15, 2010 for winter road sand. The following bids were received:

Segalla Sand and Gravel	\$13.44 per ton
J. Donovan and Son, Inc.	\$11.00 per ton
Joe Wilkinson Excavating	\$13.00 per ton
O'Connor Bros., Inc.	\$14.90 per ton

Administrator Kellogg recommended that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, J. Donovan and Son, Inc. Selectman Wood moved to award the winter road sand bid to J. Donovan and Son, Inc. for the price of \$11.00 per ton, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda LaBombard  
Assistant Town Administrator