

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 9, 2012
CARLTON FRENCH MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

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

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Jennifer Goewey, Assistant to Town Administrator

Members of the public

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Selectman Hannum moved to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2011 meeting, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH INSURANCE:

Discussion ensued regarding the Municipal Health Care Reform and establishing an Insurance Advisory Committee. It was the consensus of the Board to continue this discussion at the January 23, 2012 meeting.

Enrollment Audit Solutions has been contracted by Berkshire Insurance Group to perform a Dependant Eligibility Audit and the process will begin the week of January 23, 2012.

TRANSFER STATION POLICIES:

Discussion ensued regarding Transfer Station Policies. A meeting to discuss these policies will be scheduled with the Transfer Station employees. It was the consensus of the Board to follow up at the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT-PLANNING BOARD:

Letters of interest were both submitted by Dennis Staropoli and Maria Nation as having an interested in serving on the Planning Board. Action will take place at a future meeting.

MMA RESOLUTION:

It was the consensus of the Board to table this discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding the Town Delegate for the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association's Annual Business Meeting.

Selectman Smith moved to appoint Selectman Hannum as the voting delegate for the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association's Annual Business Meeting, seconded by Chairman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION- DLTA GRANT:

Discussion ensued regarding the Feasibility Analysis- Enhanced Regional cooperation between municipalities and it was the consensus of the Board to continue the discussion at a future meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the Housatonic Rest of River grant. Selectman Hannum moved to send an email letter in support of the Rest of River Grant, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the DLTA Energy Grant. Selectman Hannum moved to express interest as a partner in the Energy DLTA, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PRELIMINARY BUDGET:

Discussion ensued regarding the preliminary budget for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. There will be a binder in the Town Administrator's office as well as the library containing all the SBRSD's budget info.

ASHLEY FALLS BRIDGE REPAIR UPDATE:

Discussion ensued regarding the Ashley Falls bridge repair and the proposed bridge design. Selectman Hannum moved to approve the open bridge design as presented by MA DOT, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Selectman Hannum stated her appreciation to the residents that call the Selectmen with suggestions for improvements.

Chairman Wood announced that the Board's next meeting would be on January 23, 2012 and thanked the residents for watching.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion ensued regarding the online permitting Community Innovation Challenge Grant for the building permit software program. Selectman Hannum moved to approve and sign the Community Innovation Challenge Grant, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Thomas Carmody submitted a letter requesting legal counsel for the ZBA Administrative Appeal filed by Mr. Hanlon. Selectman Hannum moved to grant the Zoning Enforcement Officers request for legal counsel for the Hanlon Appeal, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Hannum moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining and not return to Open Session, seconded by Selectman Smith. The roll call vote was as follows:

Chairman Wood – aye

Selectman Hannum – aye

Selectman Smith – aye

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Goewey
Assistant to Town Administrator