

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FEBRUARY 6, 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  
David Smith Sr., Chairman, Planning Board  
Peter Cherneff, Planning Board  
James Collingwood Jr., Planning Board  
Michael Ovitt, Treasurer

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, January 9, 2012 (two sets), January 10, 2012, January 12, 2012 (two sets), and January 23, 2012 seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

**PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

A vacancy exists on the Planning Board in which two applicants have applied. This is a joint appointment between the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board. Discussion ensued. Selectman Hannum moved to appoint Maria Nation to the Planning Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2012, seconded by David Smith Sr. The motion carried 5-1.

**MUNICIPAL HEALTH CARE REFORM:**

Discussion ensued regarding the Municipal Health Care Reform and the next steps in the process. Selectman Hannum made a motion that the Town elect to engage in the process to change health insurance benefits under M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Sections 21-23, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Michael Ovitt, Treasurer stated that the Town would be having an Insurance Premium Holiday for the month of March with a combined savings to the Town and employees of approximately \$26,000.

**EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:**

Discussion ensued regarding employee appointments. It was consensus of the Board to table the discussion.

**SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:**

Selectmen Hannum announced that a public hearing would be held on February 8, 2012 at 7 pm at Mt. Everett High School for the purpose of discussing the closure of the outlying schools

Chairman Wood attended the Cabaret and congratulated the students for such a wonderful performance.

Chairman Wood stated that the Board of Selectmen has received a response letter from Superintendent Singleton to the questions submitted to the School Committee.

Chairman Wood asked that residents please notify the Town Administrators office if they are last on the street for the Broadband DSL service with Verizon.

Chairman Wood thanked Kiwanis for the generous donation of three defibrillators that are located at the Town Hall, Library and the Senior Center.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS:**

Administrator LaBombard announced that the Hanlon Hearing continuation on February 7, 2012 would be held at the Senior Center.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Discussion ensued regarding the Selectmen's Annual Report.

Kathy Ross from Community Preservation Act in Boston contacted the Board regarding community preservation and it was the consensus of the Board that Chairman Wood would follow up on the matter and table until a future meeting.

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 Wood adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Goewey  
Assistant to Town Administrator