

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FEBRUARY 25, 2013
TOWN HALL
7:00 PM**

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

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Alicia Powers, Assistant to Town Administrator

Members of the public

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Selectman Hannum moved to approve the minutes from the February 4, February 11 and February 13 meetings, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously for the minutes from February 11 and February 13. The motion carried 2-0 for the minutes from February 4, Selectman Wood abstained because she was absent from that meeting.

SENIOR CENTER SIGN:

Michelle Harwood from the Council on Aging and Frank Clarke from Friends of the Council on Aging were present to discuss a sign for the Senior Center Building. Selectman wood moved to approve the Senior Center Sign pending the choice of a new color by the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

ANTIQUA AND SECOND HAND GOODS LICENSE APPLICATION:

Scott and Alicia Ryan have submitted an application for a license to operate an Antiques & Second Hand Goods shop located at 117 Main Street. Selectman Hannum moved to grant the Antiques and Second Hands Goods License to Scott and Alicia Ryan, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE:

Berkshire Community Taconic Foundation, 800 North Main Street, has requested a one day Wine and Malt license for an event to be held on March 1, 2013. Payment and insurance certificate have been received. Selectman Hannum moved to grant a one day Wine and Malt license to the Berkshire Community Taconic Foundation for an event at 800 North Street on March 1, 2013, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

Selectman Wood moved to appoint John Londoner to the Five Town Cable Advisory for a term of three years, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATION – ANIMAL INSPECTOR:

Richard Boardman has submitted his retirement as Animal Inspector. Selectman Hannum moved to accept the resignation and to send Mr. Boardman a letter of thanks for over 40 years of service, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

TEMPORARY ROADSIDE EVENT SIGNS:

The Sheffield Friendly Union has submitted two applications for Temporary Roadside Event Sign permits to be erected on the Village Green in front of Dewey Hall for concerts. The first sign is for a concert to be held on March 2. It was erected on February 24 and will be removed on March 4. The second sign is for a concert to be held on April 6. It will be erected on March 31 and removed on April 8. Selectmen Wood moved to approve the Temporary Roadside Event Sign Permits to Sheffield Friendly Union for their concerts to be held on March 2 and April 6, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

The Sheffield Friendly Union has submitted two applications for Temporary Roadside Event Sign permits to erect signs on the Village Green in front of Dewey Hall. The first sign is for a Crafters Stash Sale to be held on March 3. It was erected on February 25 and will be removed on March 3. The second sign is for a Crafters Stash Sale to be held on April 7. It will be erected on March 31 and removed on April 7. Selectmen Hannum moved to approve the Temporary Roadside Event Sign Permits to Sheffield Friendly Union for their Crafters Stash Sales to be held on March 3 and April 7, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING BOARD BYLAW CHANGES:

David Smith Sr., Chairman of the Planning Board was present to present three proposed zoning bylaw amendments. Selectman Wood moved to refer the amendments as submitted to the Planning Board, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

BLACKBOARD CONNECT REVERSE 911 SYSTEM:

Administrator LaBombard stated the Town now has a reverse 911 system and that a test call would be sent out to every resident in Sheffield that has a land line. She stated that for more information or to update or change your contact information residents could go to the Towns website sheffieldma.gov or call her office.

USE OF COVERED BRIDGE:

Ben Brunnschweiler has requested permission to use the Covered Bridge in a film that he is producing. The filming would be for two days in May. It was the consensus of the Board to request more information from Mr. Brunnschweiler and discuss again at their next meeting.

BIKENFLY FUNDRAISER RIDE:

John Benedict was present to request the approval the BikeNFly Fundraiser Ride, a cycling ride that would start and end in Great Barrington. The ride will take place on August 17, 2013 and include a twenty mile and a fifty mile course. Selectman Hannum moved to approve the BikeNFly Fundraiser Ride, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE LETTER OF INTENT:

The Board looked at a letter of intent and proposed budget for FY2014 from the Southern Berkshire Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. Selectman Wood moved to approve the letter of intent and the proposed budget for FY2014 seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

TIME WARNER CABLE UPDATE:

Selectman Wood discussed the updates with the Time Warner Cable Contract negotiations.

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION CONTRACT:

Selectman Wood moved to approve and sign the Electric Aggregation Contract, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS:

Selectman Wood recused herself from the Board to present as a private citizen. Rene Wood presented a signed citizen's petition for a temporary moratorium on medical marijuana treatment centers to the Board. The Board of Selectmen accepted the citizen's petition and will refer it to the Planning Board pending certification by the Board of Registrars.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Selectman Hannum would like to offer public congratulations to the new Superintendent for Southern Berkshire Regional School District, David Hastings.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:

Administrator LaBombard stated that the Town received a check in the amount \$2951.08 from the Springfield MRF for our recycling participation. Administrator LaBombard thanked the residents of Sheffield for continuing to recycle.

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

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Powers
Assistant to Town Administrator