

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 1, 2013
TOWN HALL
WORKING MEETING
6:00 PM**

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

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Alicia Powers, Assistant to Town Administrator
Nat Karns, Executive Director of BRPC

Chairman Smith opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Nat Karns, Executive Director of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission presented updates on the Rest of River project. He stated that in order to begin talks with GE a negotiator needs to be hired. He asked that all six towns consider allotting \$10,000 in their budgets for the purpose of hiring a negotiator. Selectman Hannum moved to approach Finance Committee and ask them to increase our legal budget by \$10,000, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously. Nat Karns left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding providing the Planning Board with access to Town Counsel and the possible redesign of the Transfer Station.

Selectman Hannum moved to continue the working meeting after the regular meeting, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

The working meeting was suspended at 6:53 p.m.

The working meeting reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding a decision at a Planning Board meeting that was not properly posted. Selectman Hannum moved to ask the Planning Board to hold the meeting in question again when it is properly posted, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued again regarding providing the Planning Board with Town Counsel access. Selectman Hannum moved to deny the Planning Board access to Town Counsel, seconded by Chairman Smith. Discussion ensued regarding scheduling a conference call between Town Counsel and the Planning Board in which the Planning Board could listen to Town Counsel's opinion after he has reviewed the file Selectman Hannum withdrew her original motion. Selectman Hannum then moved to allow the Planning Board an independent review of the entire file in question and a legal opinion from Town Counsel with the understanding that the Planning

Board meet with the Board of Selectmen immediately following the conference call, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Powers
Assistant to Town Administrator