

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 3, 2013
TOWN HALL
WORKING MEETING
3:00 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
Tom Carmody, Building Inspector
David Smith Sr., Chairman Planning Board
Maggie Martin, Planning Board
Peter Cherneff, Planning Board
James T. Collingwood Jr., Planning Board
Maria Nation, Planning Board

Members of the Public

Chairman Smith opened the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the offer that Administrator LaBombard made to the Planning Board in regards to access to Town Counsel, which the Planning Board turned down. It was the consensus of the Board to present the Planning Board with the offer again.

Discussion ensued regarding open meeting law violations and grounds for a Planning Board appeal to the issuance of a building permit.

At 3:29 p.m. the meeting was moved to the Carlton French Meeting Room where the Planning Board meeting was taking place. The Board was reviewing an appeal that they proposed to file against the issuance of a building permit.

Selectman Wood requested that the Planning Board read the appeal out loud. David Smith Sr. Chairman of the Planning Board denied Selectman Wood's request and stated that the appeal would be available for review after the Planning Board was finished reading and signing the appeal.

Selectman Hannum stated that the Board of Selectmen would like to offer the Planning Board an independent review of the entire file in question and a legal opinion from Town Counsel. Peter Cherneff stated that the Planning Board would like direct access to Town Counsel. Selectman Hannum stated that it is a policy that all Town Counsel access goes through the Town

Administrator. Selectman Wood reiterated the offer to the Planning Board to have access to Town Counsel. The Planning Board declined the offer of access to Town Counsel.

Selectman Hannum stated that the Board of Selectmen is very concerned about potential open meeting law violations by the Planning Board recently.

The Planning Board voted to approve the appeal and copies were distributed. The meeting adjourned at 4:25.

The Board of Selectmen continued their meeting in the upstairs meeting room.

Discussion ensued regarding open meeting law training and ethics issues.

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

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Powers
Assistant to Town Administrator