

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKING MEETING
JULY 8, 2013
TOWN HALL
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Julie M. Hannum, Chairman
Rene C. Wood
Edwin J. Dobson

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Jill Hughes, Town Hall Clerical Assistant

Members of the public.

Chairman Hannum called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

It was the consensus of the Board that they will meet with the Planning Board on July 24, 2013 @ 7:00 pm.

Discussion ensued regarding the moving of the mural at the Senior Center. Nadine Hawver, Assistant to the Senior Center Director was present and explained how the process would take place.

Chairman Hannum stated that some letters have been received expressing dissatisfaction with the issuance of the building permit for Primax Properties. Discussion ensued regarding follow up on the letters. Chairman Hannum stated that she did not feel any action should be taken against the Building Inspector because the building permit was issued legally. Selectman Wood stated that she was uncomfortable with this conversation in Open Session and proposed that an Executive Session be scheduled to discuss complaints against an employee. Selectman Dobson stated that he researched the process in which the permit was issued and agreed with Chairman Hannum. It was the consensus of the Board that Chairman Hannum and Administrator LaBombard meet with the employee to discuss the letters. Other Board members may provide any written input to Administrator LaBombard.

Selectmen Wood moved to enter Executive Session and return to Open Session, seconded by Selectmen Dobson. The motion carried as follows:

Chairman Hannum-Aye

Selectmen Wood-Aye

Selectmen Dobson-Aye

Executive Session began at 7:58 pm.

Open Session reconvened at 8:26 pm.

Selectman Wood read the responsibilities of the Finance Committee from the Town Bylaws, which do not include being the overseers of the Town's finances. They have two responsibilities; one being approving the budget and the second is Reserve Fund transfers. Discussion ensued regarding overdrawn accounts and the increase of legal fees.

Discussion ensued regarding the Board's meeting schedule and increasing the number of regular meetings each month.

Discussion ensued regarding the meeting that was held to discuss demographics for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. It was the consensus of the Board that Chairman Hannum will contact School Committee member Vito Valentini to request that district wide demographic data be included.

Administrator LaBombard stated that a complaint had been received concerning a property in Ashley Falls. It was the consensus of the Board to ask Chief Munson to follow up.

Administrator LaBombard gave an update on a meeting with White Engineering and DEP regarding the Transfer Station.

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

Selectman Hannum adjourned meeting at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Hughes
Town Hall Clerical Assistant