

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 7, 2014
SELECTMENS MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

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

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Jill Hughes, Recording Secretary
Members of the Public

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

Approval of Minutes: The Board tabled the approval of minutes until the next meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment: The Board received letters from six applicants who are interested in filling the vacancy on the ZBA for a term to expire June 30, 2015. *Selectman Smith made a motion to appoint Stephen Leining to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Chairman Hannum seconded the motion.* Selectman Smith stated that he thought Steve was a good choice because he is a local businessman who would bring a fresh set of eyes. Selectman Wood asked the Board what had changed since the last time as there is only one new applicant on the list. Chairman Hannum responded that she has had time to reflect and think about the applicants. *The vote passed 2-1, Selectman Wood was opposed.*

Appointment Probationary Firefighter: The Board received a letter from Fire Chief Rick Boardman recommending that Christopher Larson be appointed to the Fire Department as a probationary firefighter. *Selectman Wood made a motion to appoint Christopher Larson as a Probationary Firefighter for a one year term, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion passed 3-0.*

Hanlon Update: Administrator LaBombard gave an update on the Hanlon case. She informed the Board that a letter had been received from Special Town Counsel Stephen Fletcher from Brackett & Lucas stating that the Plaintiff's attorney has filed a motion for summary judgment and that a hearing date is scheduled for April 16, 2014 @ 10:00 am in the Land Court in Boston. Attorney Fletcher also stated that he has filed papers requesting that the summary judgment motion be dismissed.

Sheffield Farmers Market Schedule and Approval: Amelia Wolfe, the Farmer's Market manager, was present and informed the Board that the market will run June 6-October 10, 2014 from 3-6pm. Ms. Wolfe read the Market Regulations to the Board and announced that this was the market's fourteenth year. Selectman Wood asked Ms. Wolfe to remind vendors to have their license from the Board of Health ahead of time. A discussion ensued about the signage. Ms. Wolfe requested that the market be on the Town website under useful links. Chairman Hannum said the Board would take the request under advisement. *Selectman Wood made a motion to welcome the Sheffield's*

Farmers Market to Town every Friday June 6 through October 10, 2014, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion passed 3-0.

2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant: Administrator LaBombard gave the Board a copy of the draft warrant to review. The Board will sign the final document at their meeting on April 22, 2014. A discussion ensued regarding sending the warrant to residents. Trudy Weaver Miller stated that the Sheffield Times would be printing it in their next edition.

Fiscal Year 2015 Appointment Expirations and Vacancies: Chairman Hannum read the list of positions that will become vacant and stated that anyone interested in any of the positions should send a letter of interest to the Town Administrator's office. Administrator LaBombard stated that letters will be sent to Board and Committee member whose position will be expiring in May to see if they have interest in reappointment. Lynn Posner asked if the list would be posted on the website and Administrator LaBombard responded that it would.

Selectmen's Items: Selectman Wood congratulated the Mount Everett Robotics Team and the production and cast of Grease on a job well done.

Chairman Hannum thanked Jill Hughes for filling in for Alicia Dulin during her absence and also informed the public that the Town will be doing a special presentation for Richard Kirchner at Town Hall on April 28, 2014 and a party to honor him will be held on May 9, 2014. Dick's accumulative years of service total 204 years.

Town Administrator's Items: Administrator LaBombard offered congratulations to her assistant Alicia Dulin and her husband Brian on the birth of their son. She also stated that the Town Clerk wanted to remind residents that the deadline for voter registration is April 15, 2014 and Absentee ballots would be available on April 12, 2014.

Public Comment: Dennis Sears Chairman of the Historical Commission presented to the Board a copy of the Demolition Delay Bylaw Article for the Town Meeting Warrant and a letter dated April 7, 2014 asking for the Select Board's endorsement of the bylaw. Mr. Sears gave a brief explanation about the proposed bylaw and informed the Board that they had their public hearing on March 25, 2014. Member Michael King showed the Board a picture of a historic house in town that was saved and spoke in support of the Bylaw. **Selectman Wood made a motion for the Board of Selectmen to endorse the Demolition Delay General Bylaw, Selectman Smith seconded the motion.** Selectman Smith has some questions about the proposed Bylaw and would like to meet with Mr. Sears to discuss. **Selectman Wood withdrew her previous motion and Selectman Smith withdrew his second on that motion.**

Resident David West commented that the notices of public hearings and meetings posted on the website should be updated regularly and if there was any light at the end of the tunnel regarding Primax Properties because he noticed there was an Executive Session posted for this evening. Chairman Hannum responded that the Executive Session meeting was cancelled for tonight and the Board is hopeful to resolve the Primax issue soon. Mr. West also stated his opinion that when the Board of Selectmen is asked to endorse a certain plan he thinks they should use caution to avoid a personal conflict.

Selectman Wood made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

The following documents were reviewed during the Board's meeting and have been retained as required by the Massachusetts Public Retention Policy: Meeting Agenda; Zoning Board of Appeals appointment letters; Memo and application for employment for Probationary Firefighter Christopher Larson; April 1, 2014 letter from Brackett & Lucas; Sheffield Farmers Market Regulations; FY15 Appointment Expirations and Vacancy list; April 7, 2014 letter from Dennis Sears and Historical Commission Demolition Delay Bylaw Warrant Article.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jill Hughes
Recording Secretary