

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 21, 2016
TOWN HALL
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Nadine A. Hawver, Chairman
David A. Smith, Jr., Clerk
Andrew G. Petersen

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Eileen Clarke, Temporary Assistant to Town Administrator

Members of the public

Chairman Hawver opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Selectman Smith moved to approve two sets of minutes from February 16, 2016 meetings as presented, seconded by Selectman Petersen. The motion carried unanimously.

MAPLE AVENUE CANOE ACCESS:

Housatonic Valley Association (HVA), spokesperson Dennis Regan addressed the Board of Selectmen regarding the approval /use of a river access at the Maple Avenue Bridge. There is funding through a grant to add new access points with ramps. The Maple Avenue site is mid-way between the Old Covered Bridge and Rannapo Road access, which is a 9 1/2 mile stretch. This would support community safety and functional use of the river. It was noted that this is Town land and the support of the Board is necessary for the project to move forward. Chairman Hawver reminded Mr. Regan to discuss the project with the Conservation Commission.

Selectman Smith moved to support the Maple Avenue Canoe access subject to the proper permitting, seconded by Selectman Petersen. The motion carried unanimously.

ONE DAY ALCOHOL LICENSES:

Dewey Hall requested a one day Wine and Malt licenses for April 2, April 21 and May 7, all the proper paperwork, including insurance has been submitted.

Selectman Smith moved to approve three one day Wine and Malt licenses for Dewey Hall for April 2nd, April 21st, and May 7th, seconded by Selectman Petersen. The motion carried unanimously.

The Trustees of Reservations requested a one day Wine and Malt License for Bartholomew's Cobble for May 6, 2016.

Selectman Smith moved to approve the one day Wine and Malt License the Trustees of Reservation for an event at Bartholomew's Coble May 6, 2016, seconded by Selectman Petersen. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS-BOARD OF HEALTH, COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES:

Rene Wood and David Lewis submitted letters of interest for appointment on the Board of Health.

Discussion ensued. Selectman Smith moved to approve the appointment of David Lewis to the Board of Health for a three year term, Motions seconded by Selectman Petersen. The motion carried unanimously.

Nan Wells submitted a letter of interest for appointment to the Commission on Disabilities. Discussion ensued. Selectman Smith moved to appoint Nan Wells to the Commission on Disabilities for a three year term, seconded by Selectman Petersen. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Guillian Seidal and Marcia Brolli have submitted letters of interest for appointment to the Cultural Council. Krista Stanton has submitted a letter of interest for appointment to the Commission on Disabilities. Action on the above appointment will take place at the Board's next meeting.

UNITED STATES BICYCLE ROUTE SYSTEM:

The Town Administrator Rhonda LaBombard received a letter from Mass DOT seeking the Board's approval for an Interstate Adventure in Cycling Route, which is a network of connected interstate bicycle routes. Portions will run through Eastern Mass. connecting New Hampshire to Rhode Island with some of the routes to run through Sheffield. Designation of local roads does not obligate the municipality to spend municipal funds nor does it increase the municipality liability along the municipal roads. Selectman Smith moved to give approval as requested to the Bicycle Route System, seconded by Selectman Petersen. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS

Chairman Hawver congratulated the Lady Eagles of Mount Everett for their amazing success this year

Selectman Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Petersen. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hawver adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Eileen Clarke
Temporary Assistant to the Town Administrator



Documents reviewed at this meeting:
Maple Avenue Canoe Access Plan
One Day Alcohol License Applications
Letters of Interest
Mass DOT Bicycle Route System