

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
OCTOBER 17, 2005  
TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Janet G. Stanton, Chairman  
David D. Macy, Selectman  
Julie M. Hannum, Selectman

Other Staff Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator  
Beverly A. Gilbert, Recording Secretary

Chairman Stanton called meeting to order at 7PM

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 10/ 3/05; 10/3/05 EXECUTIVE SESSION,  
AND 10/6/05**

The Board will place approval of above listed minutes on next week's agenda to allow time to review.

**HOUSATONIC RAILROAD**

Selectman Stanton advised that the Housatonic Railroad Company has not replied to the Board's request (letter) to attend a Selectmen's meeting to discuss several inquiries the board received concerning what they are doing in town.

**GRAVEL REMOVAL APPLICATION DISCUSSION**

Town Administrator Weitz read a letter dated October 13, 2005 from David J. Partridge, P.E., Senior Engineer from Tighe & Bond Consulting Engineers Environmental Specialists (letter attached). The Board of Selectmen scheduled a site visit on Saturday, October 22, 2005 at 10AM at the proposed location (Polikoff Road) of the application. Mr. Partridge will attend. Selectman Hannum asked if there are written guidelines on number, and placement of test wells. In addition, should a soil evaluation (Springtime) be done. Chairman Stanton stated that while the letter didn't actually come right out and say, she felt that every point in the letter addresses safety and takes into account that the location is in a residential area. Ultimately, the Board will need to determine if the proposed operation is beneficial or detrimental to the community. The choices will be to reject, accept, or to approve with conditions. Selectman Macy moved to take the consultant's questions, comments under advisement, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously. The board fielded several procedural questions of citizens attending the meeting.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Town Administrator Weitz advised that the Board will have a site visit at Barrington Stage Building on October 22, 2005 at 9AM. The board continues to explore potential locations.

**CURB CUT PERMITS**

Selectman Macy moved to issue the below listed curb cut permits for Hulett Hill Road, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

- Dawn S. Massini, Map 10, Block 1, Parcel 26
- Marie F. Massini, Map 10, Block 1, Parcel 25

- Gregg Massini, Map 10, Block 1, Parcel 35

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN ITEMS

Selectman Hannum inquired about the status of Virtual Town Hall (Website Project). Town Administrator Weitz indicated that he is in the processing of following up on the memo to the Department Heads (regarding choosing favorite town websites), and has contacted Virtual Town Hall to convey intentions to sign their contract.

Selectman Hannum – Announced that this weekend there will be celebrations of the school district's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Discussion ensued about the Berkshire School Road Project Selectman Hannum received several comments about the ugly guardrails at the bridge on Berkshire School Road. Chairman Stanton stated that the school caution lights were inadvertently placed after the High School Driveway. Town Administrator Weitz advised that Mass Highway has promised to relocate the caution lights to the proper place -- before the school driveway, and unfortunately, Mass Highway Dept. denied the town's written request to redo the bridge railings because the bridge received a favorable state inspection and is not part of the project plans. Town Administrator Weitz advised about snow plowing of Berkshire School Road and bridge. Selectman Macy indicated that the final road-surfacing coat is about to be done, and Verizon will relocate poles.

Selectman Stanton and Town Administrator praised the Highway Department for doing such a find job on the roads. The highway department has been especially busy due to the rains, and has responded appropriately and promptly.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jared Clayton inquired about how to institute a moratorium on gravel operations. The Board advised that for this to happen, the town would need to have a 2/3-majority vote (as involves revising Zoning Bylaws) for such at a town meeting. Discussion ensued about how to approach getting a zoning bylaw article onto a town meeting warrant.

Sheryl Lechner - The board fielded several questions concerning the Berkshire School Road bridge.

Selectman Macy moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Stanton adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Gilbert, Recording Secretary