

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 27, 2009
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Julie M. Hannum, Chairman
James Collingwood, Sr.

Others Present: Joseph A. Kellogg, Town Administrator
Rhonda LaBombard, Assistant Town Administrator

Chairman Hannum stated that Selectman Macy would not be present due to a work related conflict.

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

ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION SESSION:

Administrator Kellogg explained each of the FY 2010 budget sections. He noted that the proposed budget is based on the school budget assessed by the alternate assessment method and the State aid figures are still subject to change. Questions were asked on various sections of the budget and warrant articles.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Selectman Collingwood moved to approve minutes for the April 6, 2009 meeting, seconded by Chairman Hannum. The motion carried 2-0.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Hannum announced that James Kelly has requested to be appointed to the Economic Development Committee.

Planning Board Alternate Member: Anthony Gulotta has requested to be appointed as Planning Board Alternate Member.

Action on the above appointments will take place at the next meeting on May 18, 2009.

HOUSATONIC RIVER UPDATES:

Natural Resource Damages Fund: Chairman Hannum recognized Bill Connell and Neal Chamberlain for their work with the river canoe access projects. A grant has been submitted to the Natural Resource Damage Fund in the amount of \$7,800 to treat invasive species along the Housatonic River. Selectman Collingwood moved to approve the grant application to the Natural Resource Damage Fund and to send a letter of support with the grant application, seconded by Chairman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

Canoe Access Plans: Chairman Hannum has prepared a letter of response to ESS Group regarding the plans for the canoe access on the covered bridge property. Selectman Collingwood moved to approve the response letter to ESS Group, seconded by Chairman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

SIGN PERMITS:

Five Friends Art Show: An application for a temporary roadside event sign was received for the Five Friends Art Show. The sign would be erected June 26, 28 and July 3, 5, 10, 12, in front of the Stone Store, and has been approved by the Police Chief. Selectman Collingwood moved to approve the sign permit, seconded by Chairman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

Housatonic Valley Art League: An application for a temporary roadside event sign was received for the Housatonic Valley Art League. The sign would be erected July 2 – August 23, in front of Dewey Hall, and has been approved by the Police Chief. Selectman Collingwood moved to approve the sign permit, seconded by Chairman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

CURB CUT PERMIT-WEST STAHL ROAD:

A curb cut permit has been received for the Dube property on West Stahl Road and has been approved by the Highway Superintendent and the Police Chief. Selectman Collingwood moved to approve the curb cut permit, seconded by Chairman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PERMITS:

Selectman Collingwood moved to grant Memorial Day parade permits to the American Legion and the Ashley Falls Village Improvement Society, seconded by Chairman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN ITEMS:

Chairman Hannum thanked the Kiwanis and the Ashley Falls Improvement Society for the roadside clean up events held last weekend.

Chairman Hannum noted that an Arbor Day celebration was held in the Village Green on Friday, April 24, 2009.

Chairman Hannum stated that the Town Hall parking lot is nearing completion.

TOWN ADMINSTRATOR ITEMS:

Administrator stated that Annual Reports will be available on Wednesday.

Administrator Kellogg reminded residents that the spring Bulky Waste collection will be held on May 15th, 16th and 17th.

Administrator Kellogg stated that many comments have been received regarding the Pay as You Throw system of trash disposal. Informational meetings will be held in May to allow residents to voice their opinions on the proposed system.

Administrator Kellogg reminded residents that the Town Meeting would be held on Monday, May 4th at 7 pm in the Mount Everett Regional High School auditorium.

Chairman Hannum and Administrator Kellogg noted that this would be the last meeting for Selectman Collingwood and acknowledged his many years of service to the Town on various board and committees.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pauline Schumann, President of The Friends of the Sheffield Senior Center was present to discuss the future plans for a senior center. Discussion ensued regarding the construction of a center and the possibility of additions to either Dewey Hall or the American Legion. Ms. Schumann also inquired about The Friends assisting the American Legion with repairs to their building.

Rene Wood stated that five of her campaign signs have been destroyed. She has filed a police report and asked the Board to acknowledge that this is unacceptable behavior. Chairman Hannum responded that she agreed this was unacceptable behavior.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Administrator Kellogg stated that Tom Ingersoll has requested approval of an application to the National Arbor Day Foundation to have Sheffield recognized as a Tree City USA. Administrator Kellogg recommends this application. Selectman Collingwood moved to approve the application to have Sheffield recognized as a Tree City USA, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

Felecie Joyce, Town Clerk, reminded residents of the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, May 11, 2009 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. The Council on Aging has volunteered to provide rides to the polls and anyone needing a ride should schedule it through the Senior Center at Dewey Hall. The deadline for Absentee Ballots will be May 8, 2009 at noon.

Administrator Kellogg stated that the specimen ballot for the Town Election will be on the Town website on Wednesday.

Selectman Collingwood moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Hannum. The motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator