

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 5, 2012
CARLTON FRENCH MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

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

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Jennifer Goewey, Assistant to Town Administrator
Thomas Carmody, Zoning Enforcement Officer
David Smith Sr, Planning Board, Chairman

Members of the public

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Selectman Hannum moved to approve the minutes from the February 6, February 10, and February 21, 2012 meetings seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board to put the February 16, 2012 minutes on hold until the next meeting.

WOODEDGE LANE ZONING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

Thomas Carmody, Zoning Enforcement Officer, was present to give an update on the Woodedge Property and discussion ensued regarding the formation of a Survey Board . It was the consensus of the Board to continue the discussion at the next Board meeting, and that all action be put on hold until then.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DISPATCH:

Due to the Fire Chief not being present this item was put on hold.

MUNICIPAL HEALTH REFORM 52.03 NOTICE:

Due to the savings calculation not yet determined, it was consensus of the Board to hold this item until the March 19, 2012 meeting.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT-HOUSING COMMISSION:

A letter of interest was submitted by Christine Ludwiszewski to be appointed to the Housing Commission. Action will be taken at the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT-BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Selectman Hannum moved to appoint James Collingwood Jr. as a member of the ByLaw Review Committee, seconded by Chairman Wood. Selectman Smith abstained. The motion carried 2-1-0.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES:

David Smith Sr. was present to discuss the proposed Bylaw changes and discussion ensued.
Selectmen Hannum moved to send the 6.2 Sign Bylaw changes back to the Planning Board to

continue with due process to put it on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectmen Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

The Public Hearing will be held on March 28, 2012 at 7:30 pm, and the proposed changes will be posted on the website and available in the Town Clerk and Town Administrator's office.

INSTALLATION OF COAT PEGS AT SENIOR CENTER:

Discussion ensued regarding the installation of additional coat pegs at the Senior Center. It was consensus of the Board to purchase and install coat pegs.

PERMITTED USAGE OF SENIOR CENTER:

Discussion ensued regarding the permitted use of the Senior Center. It was the consensus of the Board to take the issue under advisement and follow up at a working session in May to be scheduled in April.

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION:

Discussion ensued regarding the usage number reporting of Southern Berkshire Elderly Transport Corporation (SBETC), and the allocation amount. Selectman Hannum moved to approve the letter to the SBETC as drafted, requesting usage data and SBETC's attendance at Selectmen's meeting to discuss further, seconded by Selectmen Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Selectman Hannum requested that the Town follow up with Peter Nyles from the Department of Transportation (DOT), regarding the sidewalks in the Center of Sheffield. Discussion ensued. It was consensus of the Board that all communication with DOT be made through the Town Administrator's Office.

Chairman Wood presented a draft letter to the U.S Department of Transportation in support of the Tiger IV grant application. Selectman Hannum moved to approve the letter as drafted, in support of the Tiger IV grant application, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Wood congratulated all the Mt. Everett students who made the Honor Roll.

Selectman Hannum congratulated Seamus Wolfe who won the wrestling State Championship in his weight class.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:

Administrator LaBombard announced that the Presidential Primary would be on Tuesday March 6, 2012 at the Senior Center from 7:00 am- 8:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michelle Harwood inquired about Senior Center special account balances.

David West submitted a letter of concern to the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Joe Baker, from Friends of Wilson McLaughlin House, Inc., requested a Temporary Roadside Sign Permit for the monthly Contra & Square Dance Events to be held on the fourth Saturday of each month at Dewey Hall for all of 2012. The sign will be erected on the Village Green the Monday before each dance and removed the evening of each dance. Selectmen Hannum moved to grant the Temporary Roadside Event Sign to the Friends of Wilson McLaughlin House, Inc for their monthly Contra & Square Dance Events to be held on the fourth Saturday of each month, seconded by

Selectmen Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator LaBombard will advise Mr. Baker that the application for the Temporary Roadside Event should be submitted in December prior to the first dance event of the year for approval.

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

Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Goewey
Assistant to Town Administrator