

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SEPTEMBER 12, 2005 – 7 P.M.
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

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

Staff Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator
James M. McGarry, Police Chief

Selectman Stanton called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

AUTISM TREATMENT CENTER OF AMERICA™ RE: “WALK AROUND THE WORLD” EVENT

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Autism Treatment Center of America™ in order to have their “Walk Around the World” Event scheduled on October 2, 2005 as well as having a sandwich board on the Village Green. Selectman Macy moved to approve the request as per their letter of August 24, 2005, provided that they pay for the police escort. Julie Hannum seconded. Vote was unanimous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT

Police Chief McGarry presented Brian Fahey, a recent graduate of the Massachusetts full-time Police Academy. Selectman Macy moved to appoint Brian Fahey to the Police Department as a Reserve Intermittent Police Officer, Selectman Hannum seconded. The Board asked Mr. Fahey several questions and asked Police Chief McGarry why this appointment needed to be made this week. Police Chief McGarry advised that he was having serious difficulty filling shifts with the current roster and that this week, in particular, would be especially difficult based on the number of police details currently scheduled for this week. Motion carried unanimously.

HOUSATONIC RAIL ROAD COMPANY INC. RE: BERKSHIRE SCHOOL ROAD RAILROAD CROSSING CONSTRUCTION/DETOUR

The Board reviewed a letter from Houstonic Railroad Company Inc. discussing their request to close Berkshire School Road from September 13, 2005 through September 15, 2005. Selectman Macy moved to approve, seconded by Selectman Hannum, to grant permission to close Berkshire School Road to replace the railroad crossing with the condition that between 7:30AM and 3:30PM, there be police detail present. Vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ITEM

Selectman Macy brought up the issue of Rote Hill Road and advised that he will bring this back for discussion regarding discontinuing maintenance on Rote Hill Road past the point on the road that it is currently maintained.

The meeting ended at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Weitz,
Town Administrator

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