

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 22, 2008
MT. EVERETT REGIONAL SCHOOL
EAGLE'S LOFT
6:30 PM**

Board Members Present: Julie M. Hannum, Chairman
James T. Collingwood, Clerk
David D. Macy

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

Chairman Hannum called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Selectman Macy moved to approve three sets of minutes for the meetings held on January 7, 2008, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:

A public hearing was opened at 6:30 p.m. on the Town's request for a Community Development Fund grant from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for construction of a new Senior Center. Elton Ogden and Ted Lee from Berkshire Housing Development Services, the firm preparing the grant application, were present. Approximately eight residents were also present. Mr. Ogden explained that the Town would be seeking the maximum grant of \$800,000 to be matched with local funds of \$450,000 for a total project cost of \$1,250,000. Peter Traub asked questions about the type of projects funded by the State. Mr. Ogden responded that senior centers have not been approved over the past few years, however he felt that based on its high needs score, the Town's chances of success were good, depending on what types of other applications were received. It was noted that the Town's voters would be asked to approve the local share at a Special Town Meeting to be held following this meeting. There being no other comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 6:45 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS:

Selectman Macy moved to appoint Rene Wood, Catherine Miller and Jason Ostrander to the Economic Development Task Force, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATION – JAIME POMEROY – CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Jaime Pomeroy submitted her resignation from the Conservation Commission.
Selectman Macy moved to accept the resignation and send Jaime a letter of thanks, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF EXEMPTION UNDER MGL CHAPTER 268A, SEC. 20 – DAVID STEINDLER:

David Steindler, Finance Committee member, submitted a Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Special Municipal Employee and requested that the Board approve an exemption under M.G.L Chapter 268A, Section 20, to allow him to receive the \$200 stipend for his service as a school committee member. The form David originally submitted to the Ethics Commission was incorrect. Selectman Macy moved to approve the exemption, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Selectman Macy moved to formally endorse Article 4 to fund the Senior Center, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dennis Sears asked about the exemption for David Steindler. Discussion ensued regarding the reason for the exemption.

OTHER BUSINESS:

An application was received for a temporary roadside event sign from Friends of Wilson McLaughlin House Inc. The sign will be erected on the Village Green in front of Dewey Hall for dances held on Saturday nights twice a month. The application has been approved by the Police Department with conditions. Selectman Macy moved to approve the sign permit application with conditions, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Macy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator