

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 3, 2008
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Julie M. Hannum, Chairman
James T. Collingwood Sr., 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 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Selectman Macy moved to approve 2 sets of minutes from the February 19, 2008 meetings and minutes from the February 21, 2008 meeting, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

EPA- HOUSATONIC RIVER CORRECTIVE MEASURES:

Susan Svirsky, Project Manager for EPA, was present to discuss corrective measures for the Housatonic River. A fact sheet was distributed explaining the corrective measures that could be taken. Discussion ensued regarding the history of the river contamination, General Electric and impacts to the river and surrounding areas along the river. There is minimal contamination south of the Rising Dam, so there are no plans to do any clean up work in Sheffield, but monitoring will continue. Contact information will be provided to Ms. Svirsky so that the Town may stay informed on the corrective measures.

CURB CUT – 992 FOLEY ROAD

An application has been received for a curb cut at 992 Foley Road. The Highway Superintendent and Police Chief have approved the curb cut. Selectman Macy moved to approve the curb cut for 992 Foley Road, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM:

A letter has been received from Arlene Miller, Municipal Recycling Coordinator, requesting Sheffield's continuation in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program for FY09. Administrator Kellogg explained the program and recommended that the Town continue in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. Selectman Macy moved to join the program for FY09, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATIONS:

Selectman Macy moved to accept the resignation of Maryellen O'Brien as Conservation Commission Secretary, effective January 31, 2008 and to send her a letter of thanks, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Macy moved to accept the resignation of Police Officer Jonathan Finnerty effective March 5, 2008 and to send him a letter of thanks, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:**Police Officer:**

On the recommendation of Chief McGarry, Selectman Macy moved to appoint Ryan Kresiak as a Police Department Officer effective March 6, 2008, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development Task Force:

Chairman Hannum read a letter from William Kistler of Sheffield Plastics expressing interest in having a representative from this company appointed to the Economic Development Task Force. The appointment will be made at the next meeting. Administrator Kellogg will contact Mr. Kistler to invite him to attend the weekly meetings.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Chairman Hannum noted that the Highway has been working hard to keep up with the weather. Several mailboxes have been knocked down and the Town is working to rectify this.

Selectman Collingwood discussed issues with the compactor boxes at the Transfer Station. Administrator Kellogg is working on prices for new boxes as well as prices for repairs.

Chairman Hannum noted that the Planning Board would meet with the Selectmen at their next meeting regarding the Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee.

Chairman Hannum discussed organizing a roadside trash clean up. Administrator Kellogg will contact the Kiwanis to discuss coordinating with their clean up efforts. .

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:

MEMA is offering free sand bags to communities. The Highway Department is sending a truck to pick up a pallet of the sand bags.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vito Valentini expressed his concerns regarding a member of the School Committee not being present for the budget meetings. Chairman Hannum and Administrator Kellogg noted that Susan Young is receiving information on the budget process. Dennis Sears expressed his concerns with the appointment of Selectmen serving on boards and committees. Administrator Kellogg stated that there would be a warrant article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to authorize such appointments.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Selectman Macy moved to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy and to return to open session, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The roll call vote was as follows:
Chairman Hannum – aye

Selectman Collingwood – aye
Selectman Macy – aye
Executive session began at 8:20 pm.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:25 pm

Selectman Macy moved to approve the 2008-2011 AFSCME Contract with Highway Department employees as recommended by the Town Administrator and approved by the union. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 8:30

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator