

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKING MEETING
MARCH 29, 2010
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: David D. Macy, Chairman
Julie M. Hannum, Clerk
Rene C. Wood

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

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

The Annual Town Meeting warrant was reviewed.

Administrator Kellogg stated the amount for Hydrants will increase. The funds will be taken from another budget item.

Discussion ensued regarding the Town Clerk historic records restoration. The amount of funds to be budgeted for this project has not been determined.

The School Committee will vote on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 on the new proposed regional agreement. Towns will be required to present the agreement as a paper ballot question at the Annual Town meeting.

Administrator Kellogg explained Articles 23, 24, 25 & 26. Discussion ensued on Article 27, which proposed a new leash law. Selectman Wood will review the proposed by-law and submit any changes for the Board to review. Discussion ensued regarding Article 28, which is to allow the Board to join with other municipalities to discuss broadband issues.

Selectman Wood stated that she would like to have each article explained at the Town Meeting. Administrator Kellogg offered to give a brief explanation before the vote on each article. It was the consensus of the Board to have Administrator Kellogg give a brief explanation on each warrant article.

Discussion ensued regarding expanding the Annual Town Election hours from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm to 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. The Board of Registrars and Town Clerk will send the Board a letter requesting the extension of hours.

Discussion ensued on the sound system for the Annual Town Meeting.

Chairman Macy suggested that the Board meet with Senior Center Director, John Arthur Miller to discuss his correspondence regarding the future of the Senior Center. It was the consensus of the Board to set a working meeting for April 5, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Selectmen Wood stated that she would like to set a Board policy on responding to correspondence addressed to the Board of Selectmen. Discussion ensued.

Discussion ensued regarding the new proposed regional agreement. Selectman Wood reviewed all the versions of the draft agreements and noted any changes. It was the consensus of the Board that Selectman Wood would submit a copy with the Board's comments and concerns to Administrator Kellogg and he would get them to the School Committee tomorrow.

It was the consensus of the Board to accept Mike Singleton's offer to attend to a Selectmen's meeting to keep the Board updated on school issues.

A Financial Information Session has been scheduled for April 26, 2010.

Discussion ensued regarding the report sent by Jeff Dougan of the Massachusetts Office on Disability regarding the site survey he conducted on March 18, 2010.

Selectman Wood stated that she is working on two letters, one regarding wind siting and one on health care plan design. She will have drafts ready for review later this week.

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

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator