

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 7, 2010
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

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

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

Members of the public

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Selectman Wood moved to approve minutes from the May 17, 2010 and June 2, 2010 meetings, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – UTILITY POLE INSTALLATION – PIKE ROAD:

Chairman Hannum opened a public hearing on the application of Verizon for a utility pole installation on Pike Road. It was noted that Albert Bessette Jr. from Verizon has notified the Board he is unable to attend this public hearing and requested the hearing be continued until July 6, 2010. Chairman Hannum continued the hearing until July 6, 2010.

TRAFFIC SAFETY – CATHERINE MILLER:

Catherine Miller expressed her concerns with traffic issues throughout Town, including vehicle speed, disregard for stop signs, lack of safe crosswalks and trailer trucks parked on the side of Route 7. Discussion ensued.

ROUTE 7 CROSSWALKS:

The Board, along with the Disabilities Commission, held a site visit earlier this evening to view the sidewalks and crosswalks along Main Street. A previous meeting was held with Administrator Kellogg, Chief McGarry, Disabilities Commission Members, Ed Lord and two Mass DOT employees. Mass DOT is considering the resurfacing of Route 7 in 2013 and would possibly consider installing a sidewalk at that time. Discussion ensued regarding a temporary solution. Administrator Kellogg will work with Highway Superintendent Ed Lord on a cost estimate for a temporary sidewalk. Selectman Wood moved to send a letter to Mass DOT to ask them to keep the sidewalk and crosswalk issue in their plans for reconstruction of Route 7 and to inquire about the possibility of installing a flashing yellow light, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

TEMPORARY ROADSIDE EVENT SIGNS:

Sheffield Friendly Union: Selectman Smith moved to grant a temporary roadside event sign to the Sheffield Friendly Union for a Father's Day Breakfast to be held on June 20, 2010, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

Housatonic Valley Art League: Discussion ensued regarding the length of time that was requested for the sign to be displayed. The discussion was tabled until more information could be obtained.

RESIGNATION – COUNCIL ON AGING:

Joan Brooks will not be seeking reappointment to the Council on Aging. Selectman Smith moved to send Joan Brooks a letter of thanks for her service on the Council on Aging, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

WIRED WEST:

Administrator Kellogg explained that Wired West is a group looking to band together Western Mass towns to make fiber optic technology available to all residents. Their first meeting is on June 26, 2010. Selectman Smith moved to appoint Selectman Wood as the Delegate and Paul O'Brien as the Alternate Delegate to Wired West, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

CURB CUT – BARNUM STREET:

An application was received from Don Reinauer and Frances Roth for a curb cut on the corner of Salisbury Road and Barnum Road. Selectman Wood moved to approve the curb cut as submitted, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2011 APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Hannum read the following list of applicants and vacant positions for FY2011:

Department/Position	Number of Vacancies	Applicants
Agricultural Commission	3	Bruce Howden James M. Larkin David Smith Sr.
Agricultural Comm Alternates	2	Ruth Ziegler Dominic Palumbo
Animal Control Officer	1	Richard M. Boardman
Ashley Falls Historic District Comm	3	Sandra Preston Robert Pasqualina
Board of Assessors	2	Tammy Blackwell
BRPC Delegate	1	David Smith Sr.
BRPC Alternate Delegate	1	Rene C. Wood
Board of Health	1	Rene C. Wood
Board of Registrars	1	Marjorie Consolini
Conservation Commission	1	Gaetan LaChance
Constable	2	James M. McGarry Bruce Person
Council on Aging	3	Dawn Massini Carol Sica
Cultural Council	3	Trudy Weaver Miller Anne E. Dunn
Commission on Disabilities	2	Denise Rueger Laura Grunfeld
Electrical Inspector	1	Richard Cappadona
Emergency Management Coordinator.	1	Edward McCormack
5 Town Cable Advisory	2	George Oleen Paul O'Brien
Gas & Piping Inspector	1	Robert Krupski

Gas & Piping Inspector Alternate	1	Robert Gennari
Health Inspector	1	George Oleen
Historical Commission	5	David West
		Kathy Orlando
Housing Commission	1	Paul O'Brien
Housing Commission Alternate	1	Kathy Orlando
Local Emergency Planning Committee	5	James M. McGarry
		Joseph A. Kellogg
		Richard A. Boardman
Park & Recreation Committee	7	Kevin Joyce
		Joe Wilkinson
		Grace Campbell
		Michael Ovitt
Parking Clerk	1	Felecie Joyce
Planning Board Associate Member	1	Anthony Gulotta
Plumbing Inspector	1	Robert Krupski
Plumbing Inspector Alternate	1	Robert Gennari
PD Reserve Intermittent	3	Andrew Carlson
		Daniel Hamill
		Graham Frank
Public Weigher	4	James. M. McGarry
		Patricia Gillespie
		Michael Pezzee
		Clifford Twiss
Recycling Coordinator	1	David J. Steindler
South Berk Dist. Veterans Delegate	1	Richard Kirchner
Town Counsel	1	Sarah H. Bell
Town Counsel – Special	2	Kopelman & Paige
		Mirick O'Connell
Tree Warden	1	Edward Lord
Zoning Board	2	Eric Carlson
		Eric Blackburn
Zoning Board Alternate	1	Greig Siedor

Action on the appointments will take place at the June 21, 2010 meeting.

LOCAL DISTRICT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Selectman Wood presented a draft letter to Senator Downing and Representative Pignatelli requesting support for Health Insurance Design, District Local Technical Assistance, Western MA Regional Library System and also expressed continued opposition relative to the wind siting legislation. Selectman Wood moved that the Board sign and send the letter, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

SOUTH BERKSHIRE HHW CONTRACT:

Administrator Kellogg explained that this would be the Town's 10th year with the South Berkshire Household Hazardous Waste Program. The program allows residents access to several collections for hazardous waste. He noted that the price has not increased and recommended that the Board approve the contract for FY2011. Selectman Smith moved to sign the contract letter to continue with the South Berkshire Household Hazardous Waste Program for FY11, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Selectman Wood would like to have letters of thanks sent to all the volunteers that worked on Barnard Park.

Chairman Hannum thanked Selectman Wood for attending the ceremony for Teacher of the Year honoring Cassandra Uricchio held this morning at Mt. Everett High School.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator Kellogg thanked everyone that was involved with the work at Barnard Park.

Administrator Kellogg gave an update on the canoe launch at the Covered Bridge property. ESS will do the work and it will be complete by October. A site visit will be scheduled for the Board.

Administrator Kellogg read the list of dates for the South Berkshire Household Hazardous Waste collections.

Administrator Kellogg thanked the Town employees involved with cleaning up in front of Town Hall and planting flowers at the entrance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Harry Conklin was present to notify residents that the Sheffield Association will hold a fund raiser on June 19, 2010 at the Quarry from 4 pm to 6 pm. The cost is \$20 per person.

OTHER BUSINESS:

An application for a temporary roadside event sign was received for the Falls Village Children's Theatre for an event to be held at Mt. Everett High School on June 4th, 5th and 6th. The application was not received in time for approval before the function. Selectman Wood moved to grant retroactive approval for the temporary roadside event sign requested by the Falls Village Children's Theatre, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Wood moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining and to not return to Open Session, seconded by Selectman Smith. The roll call vote was as follows:

Chairman Hannum – aye

Selectman Wood – aye

Selectman Smith - aye

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator