

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 4, 2012
TOWN HALL
7:00 PM**

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

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Jennifer Goewey, Assistant to Town Administrator

Members of the public

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Selectman Hannum moved to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2012 meetings seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS-FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Selectman Hannum moved to appoint Steven Hyer, Mark Robitaille and Robert Kilmer as probationary members of the Fire Department as recommended by Chief Boardman, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATION:

A letter of resignation was received from Paul O'Brien, from the Five Town Cable Advisory Committee and the Housing Commission. Selectman Hannum moved to accept the resignation from Paul O'Brien and send him a letter of thanks, seconded by Selectmen Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Five Town Cable Advisory. Selectman Hannum moved to appoint Rene C. Wood temporarily as a member to the 5 Town Cable Advisory, seconded by Chairman Smith. The motion carried 2-2, Selectman Wood abstained.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

A request for a leave of absence has been received. Selectman Wood moved to grant the unpaid leave absence, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS UNITED-BEN SCHAWINSKY:

Mr. Schawinsky was not present. The discussion was tabled.

FY 2013 APPOINTMENTS-

Administrator LaBombard read the following list of applicants and vacancies for FY 2013:

Agricultural Commission, Alternate	2 vacancies	Dominic Palumbo, Ruth Ziegler
Animal Control Officer	1 vacancy	Martin Clark
Animal Inspector	1 vacancy	Richard Boardman
Ashley Falls Historic District Comm.	1 vacancy	
Assessor, Principal	1 vacancy	Tammy Blackwell

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Board of Assessors	1 vacancy	Barbara West
BRPC Delegate, Alternate	1 vacancy	Rene Wood
Board of Health	2 vacancies	Scott Smith, Priscilla Cote, David Smith Jr.
Building Inspector	1 vacancy	Thomas Carmody
Conservation Commission	3 vacancies	Cheryl Blackburn
Constable	2 vacancies	Bruce Person
Council on Aging	3 vacancies	Richard Magenis, Janet Stanton, Dorris Van Deusen
Cultural Council	1 vacancy	
Commission on Disabilities	4 vacancies	
Electrical Inspector	1 vacancy	Richard Cappadona, Dale Martin
Asst. Electrical Inspector	1 vacancy	Carl VanDeusen
Emergency Management Coor.	1 vacancy	Edward McCormick
5 Town Cable Advisory	2 vacancies	
Gas & Piping Inspector	1 vacancy	Robert Krupski
Asst. Gas & Piping Inspector	1 vacancy	Robert Gennari
Health Inspector	1 vacancy	George Oleen
Historical Commission	6 vacancies	
Housing Commission	3 vacancies	Marilyn Wightman, John Stookey
Housing Commission, Alternate	1 vacancy	
Park and Recreation Committee	2 vacancies	
Parking Clerk	1 vacancy	Felecie Joyce
Planning Board Ass. Member	1 vacancy	
Plumbing Inspector	1 vacancy	Robert Krupski
Asst. Plumbing Inspector	1 vacancy	Robert Gennari
Police Officer/ Full Time	5 vacancies	Ryan Kresiak, Jacob Gonska, Brian Fahey, Eric Munson, Susan Rathbun
Police Officer-Reserve/Interm.	4 vacancies	Michael Ovitt, Gary Mitchell, Richard Robarge
Public Weigher	5 vacancies	Michael Pezzee,
Recycling Coordinator	1 vacancy	David Steindler
Senior Center Director	1 vacancy	John Arthur Miller
S. Berk. Dist. Veterans Delegate	1 vacancy	Richard Kirchner
Town Clerk	1 vacancy	Felecie Joyce
Assistant Town Clerk	1 vacancy	Jill Hughes
Town Counsel	1 vacancy	Kopelman & Paige, P.C.
Town Counsel-Special	1 vacancy	D.M. Moschos
Tree Warden	1 vacancy	Edward Lord
Veteran's Agent	1 vacancy	Laurie Hils
Zoning Board of Appeals	1 vacancies	Richard Kirchner, Dennis Sears
Zoning Board of Appeals, Alter.	1 vacancy	Greig Siedor

Action on the above appointments will take place at the next meeting. Anyone interested in any of the vacant positions should send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

TEMPORARY ROADSIDE PERMITS:

Priscilla Cote, from the Sheffield Friendly Union, requested a Temporary Roadside Event Permit for a pancake breakfast on June 17, 2012 at Dewey Hall. The sign would be erected on the Village Green on June 2, 2012 and removed on June 17, 2012. Selectman Wood moved to grant the Temporary Roadside Event Sign to the Sheffield Friendly Union for a pancake breakfast to be held June 17, 2012, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

Three applications have been received from the Old Parish Church for Temporary Roadside Event Signs for their Antique Show to be held on August 10th, 11th and 12th at the Mount Everett Regional High

School. The signs would be erected on August 6th and removed on August 13, 2012. Discussion ensued regarding the requested locations for the signs. Selectman Hannum moved to grant the Temporary Roadside Event Signs for the following locations:

Village Green

Triangle at the Route 7 end of Berkshire School Road

Root Lane Cemetery

seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

CURB CUT APPLICATION-10 BOW WOW RD:

Selectmen Hannum moved to approve the curb cut application submitted by Donald and Nancy Perry for 10 Bow Wow Road, seconded by Selectmen Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

LAND TRUST EVENT PARKING:

Kathy Orlando, Sheffield Land Trust, was present to discuss parking on Covered Bridge Lane for the annual meeting of the Sheffield Land Trust to be held on June 30, 2012 from 11:30-1:30. Selectman Hannum moved to approve the request for parking on Covered Bridge Lane, pending approval from the Police and Fire Chiefs, seconded by Selectmen Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Selectman Hannum congratulated the 67 students that graduated from Mt. Everett.

Selectman Wood also congratulated the recent Mt. Everett graduates, along with Monument Mountain and Berkshire Community College graduates.

Selectman Wood presented a follow up draft letter regarding S.2214, An Act relative to competitively priced electricity in the Commonwealth. Selectman Hannum moved to send letter as presented by Selectman Wood, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

George O'leen was present to discuss grave markers on Soldiers graves in various cemeteries and the care the cemeteries. It was consensus of the Board to research the responsibilities of a Veteran's Grave Officer and the formation of a Cemetery Commission.

Susan Butler was present to discuss an amplification unit for the upstairs meeting room in the Town Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A notice of retirement was received from Police Chief James McGarry effective 7-31-12.

Town Administrator LaBombard presented an application from Peter Cherneff for a one-day wine and malt license for July 20, 2012 for a party to be held at the Sheffield Town Park. Payment and certificate of insurance for alcohol liability has been received. Selectman Hannum moved to grant a one-day wine and malt license to Peter Cherneff for a party to be held at the Sheffield Town Park on July 20, 2012, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Goewey
Assistant to Town Administrator