

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
July 13, 2011
TOWN HALL – 1ST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: David A. Smith Sr.
James T. Collingwood Jr.
Peter R. Cherneff
Christopher Tomich

Others Present: Honor S. Blume
Robyn Sandberg

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Honor S. Blume inquired about whether a commercial kennel need a Special Permit for expansion. She stated that Building Inspector, Tom Carmody, told her a new Special Permit *was* needed for the expansion in addition to her original Special Permit. The Board tentatively scheduled a public hearing on the new Special Permit Application for four weeks from today's date, 7:30PM 10th August, 2011. The Board will look at the original Special Permit for any conditions. A representative of the Planning Board will get back to Ms. Blume, one owner of Bow Meow Regency kennel, as to whether a new Special Permit is necessary.

Lawsuit Dismissed: The lawsuit brought by Paul Greene against the Planning Board is being dismissed by the Trial Court of Massachusetts.

Minutes of the June 22, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved with corrections. *The motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2011 meeting was made by Mr. Collingwood and seconded by Mr. Cherneff.*

Mail Reviewed by the Board:

- Selectperson Rene Wood submitted a letter appointing Christopher Tomich as Alternate Planning Board Member.
- The Town of Sheffield received approval from the office of the Attorney General of Massachusetts of the recent bylaw changes passed at May 2nd town meeting.
- Building Inspector, Tom Carmody, wrote a response to an inquiry about the kiosk planned for a corner of Main St. in Sheffield. In the letter Mr. Carmody stated that the kiosk is allowed by right and that the applicant is the Sheffield Business Association (SBA.) Chris Tomich reported the following: in the Fall the SBA is going to have students at Mt. Everett High School, guided by Curtis von Ruden, build a structure that is less than 100 square feet that Mr. Tomich has designed. It will be located next to the Village Green restaurant on the left side. It has been approved by the Building Inspector and is within the setbacks. The landowner has given permission to put up the structure. The kiosk will hold information about

the town as well as information about members of the Sheffield Business Association. DeVries Building Supply will provide materials at cost. Construction will start in September and finish before snow in November.

- The Board reviewed a copy of a letter from Trudy Miller to the Building Inspector on behalf of the Farmers Market. The letter states that the Farmer's Market would like to put up 2 signs with the particulars of the Market on Fridays from 7am-7pm at the north and south ends of town. The reply from the Building Inspector explained the parameters of the sign bylaw.

Zoning Bylaw Review Committee: Chris Tomich proposed a committee of 7 people to review the bylaws, with a minimum of 4 people for each meeting. Mr. Tomich will head the committee and will involve Tony Gulotta and Peter Cherneff. Proposed members of the Sheffield Zoning Bylaw Review Committee will be submitted to and approved by the Selectmen. The first meeting would be planned for September; some changes could be ready to be reviewed by the Selectmen in November. Mr. Tomich highlighted 2 bylaw problems that should be addressed by the Committee:

- The definition in the sign bylaw needs to be changed to exclude airspace.
- both sides of N. Rt 7 should be equally zoned.

Sustainable Agriculture and Community Economic Development for

Massachusetts: An email from Amy Thayer of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission states that the State of Massachusetts has grants available for local initiatives that support agriculture.

BRPC Training: There will be a Planning Board training session by Berkshire Regional Planning Commission in Pittsfield on Thursday July 28th at 6:00PM on Fenn Street in Pittsfield. Mr. Cherneff, Mr. Collingwood and Mr. Smith Sr. will attend. Possibly Ms. Martin will also attend.

Next meeting on July 27th is a regularly scheduled meeting. The hearing for the Bow Meow Regency kennel cannot be scheduled for the 27th because such a hearing must be posted in the paper for at least 3 weeks before the meeting.

At 7:52 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cherneff, seconded by Mr. Collingwood and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Milleron
Secretary to the Planning Board