

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
DECEMBER 19, 2005  
TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Janet G. Stanton, Chairman  
David D. Macy, Selectman  
Julie M. Hannum, Selectman

Other Staff Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator  
Beverly A. Gilbert, Recording Secretary

Chairman Stanton called meeting to order at 7PM

**RENE WOOD, PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN MASTER PLAN  
IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Rene Wood, Chairman of the Planning Board, updated the Selectmen on Smart Growth Grant and start-up of the Implementation Advisory Committee (and sub Committees) for the grant activities. The first meeting is on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. During this “set up” meeting, the Planning Board will seek recommendation on recruiting a cross-section of community members to serve. On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, a Consultant will be present, and the agenda includes discussing its mission statement, and structure. Rene Wood stated that the first six months to the year will set the tone on how the Master Plan is implemented. All three Selectmen agreed to play an active role by serving on the Implementation Committee. Town Administrator Weitz will serve on the Water Protection sub-Committee. The Board thanked Ms Wood for all she does and for her involvement.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

Selectman Macy moved to change the meeting schedule – effective January, the Board of Selectmen will hold regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday each month at 7PM unless there is a holiday, in which case, the Board will meet the next day (Tuesday at 7PM). Selectman Hannum seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Selectmen’s Office will send notification to CTSB, WSBS, Sheffield Times, and will post at the town hall.

While on the subject of schedule, Selectman Hannum suggested going the extra mile to notify the public about the upcoming town hall holiday closings. She asked that postings be done at the Library, Post Offices, and Friendly Union.

**APPOINTMENTS**

At the recommendation of the Senior Center Director Rae Eastman, Selectman Hannum moved to appoint Pauline Schuman and Dorris Traub to the Council on Aging, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.

At the recommendation of Town Administrator Weitz and Highway Superintendent Ron Bassett, Selectman Macy moved to appoint James Beckwith to the Highway Department as a Heavy Equipment Operator, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

## SENIOR CENTER UPDATE

Town Administrator Weitz advised that the American Legion wants to meet with the Selectmen anytime in January. The Board provided possible times to relay to the American Legion.

## SELECTMAN HANNUM

Selectman Hannum, spoke to Ben Hillman about his letter expressing dismay to the unexpected removal of a Cherry Tree located at the edge of his property, and inquiring about the town's tree removal policy. The Board expressed sympathy to such unanticipated tree removal (the shock of coming home and it looking so different) & agreed to discuss this matter at a working meeting.

Selectman Hannum followed up on several items:

- Name for business park road
- Durning Curb cut – Town Administrator Weitz stated that this has been resolved.

Selectman Hannum suggested linking the town's website to the Chamber of Commerce, and also proposed that the Board consider joining the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce with membership costing \$200 per year.

The Board will hold a working meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:15PM.

Town Administrator Weitz announced new Building Inspector Office hours: Tuesdays, 8AM till Noon and Thursdays, 5PM till 7PM.

Town Administrator reminded the board that to conserve energy, and per lease agreement with the Friendly Union, the Senior Center will be closed on Fridays through February.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Selectman Hannum moved to end this regular session meeting, and enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining, seconded by Selectman Macy. ROLE CALL VOTE: Chairman Stanton, aye, Selectman Macy, aye and Selectman Hannum, aye.

The Board adjourned at 7:39 PM and went into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Gilbert, Recording Secretary