

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKING MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2008
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
4:30 PM**

Board Members Present: Julie M. Hannum, Chairman
David D. Macy, Clerk
James T. Collingwood Sr.

Other Staff Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Assistant Town Administrator
Tammy Blackwell, Principal Assessor
Felecie Joyce, Town Clerk
Chief McGarry

Chairman Hannum called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

FY09 PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING:

Chairman Hannum opened the public hearing at 4:30 pm. Tammy Blackwell, Principal Assessor, noted that the total property valuation is \$591,160,309 and total amount to be raised is \$7,164,862.94, which would calculate to be \$12.12 if approved for a single tax rate. The excess levy capacity is \$29,029.06. There were no comments from the audience. Selectman Macy moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Chairman Hannum closed the public hearing at 4:35 pm. Selectman Macy moved to approve a single tax rate with no discounts for FY 2009, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed gifts received from the public and State Ethics Commission regarding the Conflict of Interest Law for public employees. It was the consensus of the Board to allow the gifts to be accepted if the value was under \$50 and if the gifts were put out for all to share.

TEMPORARY ROADSIDE EVENT SIGN:

A sign permit application was received from the Sheffield Friendly Union for an event to be held on December 21, 2008. The sign would be erected on December 13, 2008 and removed on December 22, 2008. Selectman Macy moved to grant the sign permit pending approval of Chief McGarry, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION:

Discussion ensued on the strengths and weaknesses of the Town Administrator. Chairman Hannum will discuss these with Administrator Kellogg.

Selectman Macy moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator