

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
JUNE 20, 2005  
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM**

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

Others Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator  
Beverly Gilbert, Recording Secretary.

Chairman Stanton opened the meeting at 7 PM.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR SESSION MEETINGS FOR JUNE 1, 9 & 16, 2005 & EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING FOR JUNE 9, 2005

Selectman Macy moved to approval the Minutes: Regular Session meetings for June 1, 9 & 16, 2005 & Executive Session Meeting for June 9, 2005, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.

2. TOWN'S RIGHT OF 1<sup>ST</sup> REFUSAL FOR CHAPTER 61A LAND - DAVID JACQUIER  
David Jacquier notified the Board about property identified as Map 8, Block 3, Lot 22 that he plans to sell resulting in its removal from the Mass. General Laws 61A Program.

3. MAIL OF NOTE:

➤ **Time Warner Cable re: purchase agreement of Adelphia**

Barry S. Rosenblum of Time Warner Cable's correspondence dated 6/10/05 advised that Time Warner is under an agreement to purchase Adelphia Cable. Upon completion of the purchase, Time Warner will operate cable television for Sheffield. The letter requests the town's approval for the transfer – if required. The letter contained attachments (FCC Form 394, and Resolution, and other supplemental documents). Town Administrator Weitz will refer to Counsel.

➤ **Melanson Heath & Company, PC regarding fiscal year 2005 engagement agreement**

Melanson Heath & Company, PC sent the Board a letter requesting a contract for the fiscal year 2005 audit. Selectman Macy moved to contract Melanson Heath & Company, PC to conduct the fiscal year 2005 audit, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

➤ **Stephen Witdorhich re: resignation from School Committee**

Stephen Witdorhich's letter announced his resignation from the School Committee effective June 23, 2005, because he is moving out of the area. Selectman Macy moved to accept Stephen Witdorhich's resignation from the School Committee effective 6/23/05, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously. The Board expressed their regret and will send a letter of appreciation.

➤ **William Silk re: refusal of appointment to Council on Aging**

Mr. William Silk returned his letter of reappointment with a note explaining that he is not able to accept reappointment to the Council on Aging. Selectman Hannum moved to send Mr. Silk a letter of acknowledgement and expression of appreciation for his years of service on the Council on Aging. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPOINTMENTS:

➤ **School Committee**

Selectman Macy moved to appoint Marcia Savage to the School Committee for a two-year term, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board spoke of Ms Savage's extensive background and credentials in Education (which Ms Savage described at the meeting).

Selectman Hannum indicated her readiness to appoint another school committee member to fill the remaining vacancy. Chairman Stanton expressed her preference to hold on this vote to give herself additional time for consideration. Selectman Hannum moved to appoint Catherine Miller to the School Committee for a two-year term, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **Canaan Parade**

After hearing that Fire Chief Richard Boardman and Police Chief James McGarry have reviewed the plans (the Board of Selectmen also had an opportunity to review the plans) for detour of traffic for the Town of North Canaan, Connecticut's parade of Sunday, September 18, 2005, and they find the proposed detour route acceptable for the planned closing of Route 7 from Clayton Road intersection south to the Mass-Conn line from 8AM till 4 PM on Sunday, September 18, 2005. Selectman Hannum moved to grant approval to close access to Route 7, and the detour for the Canaan Parade scheduled on September 18, 2005, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.

➤ **CTSB re: Public Access Programming Fee**

Discussion ensued regarding the letter noted and described at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting re: public access programming fee increase to Sheffield cable subscribers. The Board will invite a representative of CTBS to attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting to give residents an opportunity to direct questions/comments.

Questions asked during the discussion:

How much will CTSB's proposed increase add to each bill? What impact would it have on the different tiers for Sheffield subscribers?

Rene Wood asked if programming of Sheffield and Ashley Falls events be guaranteed in an equitable manner --- as opposed to Sheffield subsidizing that covered in other towns?

➤ **East Main St. AF (stop sign)**

At the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent and Police Chief, Selectman Macy moved to approve a temporary stop sign at the intersection of East Main and School Street while the bridge is under construction, and then this will be re-evaluated after completion of the project, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

6. DRIVEWAY CURB CUT PERMIT: HULETT HILL ROAD

After discussion, Selectman Hannum moved to deny the driveway curb cut permit at a location where it had already been installed on Hullett Hill road, and to send a letter to the contractor stating such and specifying:

Reason: Based on Highway Superintendent and the Police Chief's recommendation, due to insufficient site distance (120 feet of site distance in each direction is minimum distance necessary for safe egress.

Restoration Ordered: of the driveway within the town right of way. This restoration shall include restoration of the earth berm, and replanting trees to a condition similar to that which existed prior to the installation of the unpermitted curb cut. Such restoration work must be completed within 21 days of receipt of letter with all such restoration work to be as specified and approved by Sheffield Highway Superintendent Ronald Bassett.

Cease use of curb cut: Highway Superintendent will block access at this location.

Several residents of Hulett Hill were in attendance -- Katey Woodhouse indicated that she plans to give the Board of Selectman a letter of support for enforcement of the curb cut bylaws -- after collecting additional signatures. Rene Wood, Chairman of the Planning Board, expressed her strong support that the Board take action for violation of the curb cut permit.

Selectman Macy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Macy moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Stanton adjourned the meeting at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Gilbert,  
Recording Secretary  
[Approved July 18, 2005](#)