

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
NOVEMBER 6, 2006  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
6:45 PM**

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

Other Staff Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator  
Rhonda LaBombard, Recording Secretary

Chairman Macy called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Discussion ensued regarding highway department. The highway superintendent is out due to illness and will not be able to put in all the extra hours this winter. Administrator Weitz recommended that Peter Marks be appointed as Interim Assistant Highway Superintendent at the rate of \$20.00 per hour. Selectman Hannum inquired about the effect on the budget. Administrator Weitz stated that as there is currently a vacant position there are sufficient funds within the budget. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of hour Peter can work. Selectman Hannum moved to appoint Peter Marks as Interim Assistant Highway Superintendent at the rate of \$20.00 per hour, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Selectman Hannum moved to approve the minutes for the October 16, 2006 and October 23, 2006 meetings, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

**KIWANIS LADDER SIGNS:**

David Smith and Bill Silk were present for the Kiwanis. Discussion ensued regarding the repair of ladder signs at the intersection of Route 7 and 7A and the intersection of Route 7 and Clayton Road. The Kiwanis will contact Richard Cherneff of the Ashley Falls Improvement Society before beginning the project.

David Smith Reported that a roadside clean up was held yesterday. Sheffield Egremont Road was completed along with roads in 7 surrounding towns. The Kiwanis would like to hold another clean up in the spring. The Board of Selectmen thanked the Kiwanis.

**UPPER HOUSATONIC VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA:**

Dan Bolognani the Vice Chairman for the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area was present to explain their program. The main purpose is to preserve and celebrate local heritage. The program will receive federal grant funds. A series of public hearings

will be held at various locations within the next 60 days to explain the program. Any interested residents may attend the hearings.

#### **AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION RESTRICTION – KATHY ORLANDO**

- **Egerton** – Kathy Orlando presented an APR for the Egerton property on Route 7. A five-acre piece has been excluded.
- **Cold Spring Farm – Griffiths/Wolfe** – Kathy Orlando presented an APR for Cold Spring Farm on Hewins Street. This is a 52-acre parcel.
- **Rote Property** – Kathy Orlando presented an APR for the Rote Property on South Egremont Road. This is a 7-acre parcel.

Selectman Hannum moved to sign the APR Muni applications for the three above properties, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

##### **Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals submitted a letter requesting that Michele Brooks be appointed as secretary to ZBA. Selectman Hannum moved to appoint Michele Brooks as secretary to Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

##### **Election Poll Workers:**

Town Clerk Felecie Joyce submitted the following list of people to be appointed to serve as Poll Workers for the November 7<sup>th</sup> election:

Barbara Roraback, Rhonda LaBombard, Madeleine Maggio, Cassie Tighe, Ryan Ullrich, Wall McTeigue, Samantha Riiska and Danielle Dillon. Selectman Collingwood moved to appoint the above list as Poll Workers for the November 7<sup>th</sup> election, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **TEMPORARY ROADSIDE EVENT SIGNS:**

**Elementary Teachers Scholarship Fund:** An application was submitted for a cookie walk. The sign will be placed at both ends of Berkshire School Road on November 24, 2006 and will be removed on December 2, 2006. The Police Department has approved the sign. Selectman Hannum moved to grant the permit for the sign, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

**Sheffield Historical Society:** An application was submitted for the annual Festival of Trees. The sign will be erected on November 11 and removed on December 17. The Police Department has approved the sign. Selectman Hannum moved to grant the permit for the sign, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:**

Discussion ensued on the articles for the Special Town Meeting that will be held on December 4, 2006. Planning Board Chairman Rene Wood gave a report on the public hearings that were held regarding the by-law revisions. Chairman Macy stated that the only changes to the by-laws are legalities and readability. The content of the by-laws has not changed. Discussion ensued on the new by-laws that will be on the warrant.

#### **TRANSFER OF LAND-AMERICAN LEGION:**

An architectural firm has been selected for the Senior Center and the building committee has met to discuss the Senior Center. Chairman Macy would like to proceed with the land transfer at this time, before Town Meeting vote on construction funding. Selectman Hannum moved to proceed with the transfer of land from the American Legion to the town, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

**SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:**

Bill Connell discussed a donation of property along the covered bridge road from the Weinstein family to the town. A proposed site plan was submitted. The parcel is a quarter of an acre. The town currently maintains the property. Discussion ensued regarding a survey of the parcel. Administrator Weitz will follow up on the survey issues.

Selectman Hannum attended a Sheffield Land Trust meeting recently and discussed open communication between their board and the town.

Selectman Hannum gave an update on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade essay contest. The essays are due to the state by Friday, November 11, 2006. This is a pilot program sponsored by the Massachusetts Municipal Association. 50 communities were invited to participate.

Selectman Hannum attended Local Author's Day and would like to thank everyone that supported the program.

Vito Valentini asked on the progress of flooding the pavilion at the Town Park. He will meet with Administrator Weitz to follow up on the project.

Senior Center Building Committee Chairman Peter Traub discussed the square footage estimates that need to be received from the architect before the Special Town Meeting. No design plans will be available to present at December Town Meeting. Discussion ensued on whether or not to include the article for funding the Senior Center on the December Town Meeting warrant or to put it on a future town meeting. The Selectmen will decide on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Selectmen Hannum moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard  
Recording Secretary