

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MARCH 20, 2006  
TOWN HALL**

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

Other Staff Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator

Chairman Stanton called the meeting to order at 7PM

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Selectman Macy moved to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes for March 6, 2006. Selectman Hannum seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CURB CUT PERMIT – NOE PROPERTY ON HULETT HILL ROAD (MAP 10, LOT 30, PARCEL 1)**

Selectman Hannum moved to issue a curb cut permit to Melissa Noe for her property located on Hulett Hill Road (Map, 10, Lot 30, Parcel 1), with the amendment that completion of the apron must occur prior to construction of the main structure on the property, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAIL OF NOTE:**

Rick and Sandy Boardman re: Vocational Education  
At the request of Rick and Sandy Boardman, Selectman Macy moved to approve including on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant an article for payment for the continuation of Rick and Sandy Boardman's two daughters' vocational education at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Falls Village, CT for the 2006/2007 school year. Selectman Hannum seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

State Representative Smitty Pignatelli re: Slot Machine Survey  
Rep. Smitty Pignatelli requested input relative to upcoming State House decision as to whether or not to allow the installation of slot machines in Massachusetts's racetracks. The letter also stated that such installation could put \$140 million in state lottery funds at risk, which could impact amount of local aid. The Board inquired as to what would happen to the slot machine monies and whether this would not go into the state lottery fund.

**SANDRA MARTIN – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/HAZMAT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

At Sandra Martin's [(Fairview Hospital), representative of the Southern Berkshire Emergency Regional Planning Committee] request, Selectman Hannum moved to approve the Southern Berkshire Emergency Planning Committee Integrated Hazardous Material Incident Plan (attached) as approved by the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee Executive Committee, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion it was mentioned that to comply with adoption of Federal NIMS (National Incident Management System), each town must have its own Comprehensive

Emergency Management Plan that meets its community's needs, and this involves the commitment of training emergency responders including police, fire emergency management, health care, public health, EMS, and public works.

#### SHEFFIELD FARMER'S MARKET

Barbara Davison, Manager of the Sheffield Farmer's Market, conveyed that this year's Farmer's Market Season will once again begin Mother's Day weekend, through Columbus day weekend. However, because business traditionally has been slow after 6:30PM, instead of holding hours on Fridays, from 4PM till 7PM, they would like to change operations from 3:30PM till 6:30PM. The board advised that at this time, it hesitates granting permission to allow earlier starting hour because parking at the Town Hall is limited and could pose a conflict between town hall customers and Farmer's market vendors. Selectman Hannum suggested that perhaps after removal of the Fuller Barn, this could be revisited as parking might open up at the Town Hall lot. In the meantime, it was agreed that Ms Davison will talk to both the Police Department, and the businesses in the Village Green, to ask for their input relative to parking, and hours, and then Ms Davison should appear at a future meeting. Chairman Stanton also inquired if the Food Safety inspector has been contacted.

#### SHEFFIELD CELEBRATION

David Smith gave preliminary information about the annual Sheffield Celebration scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> from 2PM till 7PM. The Selectmen expressed praise of this event, and asked him to return to the meeting after reviewing plans for closing portions of the green with the Police Chief.

#### NATIONAL GRID VEGETATION MANAGEMENT TREATMENTS

National Grid sent letter of notification dated March 6, 2006 of Massachusetts Electric Company's scheduled vegetation Management treatments on transmission line right-of-way within Sheffield for routine maintenance. Said notice provided website address to view the 2006 Yearly Operation Plan, and contact information for comments. Preparatory work will occur between April 24<sup>th</sup> and June 16, 2006. In response to the notice, the Board will post in the library, and have available in the Town Clerk's Office. At Selectman Hannum's suggestion, the board will ask the Board of Assessors, and Dick Kirchner to review the accompanying map's public and private well listing in case additional homes have been built within 100 feet of rights-of way.

#### POLICE CRUISER – BIDS

Town Administrator Weitz reported on the March 10<sup>th</sup> bid opening for the 2000 Crown Victoria Ford (former Police Cruiser). Grace Quality of submitted the high bid for \$2,648. Although the board could accept or re-bid, Town Administrator Weitz recommended keeping the cruiser for internal use (Board of Assessor & Building Inspections, Staff attending conferences/meetings). Selectman Macy moved to reject all bids and keep the cruiser for internal use, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

#### BARRINGTON FAIRGROUNDS

The Board of Selectmen will send the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Agency a letter indicating that they want to go on record to provide comment that any Environmental Impact Review should include traffic and environmental impacts south of the project site, particularly those affecting the Town of Sheffield.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ITEM**

Town Administrator Weitz advised that Beverly Gilbert gave notice and he will begin recruiting for Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pauline Schumann of the Council on Aging updated about the proposed Senior Center. She has been in contact with Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Building Inspector. At the Board's recommendation, she will have the Council on Aging talk with the neighbors, and the Police Chief. Other items she brought up for consideration are is the town paying utilities for renters of the hall, and should perc test be done.

Anna James spoke about affordable housing & inquired if in accordance with Mass General Laws 40B, it is legal to build on a lot with 40 foot frontage.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Gilbert, Recording Secretary