

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 21, 2006
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
7 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 7 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Selectman Collingwood moved to approve the meeting minutes and executive session minutes for August 7, 2006 and meeting minutes for August 16, 2006, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

POLE HEARING – VERIZON – RANNAPO ROAD:

Verizon submitted a petition for utility placement on Rannapo Road. Andy Huffnagel from Verizon was present and apologized for the original petition that was filed with the wrong location. Administrator Weitz recommended that the petition be approved contingent on the highway superintendent's approval. Selectman Hannum moved to approve placement of utility pole on Rannapo Road contingent on the highway superintendent's approval, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLID WASTE USER FEE RATES – FY07:

Administrator Weitz recommended the solid waste user fee rates for FY07 be \$84.00 for residential and \$56.00 for elderly over age 70. Rebates would still be available for residents using a hauler. Selectman Collingwood moved to approve the FY07 solid waste user fee at \$84.00 for residential and \$56.00 for elderly, seconded by Selectman Hannum. Motion carried unanimously.

SIGNS ON VILLAGE GREEN:

Chairman Macy stated that the placement of signs within town has become a problem. In the past requests were made to the Board of Selectmen but that is not happening now.

The Police Department has removed some signs. Chairman Macy would like to have a policy for placing signs. Discussion ensued regarding sign placement, adoption of by-law and/or policy for sign placement and ZBA issues with signs. Selectman Hannum moved to have anyone wishing to place a sign on town property obtain a no cost permit from the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously. The permit forms will be developed for review at the next meeting.

APPOINTMENTS:

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Selectman Hannum moved to appoint Robert Weitz as TAC representative for Sheffield, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Conservation Commission – This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Senior Center Design Committee – Selectman Hannum moved to appoint James McGarry to the Senior Center Design Committee, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued regarding the number of members for the committee and the schedule for designer selection. The selection committee would have an additional two members.

MAIL OF NOTE:

Administrator Weitz read a letter from Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) regarding an essay contest for children in 6th grade. Selectman Hannum volunteered to be the liaison between the school and the selectmen for the contest. Administrator Weitz will contact School Superintendent for interest in the contest.

Administrator Weitz read a letter received from Autism Treatment Center of America regarding the annual Walk Around the World, which will take place on October 15, 2006. Selectman Hannum moved to approve the travel route for the walk, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. Motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN ITEMS:

Selectman Collingwood inquired about road line painting. Administrator Weitz stated that the line painting would be done after the paving is complete.

Selectman Hannum stated that Administrator Weitz presented a draft earlier this evening regarding the parking area for Town Hall. The beginning stages could take place this fall. The planting and completion would be next year.

Selectman Hannum stated she has received many complaints regarding speeding especially on County Road on weekends. The Police Chief will be made aware of the complaints.

Selectman Hannum expressed her congratulations to Martha Green on her retirement from the Library.

Chairman Macy offered his best wishes to Martha Green on her retirement.

Chairman Macy suggested finding someone to supervise the road paving. Administrator Weitz will look into finding someone to supervise the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carl Schumann inquired about the electrical lines in Village Green being placed underground. Selectman Macy stated that the cost to bury the lines was excessive. Discussion ensued regarding the electrical lines in the Village Green and the funding for the Village Green Project.

Selectman Hannum noted that the next Selectmen's meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 5th due to Labor Day.

Selectman Hannum moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard, Recording Secretary