

**Town of Sheffield
Board of Selectmen
April 10, 2007
4:00 PM**

Board Members Present: David D. Macy, Chairman
Julie M. Hannum

Others Present: Robert Weitz Town Administrator
Selectmen and other Town officials from
Alford, Egremont, Monterey, New Marlborough and
Sheffield

Chairman Macy called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM

The Board of Selectmen met with Selectmen from Egremont, Alford, Monterey and New Marlborough to discuss the school assessment formula and the ramifications of the new Department of Education guidance letter. All five towns will have language on their warrant implementing the new regulations. The other towns were advised that they should not expect Sheffield Town Meeting to vote to approve the school assessment utilizing the interim agreement as an "alternate assessment formula", as there is no legal obligation to do so, it would cost an additional \$320,000 (while not providing any additional school funding), and would require a Proposition 2 ½ override.

5:15 PM Selectmen Hannum made a motion to recess the meeting until 7:30, Selectman Macy seconded.

7:34 PM Meeting resumed to discuss the New Senior Center with the Senior Center Building Committee. The Building Committee presented a new plan (Scheme No.6.). The new plan would cost \$597,764. Discussion ensued regarding the details of the new design and putting funding for the New Senior Center on this year Annual Town Meeting or waiting to seek grant funding.

The Council on Aging Chairman asked the board to put the funding before the voter at this year's Annual Town Meeting

***Selectman Hannum moved to put an Article on the warrant for the New Senior Center facility for \$600,000. Selectman Macy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Discussion ensued regarding whether to put an article on the warrant to fund a Grants writer should the article for town funding not pass.***

The Selectmen asked the Council on Aging chair to go back and discuss with the Council on Aging and advise the Board before the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert A. Weitz

