

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL WORKING MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2007
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
6:00 PM**

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

Other Staff Present: Joseph A. Kellogg, Interim Town Administrator
Rhonda LaBombard, Assistant Town Administrator

Chairman Hannum called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Administrator Kellogg discussed the current solid waste user fee abatement system and said it is cumbersome and needs to be updated. This is a user fee and should be paid for only by the users of the transfer station.

The yellow slip abatements have been broken down into various categories depending on the reasons for the application for the Board to review.

Discussion ensued regarding Maryanne Marschat, 615 South Main Street, who has requested that she not be required to use a dumpster. The Town just discovered that the building contained 3 units. The stuffer that is sent out with the bills references 105 CMR 410, which is the State Sanitary Code, which states that landlords are responsible for trash disposal for tenants. In the past the Board has required landlords to have dumpsters to meet this requirement. Selectman Macy moved to allow Maryanne Marschat to purchase a third transfer station permit for 615 South Main Street, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding recycling. Recycling Coordinator David Steindler will be contacted to attend a meeting to discuss the individual abatements and how to handle them consistently. The discussion on the remaining abatement applications was tabled until the above meeting is held.

Selectman Macy moved to grant the abatements for the applicants that should have been billed at the over 70 rate, but were mistakenly billed at the regular rate, the motion seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding vacant properties. Administrator Kellogg suggested the owners of vacant properties pay the fee in full and to reimburse the fee after proof is provided that the building has been vacant. The burden of proof as to vacancy would lie with the property owner.

Discussion ensued regarding what the cost increase to users of the Transfer Station would be if only users are billed. The current cost is \$104. It would increase to \$129 per household.

Selectman Macy moved to adjourn the meeting until 7:00 pm.

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator