

Town of Sheffield
Board of Selectmen Minutes
March 5, 2007

Board Members Present: David Macy, Chairman
Julie Hannum, Clerk
James Collingwood

Others Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator

Chairman Macy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Selectman Hannum moved to approve the minutes from February 20, 2007, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

MAIL OF NOTE: Administrator Weitz read a letter received from Rick and Sandy Boardman requesting tuition for their daughter to attend the Housatonic Valley Agricultural Vocation program. Discussion ensued on the program and the tuition costs. Selectman Collingwood moved to fund the tuition to Housatonic Valley Agricultural Vocational Program as requested, seconded by Selectman Hannum... The motion carried unanimously.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: A letter was received asking the Board if Sheffield would like to continue to participate in the Southern Berkshire Household Hazardous Waste (SBHHW) program. Administrator Weitz recommended continuing with the program. Discussion ensued on the program and the estimated cost. Selectman Hannum moved to participate in the SBHHW program, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

COVERED BRIDGE PICNIC AREA: Bill Connell was present to discuss the donation of land for a picnic area near the covered bridge. The Weinstein's would like to donate this parcel to the town and have requested that the town indemnify the adjacent parcel to cover anyone walking onto their property. Discussion ensued on the terms of the donation. Selectman Hannum moved to support the project of the donation of land from Jean and Sidney Weinstein pending language of the parcel description, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLID WASTE BIDS: Four bids were received with amounts varying from \$85.00 per ton to \$92.00 per ton and \$190 per trip to \$250 per trip. The low bidder was Eco Waste from Canaan New York. All reference checks on Eco Waste were favorable. Administrator Weitz recommended the bid be awarded to Eco Waste. Selectman Collingwood moved to award the bid to Eco Waste for a 3 year contract at \$85.00 per ton for solid waste disposal and \$200 per trip for hauling recyclable to MRF, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY ACCESS COMMITTEE: Selectman Hannum is concerned that all residents do not have access to hi speed internet services. Discussion ensued on forming a committee to investigate all the issues with internet services. Administrator Weitz will work with Selectman Hannum on locating residents interested in serving on this committee, which will be made up of 5 members. Bill Connell expressed his interest in serving on the committee.

SELECTMEN ITEMS:

Selectmen Collingwood expressed his concerns on the condition of the highway's equipment. Discussion ensued on repair and replacement of some of the equipment.

Selectmen Collingwood discussed personnel issues within the highway department.

Selectman Hannum complimented Librarian Nancy Hahn for hosting the Legislative Library Breakfast.

Selectman Hannum would like to review personnel pay changes that took place within the last couple of years. Administrator Weitz will provide that information.

Chairman Macy reminded all residents not to park in the Village Green during a snow storm and that plowing snow into a road is illegal.

Discussion ensued on the health insurance program. Berkshire Health Group has recommended some changes within the plan offered to employees. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Peter Traub, Chairman of the Senior Center Building Committee was present and stated that the committee has an option that will be presented to the Selectmen and Finance Committee. The committee would like to hold a public meeting before the Annual Town Meeting to discuss the Senior Center Project.

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

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda LaBombard
Recording Secretary