

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
MARCH 26, 2008  
4:00 PM**

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

**Others Present:** Joseph A. Kellogg, Town Administrator

Chairman Hannum called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

Michael Maher and William Clough from Berkshire School were present for a discussion about ways they could become more involved in the community. Several suggestions were made including the creation of a group which would include members of local community organizations and the Berkshire School community to talk about how they could become involved. It was also noted that Berkshire would be willing to discuss improving collaborative efforts with Mt. Everett Regional High School to allow students to participate in Berkshire programs and/or courses. Discussion ensued about Berkshire's centennial celebration and the fact that they would like to provide better financial support to the Town. Mr. Maher presented a check in the amount of \$75,000 to the Board as a one-time gift in recognition of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Board members expressed their appreciation for the gift. Administrator Kellogg suggested that the funds be deposited in a special account to be used for one-time expenses rather than for operating expenses. Mr. Maher said he was also hoping to increase Berkshire's regular annual contribution to the Town in lieu of property taxes.

Administrator Kellogg noted that the Board had received requests for a number of changes to the Zoning Bylaw to be considered by voters at the Annual Town Meeting. Selectmen Macy moved to refer to the Planning Board five proposed articles to amend the Zoning Bylaw in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the General Laws. The motion was seconded by Chairman Hannum and carried unanimously.

It was noted that Town Clerk Felecie Joyce has requested that the Board make a decision on whether they will authorize the placement of a Proposition 2½ override question on the Annual Town Election ballot. Due to the long lead time required for printing ballots for the Commonwealth's AutoMark voting machine, a decision needs to be made by April 1<sup>st</sup>. It was agreed to hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the matter and make a decision.

Administrator Kellogg provided copies of a draft Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting based on articles received to date and asked Board members to review and advise him of any changes they would like.

There was a brief discussion about the Village Green Improvement project. It was noted that a meeting with merchants would be set up to advise of the schedule and traffic management plan.

Selectmen Macy moved to adjourn the meeting, The motion was seconded by Chairman Hannum and carried unanimously.

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph A. Kellogg  
Town Administrator