

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JULY 7, 2008
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Selectman Collingwood moved to approve 3 sets of minutes from the June 2, 2008 meetings and 2 sets of minutes from the June 16, 2008 meetings, seconded by Selectman Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

Selectman Macy moved to appoint Martin Mitsoff, Anthony Bleau and Brandon Seward to the Fire Department, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.
Chairman Hannum announced Anne Hyatt and Mary Ellen Deming as applicants for the Council on Aging. Anyone wishing to comment on the applicants should contact members of the Board. The appointments will be made on July 21, 2008.
Selectman Macy moved to appoint George Oleen as Health Inspector, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued on the appointments process.

METAL RECYCLING CONTRACT:

Ray's Auto Parts, LLC has proposed to provide metal recycling at the Transfer Station for FY09. For each 40 yd. container removed the Town would receive \$140.00. Selectman Macy moved to accept the proposal from Ray's Auto Parts, LLC for metal recycling, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

The Town has become part of a Southern Berkshire Technology Committee, in which each town will have a liaison. Selectman Macy moved to appoint Paul O'Brien as the liaison for the Southern Berkshire Technology Committee, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

DENNIS SEARS – ELECTED SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Dennis Sears was present to express his disappointment with Chairman Hannum for the letter she wrote regarding special legislation being considered to allow school committee members to be elected in 2008 instead of 2010. Chairman Hannum responded that the intent of her letter was to allow candidates enough time to run a campaign for election. Chairman Hannum recognized that

the letter should not have been written in behalf of the Board and she apologized to anyone that thought the intent of the letter was not in support of elected school committee members.

GASB 45 – BERKSHIRE PURCHASING GROUP:

Administrator Kellogg explained that to have a clean audit every year the Town needs to comply with certain standards. The latest standard, GASB 45, requires us to perform an actuarial study on the cost of providing health insurance to retirees. Berkshire Purchasing Group has sought quotes on behalf of several towns for the studies in order to get a better price. The cost for Sheffield is \$3,300 if an agreement letter is signed at this time. Selectman Macy moved to approve the agreement for the actuarial study at a cost of \$3,300, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously. Administrator Kellogg said that the Southern Berkshire Regional School District would also be participating in the group contract.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Selectman Collingwood stated that Lane Construction Corporation contacted him with a message that they are not closing their plant in Sheffield, as has been rumored.

Chairman Hannum congratulated the Historical Society for the Town's 275th Anniversary celebration. The observance of the anniversary will continue at Sheffield in Celebration in September.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:

Administrator Kellogg stated that the Economic Development Task Force would present their draft plan to the Board on July 21, 2008. Task Force member Catherine Miller urged residents to attend the meeting and to submit comments on the plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barbara West was present to express her disappointment with the Board's decision not to reappoint her to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Discussion ensued on spouses serving on the same board or committee.

David West was present to express his disappointment with the appointment of members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Discussion ensued on the appointment of alternates to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Selectman Collingwood stated that Eco Waste has contacted him to have the Town remove the old damaged compactor box.

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

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator