

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
NOVEMBER 10, 2008
4:30 PM**

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

Others Present: Joseph A. Kellogg, Town Administrator

Chairman Hannum called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

It was noted that Kevin Moran and John Trierweiler from City Moves had called and were unable to attend the meeting to discuss a revised plan for their property at the Business Park. Board members agreed to meet with them early at 6:30 p.m. before the November 17th meeting.

Administrator Kellogg noted that the Faith Baptist Church, located next to the Covered Bridge, had recently been listed for sale and was purchased within days of such listing. He commented that the building could possibly serve as a location for a Senior Center and asked the Board for permission to contact the new owner to see what his plans were for the building. Board members agreed.

A summary of those bids received and opened on October 31st for providing the Towns of Sheffield and Great Barrington with screened/washed sand for snow and ice control was read. It was noted that only one vendor responded to the Town's Invitation for Bids. Selectmen Macy moved to award the contract to J. Donovan & Son, Inc. at the price of \$15.00 per ton, delivered. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Collingwood and carried unanimously.

Administrator Kellogg said he and Assistant Highway Superintendent Edward Lord had interviewed three candidates for the vacant Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer position in the Highway Department and both recommended the appointment of Robert O'Brien to the post. Selectmen Macy moved to appoint Robert O'Brien as Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer for the Highway Department. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Collingwood and carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held about plans for the upcoming FY2010 Annual Budget. Administrator Kellogg advised that State aid would likely be cut at least 10% and with the Town at its levy limit, could expect little new revenue growth from property taxes. He told the Board of his plans to meet with School Superintendent Michael Singleton soon to have a detailed discussion about what the Town will be able to afford for an increase in the school budget next year.

Discussion ensued about the ongoing talks between the SBRSD, BHRSD and member towns relative to the submission of a grant application to Massachusetts DOE to study a possible consolidation.

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

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph A. Kellogg
Town Administrator