

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 19, 2008
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

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

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

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

BOARD REORGANIZATION: Selectman Collingwood moved to nominate Selectman Hannum to serve as Chairman, seconded by Selectman Macy. The motion carried unanimously. Selectman Collingwood moved to nominate Selectman Macy as Clerk, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Selectman Macy moved to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2008, April 22, 2008, April 28, 2008 and May 8, 2008 meetings, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

ONE-DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE - WILKINSON:

Todd and Jennifer Wilkinson were present to discuss their request for a one-day alcoholic beverage license for August 9, 2008. The function will be held at the Town Park. Selectman Macy moved to approve the One-Day Alcoholic License for August 9, 2008, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

COVERED BRIDGE FUNCTION - WEBBER:

William Webber has applied for a one-day alcoholic beverage license and permission to use the Covered Bridge property for a function on June 14, 2008. This is a for profit endeavor. Administrator Kellogg will contact Town Counsel for information on liability. Selectman Macy moved to table this discussion until further information is obtained, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Webber was asked to contact the Board of Health to discuss his plans before the discussion continues at the next meeting.

FY09 APPOINTMENT PROCESS:

Administrator Kellogg read the list of expiring terms and the applicants that are seeking appointment. Anyone interested in any appointment should submit a letter of interest by May 30, 2008. The list of all applicants will be read at the June 2nd meeting and the appointments will be made at the June 16th meeting.

MTC CLEAN ENERGY CHOICE GRANT:

Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC) sent a letter stating that the Town qualifies for a clean energy grant. Selectman Macy moved to advise the MTC that the Town is interested in exploring the potential "green" purchases that could be made with this grant, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

TEMPORARY ROADSIDE EVENT SIGN:

Hans Heuberger has requested to place a temporary sign in front of the Stone Store for the 5 Friends Art Show. The sign will be erected on June 27, 28, 29, and July 4,5,6,11,12,13. Discussion ensued regarding the Village Green construction. Selectman Macy moved to grant permission for the sign for the 5 Friends Art Show, with the stipulation that the Town is not liable for any damage to the sign that may be caused by the Village Green construction, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PERMITS:

Selectman Macy moved to grant a parade permit to the Ashley Falls Village Improvement Society and to the American Legion Post 340 for their Memorial Day Parades, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATION-CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Robert Parker has submitted his resignation from the Conservation Commission effective May 8, 2008. Selectman Macy moved to accept the resignation from Robert Parker and send him a letter of thanks, seconded by Selectman Collingwood.

APPOINTMENT – CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Gaetan Lachance has submitted a letter of interest for appointment to the Conservation Commission. With the recent resignation the Commission does not have a quorum and has business before them. Selectman Macy moved to suspend the appointments policy for this appointment, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously. Selectman Macy moved to appoint Gaetan Lachance to the Conservation Commission for a two-year term, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

HOUSATONIC RIVER EPA LETTER:

A coalition has been formed to respond to GE's proposed measures for the clean up of the Housatonic River. The coalition has determined that the proposed clean up measures are unacceptable. Administrator Kellogg read a list of coalition members and recommended that the Board sign on to the coalition's letter to EPA opposing GE's plan. Selectman Macy moved to support the coalition for the Housatonic River Clean up, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Selectman Macy noted that the construction on the Village Green began today.

Chairman Hannum thanked the residents that came out to vote in the recent Town Election.

Chairman Hannum noted that Ruth Gillette would be retiring at the end of May after 28 years of serve as an Assessor. The Board acknowledged her many years of service and wished her well in her retirement.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:

Administrator Kellogg explained the new billing system for Transfer Station permits. Residents wishing to use the Transfer Station will purchase a permit from the Town Hall. Residents not using the Transfer Station will not receive a permit; however will have the ability to purchase one-time permits for recycling or bulky waste. A notice will be sent out with the tax bills notifying residents of the change. No separate bills will be sent this year.

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

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator