TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 3, 2009
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM

Board Members Present: David D. Macy, Chairman
Julie M. Hannum, Clerk
Rene C. Wood

Others Present: Joseph A. Kellogg, Town Administrator
Rhonda LaBombard, Assistant Town Administrator
Members of the Public

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Selectman Hannum moved to approve minutes for the June 1, 2009, (Executive Session), June 25, 2009, June 29, 2009, (Executive Session), July 9, 2009 and July 17, 2009 meetings, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Chairman Macy read the following list of applicants for appointment:
Solid Waste Task Force- Greig Siedor, Ted Pitman, Fred Panitz, David J. Steindler, Peter Stiglin, David Smith Sr., Bart Elsbach, Marcia Friedman
Disabilities Commission – Donald J. Perry, Noah Parsons
Historical Commission – Rick Esposito
Ashley Falls Historic District Commission – Richard Cherneff
Housing Commission – John Stookey, Paul O'Brien
Housing Commission – Alternate – Kathy Orlando
Council on Aging (1 vacancy) – Rosemarie Wright, Gail Ullman
Appointments will be made at the next meeting.

HIGHWAY GARAGE STUDY COMMITTEE:
Chairman Macy stated that the Town is looking for residents to serve on a Highway Garage Design Study Committee and anyone interested should contact the Town Administrator's office.

SELECTMEN ITEMS:
Selectman Hannum discussed contacting the Kiwanis Club regarding the ladder signs in Town.

Selectman Hannum stated that Sheffield will host the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours in September.

Selectman Hannum noted that the Conservation Commission has approved the work for a canoe launch on the covered bridge property.

Selectman Wood noted that Mass Highway painted the crosswalks on Main Street today.

Selectman Wood discussed a request to have Sheffield declared as the Antique Capital of Massachusetts. The request will be forwarded to the Economic Development Committee.

Selectman Wood stated that she has received positive comments on the Town's new e-mail service for news and announcements.

TOWN ADMINSTRATOR ITEMS:
Administrator Kellogg stated that the roadside mower is broken and in the process of being repaired and he wanted to thank the Town of Great Barrington for the loan of a mower and operator for three days to catch up on some of the mowing.

Administrator Kellogg stated that billing letters will be mailed this week to all households regarding Transfer Station stickers for FY10.

Administrator Kellogg stated that the paving bid had been awarded to LB Corporation for Rote Hill and Hulett Hill Roads. This work will likely be done sometime in August. Letters will be sent to residents on East and West Roads stating the exact date for the oil and stone paving on those roads.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Priscilla Cote inquired on the status of adding a grievance policy to the Town's Personnel Policy. Selectman Hannum responded that the Board will be working on this in the near future.

OTHER BUSINESS:
An application was received from Eric Carlson for a one day Wine and Malt License for a function to be held at the Town Park on August 23, 2009. *Selectman Wood moved to grant the one-day Wine and Malt License to Eric Carlson for August 23, 2009 pending receipt of a certificate of insurance, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.*

Administrator Kellogg provided a draft letter to the U.S. Department of Commerce in support of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute's grant application for Broadband Technology Opportunity Program funding to expand broadband to Western Massachusetts residents. *Selectman Hannum moved to send the letter of support, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.*

Selectman Wood moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator