

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKING SESSION
JULY 17, 2009
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
10:00 AM**

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

Chairman Macy called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Chairman Macy opened a public hearing for the following utility pole locations, based on two applications from Verizon:

West Stahl Road – pole #T24 ½ / E 17 ½

Pike Road East – pole #T15 / E16 and pole #T16 / E17

Al Bessette and a representative from National Grid were present as well as abutters Robin and Jim Bennett. Both applications are to provide service to new buildings. Discussion ensued regarding the location of the utility poles. There was no opposition from abutters.

Chairman Macy closed the hearings.

Selectman Hannum moved to approve the applications for utility pole installations as submitted by Verizon, one on West Stahl Road and one on Pike Road East, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Kellogg stated that the bids for the summer paving had been opened on Monday. Lane Construction, Delsignore Blacktop Paving and LB Corporation submitted the following bids:

Lane Construction - \$73.90 per ton

Delsignore Blacktop Paving - \$68.63 per ton

LB Corp - \$68.04 per ton

Administrator Kellogg recommended awarding the bid to LB Corp. Selectman Hannum moved to award the 2009 summer paving bid to LB Corporation, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to set a price for the FY2010 recycling sticker. Selectman Hannum moved to set the price of a recycling sticker for FY2010 at \$30, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the letter to be sent to residents regarding the Transfer Station fees for FY2010. Selectman Hannum would like to have the wording – Recycling saves you and the Town money- added to the information on the back of the letter. Selectman Wood moved to approve the letter with the above amendment, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued on the oil and stone paving of East Road. The Board had completed a site visit just prior to the meeting. Selectman Wood moved to oil and stone East Road from Maple Ave. to just past the Winton property at 200 East Road, as noted at the site visit, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued about the manner in which Boards and officials conduct business with the public and how Town Counsel is contacted. It was the consensus of the Board to develop a policy to provide guidance in such situations.

Selectman Hannum noted that the Town had agreed to host the Chamber of Commerce after hours function in September. The Historical Society will be contacted to work with the Board in finding a venue.

Chairman Macy gave an update on the progress of the meetings with Alford, Egremont, New Marlborough, Monterey and Sheffield to create a new school district agreement.

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

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator