

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Julie M. Hannum, Chairman  
Rene C. Wood, Clerk  
David A. Smith, Jr.

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

Members of the public

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The approval of minutes was held until the next meeting.

**APPOINTMENTS – RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS:**

Chief McGarry was present to introduce Justin Biasin and David Monyahan and requested that they be appointed as Reserve Intermittent Police Officers. Selectman Wood moved to appoint Justin Biasin and David Monyahan as Reserve Intermittent Police Officers, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

**DAVID WEST:**

David West, resident and member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, was present and presented each Board member a letter expressing concerns about the ZBA. He said there is not a contentious dispute between the ZBA, Planning Board and the Building Inspector concerning the application of Sheffield Water Company for the installation of a water storage tank. Mr. West stated that there were three issues that he felt the Board should address:

1. Increase the number of Alternate ZBA members from one to three
2. By-law wording changes
3. Create a procedural process for applicants.

Chairman Hannum said the Board would take Mr. West's letter and suggestions under advisement.

**CEMETERY RESTORATION WORK:**

Jim Miller and Tammy Blackwell were present to discuss restoration work in the Town owned cemeteries. They have received estimates to repair several stones, for which they have raised the necessary funds, with the exception of one stone that is a hazard. This stone is quite tall and in danger of toppling. The cost of this repair is \$500, which they have requested that the Town pay. The Board will be notified when the repairs are scheduled so they can discuss the funds to pay for the \$500 repair. Mr. Miller and Ms. Blackwell also requested that a Cemetery Commission be established to include an annual budget to maintain the Town owned cemeteries. Administrator Kellogg will get information on establishing a commission and the topic will be discussed at a later date.

**COVERED BRIDGE PARK CANOE LAUNCH:**

Chairman Hannum said that the work is progressing on the canoe launch at the Covered Bridge Park. A dedication will be scheduled at a date to be determined.

**TEMPORARY ROADSIDE EVENT SIGNS:**

**Friends of the Senior Center:** An application was received from the Friends of the Senior Center to place a sign on the Village Green in front of Dewey Hall for a tag sale to be held on September 17, 2010. Selectman Smith moved to grant the temporary roadside event sign to the Friends of the Senior Center for a tag sale to be held on September 17, 2010, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

**Kiwanis Steak Roast:** An application was received from the Kiwanis to place a sign on the Village Green for their annual Steak Roast to be held on September 11, 2010. Selectman Wood moved to grant the temporary roadside event sign to the Kiwanis for their annual Steak Roast to be held on September 11, 2010.

**WIRED WEST UPDATE:**

Selectman Wood gave an update on the progress of Wired West. Discussion ensued on the organizational model that will be used by Wired West. Selectman Wood moved to support the Municipal Lighting Plant/Public Coop model with a second choice of the Enabling Legislation model, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

**SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:**

Selectman Smith reminded residents that the Kiwanis will hold a Steak Roast on September 11, 2010 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Tickets purchased in advance will be \$20 and \$25 at the door.

Selectman Wood said that she went to a recent regionalization meeting held in Worcester. She will create a notebook on information learned and documents received which will be kept in the office for reference.

Selectman Hannum reminded residents that Sheffield in Celebration will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

Administrator Kellogg said that winter road sand has been put out for bid. He noted that we are jointly bidding this with the Town of Great Barrington and said proposals are due on October 5, 2010.

Administrator Kellogg said that tentative dates for Bulky Waste Days are October 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Pauline Schumann was present to let everyone know that the Friends of the Senior Center will hold a tag sale on September 17, 2010. They are accepting donated merchandise to put in the sale. The proceeds will be used to help furnish the new senior center.

Chairman Hannum reminded residents that the State Primary Election would be held on September 14, 2010 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

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

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda LaBombard  
Assistant Town Administrator