

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WORKING MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2010  
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE  
5:30 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  
Thomas Carmody, Building Inspector  
Grace Campbell, Council on Aging Chair  
Pauline Schumann

Chairman Hannum called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Discussion ensued regarding the Energy Stretch Code, the adoption of which is one of the requirements for Green Communities Act designation. The deadline to apply for this designation has been moved up to October 1, 2010 and the Board wanted to discuss the code with the Building Inspector Carmody before making any decisions. Mr. Carmody stated that he is not in favor of adopting the Stretch Code. He noted that the Center for Ecological Technology (CET) has sent fact sheets on the code to all building officials asking that they be handed out to builders. He has chosen not to comply with the request since the sheet contains inaccuracies and is encouraging the hiring of CET to provide the testing. Mr. Carmody also estimates the code would add approximately \$12,000-\$18,000 to the cost of a new single family home and the energy savings pay back would not be realized for many years. He feels that the code would discourage and restrict growth in town. Selectman Wood moved that the Town not seek Green Community Designation, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously. Selectman Wood will advise the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission of the Board's vote.

In another matter, discussion ensued regarding the annual code review conferences that are held by Mr. Carmody and DeVries Building Supply. Selectman Wood moved to send a letter of thanks to DeVries for their support with the code review conferences, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Grace Campbell, COA Chair, was present to discuss interior colors for the Senior Center. It was the consensus of the Board that Navaho White or Lily would be the color for all the interior walls. The Board has asked that the Color Committee choose a color for trim and doors to match. Discussion ensued regarding the floors.

Discussion ensued regarding tapering the septic mound at the American Legion. It was the consensus of the Board to leave it as is for the winter and revisit the issue in the spring.

Chairman Hannum recessed the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda LaBombard  
Assistant Town Administrator