

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKING MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2010
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
4:00 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

Chairman Hannum called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Dr. Singleton and Bruce Turner were present to update the Board on a number of issues at the Southern Berkshire Regional School District (SBRSD). He noted that they were meeting with the Selectmen of all five member towns who will also be invited to attend an informational meeting at a date to be determined, to discuss school district matters.

Dr. Singleton distributed a SBRSD goals and mission statement, a staff roster, FY12 budget development calendar, the budget packet for FY 11 and the Mt. Everett English Style Guide. Discussion ensued on the capital projects that took place during the year, math initiative, cooperative purchasing, in service for teachers, annual evacuation drill, the annual senior citizen luncheon on December 2, 2010 and the Thanksgiving Programs. It was further noted that EECBG grant funds, some of which were from the Town's allocation, were used to upgrade the heating system and update some lighting. The District is also exploring a possible solar installation.

Discussion ensued regarding charter schools. Dr. Singleton said that there are no current applications in this area. He noted that there has been consideration of designating the Egremont School as an innovative school at the elementary level as well as exploration of options for the high school level.

Dr. Singleton said also that a sub-committee has been formed to explore regionalization efforts, but SBRSD is the only one to form such a committee.

Dr. Singleton and Mr. Turner left the meeting at 5:10 pm.

Mark Bachetti, President of the American Legion Post Home, joined the meeting to discuss the American Legion's proposal for a one time payment of \$14,000 to meet the Town's responsibility to provide storage for the American Legion. Currently, the Legion is renting a shed for storage with some of the items being stored at member's homes. Discussion ensued regarding the plan for the use of the \$14,000. Selectman Wood stated that she is not in agreement to give the American Legion funds without a definite plan for the money. The amount of space needed is 432 square feet. There was some discussion of purchasing a prefabricated shed for storage as well as possibly using the

Mount Everett students to build a shed. Administrator Kellogg will look into these options and report back.

Mr. Bachetti left the meeting at 5:25 pm.

Administrator Kellogg distributed a proposed amendment to the contract with Barry Architects for the new Senior Center. He explained that, due to omissions by the prior architect, additional work was needed by sub-consultant White Engineering for a contract increase of \$4,500. In addition, it was decided to contract with a solar sub-consultant to advise on how the electrical design needed to be revised to accommodate the future installation of solar photovoltaic panels on the roof. Such work will cost \$1,500. Selectman Wood moved to approve Amendment #1 to the contract with Barry Architects for the new Senior Center in the amount of \$6,000, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Health has recommended the appointment of Seana Fetterhoff as Board of Health Clerk. Discussion ensued. Selectman Smith moved to appoint Seana Fetterhoff as Board of Health Clerk at the salary of \$16.12 per hour, seconded by Chairman Hannum. The motion was approved 2-0-1 with Selectmen Wood abstaining.

It was noted that the Department Head meeting scheduled with the Board for November 23, 2010 at 9 am will include all staff at the Town Hall.

Selectman Wood expressed her concerns with an issue last week between a volunteer and an employee regarding the water cooler. Selectmen Wood said that employees are here to serve the public and that board or committee volunteers should be treated with the same respect as the public being served. Each Board member has received a letter regarding this issue.

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

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator