

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FEBRUARY 24, 2011
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
WORKING MEETING
6:00 PM**

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

Others Present: Joseph A. Kellogg, Town Administrator

In the absence of Chairman Hannum, Selectman Wood, as Clerk, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

It was noted that the two murals for the new Senior Center have been completed by Grace Campbell and Lois Van Cleef, together with many others assisting and are ready to be installed. Board members reviewed proposed descriptions of both murals, one being a depiction of the Great Elm and the other of Mount Everett, with the intent being to post such descriptions next to the mural. At this point, Chairman Hannum entered the meeting. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the descriptions would need some editing, primarily for length, but also for some of the content. Board members also agreed that the description should not contain the names of those involved in the creation of the murals. So many people have been involved overall in the completion of the Center, not just the murals, that it would be impossible to include everyone. It was suggested that the Board request those involved in the actual painting and drawing to sign the murals. Discussion also ensued about the suggestion that a scrapbook be created and kept in the Center with photographs and other items documenting the creation and completion of the Senior Center over the past many years. Members agreed this would be a good idea.

On a related note, the Board reviewed a letter from Lois Van Cleef suggesting that certain individuals be recognized for their contribution to the Senior Center project. It was agreed Selectman Wood would respond directly to Ms. Van Cleef.

There was a brief discussion about proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw involving the Special Permit process for those projects involving an expansion of a pre-existing non forming use or structure. It was noted the Board would be attending a Planning Board meeting at 7:00 pm, together with members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. to further discuss this matter.

Board members held a discussion about the proposed Capital Improvements Bond recently approved by the Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee. Concerns were expressed about the timing and content of the bond proposal. Selectman Wood moved to send a letter to the Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee expressing the Board's concerns about the Capital Improvements Bond and suggesting that a meeting of the Regional Capital Planning Committee be called and charged with undertaking a comprehensive review of the Bond, seconded by Selectman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held about changing the meeting schedule of the Board. It was agreed that the Board would change their schedule such that they would meet every Monday with the 1st and 3rd meetings as regular formal meetings held at 7:00 pm and the other Mondays being working meetings to be held at 5:00 pm.

Brief discussions ensued about the FY2012 Annual Budget and Annual Town Meeting.

Board moved to the Planning Board meeting at 7:00 pm and participated in a discussion, together with members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Building Inspector, about the Special Permit process involving the expansion of pre-existing, non-conforming uses and structures.

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

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph A. Kellogg
Town Administrator