

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKING SESSION
AUGUST 12, 2015
TOWN HALL
2:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Nadine A. Hawver, Chairman
David A. Smith, Jr., Clerk
Andrew G. Petersen

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator

Chairman Hawver called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

TOWN MEDIATION:

Chairman Hawver expressed her disappointment with the lack of respect at the Special Town Meeting. She stated that she reached out to a resident for some suggestions on how to bring the Town together and she suggested hiring a professional mediator to begin the healing process. Chairman Hawver asked the Board if they would be interested in hiring a mediator and committing Town funds to pay for it. Selectman Petersen asked what the cost of hiring a mediator would be. Chairman Hawver stated that it would be \$2,000-\$4,000. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to not hire a mediator at this time.

FORMATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Chairman Hawver asked the Board if they would be interested in forming an Advisory Committee for long term capital planning. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to form a five member Advisory Committee and to announce it at the Board's next meeting and request letters of interest.

ASSESSOR'S STIPEND:

Administrator LaBombard explained that Principal Assessor, Tammy Blackwell has encumbered funds from last year to give Board of Assessors member Christopher Lamarre a stipend and asked the Board if they are willing to give him a stipend for the past year. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to pay Christopher Lamarre a \$500 stipend. Administrator LaBombard stated that she would set up a meeting with the Board of Assessors to discuss stipends for all Board of Assessors members.

LETTER TO SBRSD – LUNCH PROGRAM:

Chairman Hawver asked Administrator LaBombard not to send the letter that was drafted to Superintendent Hastings regarding the financial shortfall with the lunch program because there is information regarding the District being able to recoup some of the funds. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to send a letter to Superintendent Hastings to request an accounting of the School lunch program for the last school year and the summer lunch program to find out the amount of funds that the District lost.

SBRSD – PRE-K TRANSPORTATION:

Chairman Hawver stated that she received a complaint from a resident regarding bus transportation of all three olds to and from school. Chairman Hawver stated that she spoke with Superintendent Hasting and he stated that only pre-k students with IEP's, requiring special services need transportation. He stated that he does not know exactly how many students will receive transportation because the

School does not have the IEPs yet, but, it will not be all forty of the students. It was the consensus of the Board to have Administrator LaBombard call the resident that made the complaint and explain the situation.

Selectman Smith move to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy regarding the Hanlon appeal, collective bargaining strategy for the Sheffield Highway Department and collective bargaining strategy for the Sheffield Patrolman's Association and not return to Open Session, seconded by Selectmen Petersen. The roll call vote was as follows:

Chairman Hawver – aye
Selectman Smith – aye
Selectman Petersen – aye

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

Chairman Hawver adjourned the meeting at 3:14 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Dulin
Assistant to the Town Administrator

No documents were reviewed at this meeting.