



**Town of Sherman  
Board of Selectman  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
January 26, 2017  
7:00 p.m.  
Mallory Town Hall**

**FINAL**

**Members Present:** First Selectman C. Cope, Selectman B. Ostrosky, and Selectman D. Lowe

**Members Absent:** None

**Audience & Invited:** Business Administrator L. LaVia, Treasurer E. Holub, BoE T. Hackett, BoE S. Segar, BoE K. Diotte, BoE R. Hanley, Town Engineer T. Iadarolla, SVFD K. Grant, P&R F Fratini, K. Cushnie, G. Maletz, S. Randall, W. Knaak, G. Linkletter, A. Mastrocinque and Greenskies Solar Ryan Lineares

**Video Taping:** N. Mastrocinque and A. Mace

**CALL TO ORDER:** First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to re-order the Agenda to move BoE Presentation to later in the meeting.

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

S. Randall: shared concern over New Fairfield's decision to support the use of copper algacides to reduce milfoil in Candlewood Lake. Mr. Randall stated the carp program was just introduced last year and will be successful, but it will take time. Mr. Randall requested the BoS voice these concerns to New Fairfield.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

M. O'Connor: requesting consideration of the BoS to be appointed to serve as a Sherman Delegate to the Candlewood Lake Authority.

Truck Drivers Helpers Local Union No. 677, Secretary J. Capobianco- Notice of current contract expiring June 30, 2017 and desire to negotiate new contracts.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Approval of Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2016:**

Selectman D. Lowe Moved to Approve of the minutes from Regular Monthly Meeting of December 15, 2016 as written.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

**Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2016:**

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Approve of the minutes from Special Meeting of December 15, 2016 as written.

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

**Tax Refunds:**

Selectman B. Ostrosky Moved to Approve Refund of property taxes in the amount of \$ 643.08.

Seconded by: C. Cope

Vote: For: Unanimous

**Monthly Financial Summary Review:**

The BoS discussed the monthly summary and noted Building Maintenance, Land Use Attorney Fees, and Land Use Publication of Legal Notices where the expenditures are tracking higher than anticipated. Business Administrator L. LaVia was present for discussion. Discussion followed regarding repairs needed at the Senior Center. Discussion also took place clarifying why only 27% of the Public Safety line has been utilized. Mrs. LaVia stated the State Trooper's salary comes from that line and typically comes due at the end of June.

**Financial Controls:**

Selectman B. Ostrosky stated a new mileage log has been implemented. First Selectman C. Cope stated he has set up a meeting with Public Works Superintendent D. Borkowski to go over the Asset Listing to itemize obsolete equipment that can be sold off.

**Appointments:**

**Candlewood Lake Authority**

Discussion followed, Selectman D. Lowe stated he disagreed with the re-appointment of Mr. Linkletter. Selectman Low stated he would like to further review the interest shown by Mr. O'Connor.

**First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Re-appoint** George Linkletter to serve as a Sherman delegate on the Candlewood Lake Authority.

**Seconded By:** D. Lowe                      **Vote: For: 2 / Against: 1 (Lowe)**

**2010 Senior Van Sale Offer:**

**First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Approve** an offer to purchase the 2010 Ford fourteen passenger bus from Henry Showah for the amount of \$ 5,500.00.

**Seconded By:** D. Lowe                      **Vote: For: Unanimous**

**Sand Bid:**

**First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Award** the Screened Sand for Winter Road Use Bid to Harlem Valley Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$ 17.45 per ton delivered and \$ 11.95 per ton picked up.

**Seconded By:** D. Lowe                      **Vote: For: Unanimous**

**Tennis Court Bid Opening:**

First Selectman C. Cope stated there were four packages received. Town Engineer T. Iadorola was also present. Previously at aTown Meeting, \$ 135,000.00 was approved to fund improvements to the Town Tennis Courts. Below are the bidding companies and the bid amount:

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| 1. | Hinding Tennis LLC        | 24 Spring St, West Haven, CT 06516      | \$208,500.00 |
| 2. | Sport Tech Construction   | 410 NY-22, Brewster, NY 10509           | \$245,000.00 |
| 3. | RS Site and Sports        | 56 Mountain Rd, Seymour, CT 06483       | \$190,275.00 |
| 4. | Classic Turf Company, LLC | 437 Sherman Hill Rd, Woodbury, CT 06798 | \$195,000.00 |

**BoE Presentation:**

BoE Chair, R. Hanley provided the BoS with a presentation of the K-Wing Advisory Committee which was formed two years ago to investigate concerns regarding the K-Wing air quality and make recommendations moving forward to safely serve the needs of the school, staff, and students. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Hanley stated that this Committee is ready to make the recommendation to fully gut the K-Wing as was intended in the 2001 renovations. The BoE would like to work with the Town Engineer to determine the future use of the K-Wing by seeking the opinion of a professional space planning consultant. The desired timeline to begin this renovation would be during the Summer of 2018, provided it is supported and approved at a Town Meeting in the future.

**INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Progress report on Town Projects:**

**Water issue regarding elevated sodium content:**

First Selectman C. Cope stated the Town will continue to test and monitor the sodium levels at the sites that have been showing high levels of sodium.

**Housing Commission Report:**

First Selectman C. Cope met with the Housing Commission this past Monday and the recommendation from the Commission was to request the Planning and Zoning Commission consider the possibility of introducing variable density housing Regulations. Selectman B. Ostrosky stated he would like to invite Tax Assessor A. Garzi to the February meeting to discuss a proposed Tax abatement.

**Happy Acres Farm Report:**

First Selectman C. Cope received a herd inventory report dated January 11, 2017 showing one cow was processed January 5, 2017, bringing the total head count to 48.

**Residents for Reliable Cell Service in Sherman:**

First Selectman C. Cope reported he met with Sharon's First Selectman Jessica Fowler and they have agreed to approach WestCOG to hopefully combine efforts with the 21 member Towns to regionally improve cell service. G. Maletz reported her husband just contacted her from the New Fairfield Board of Selectman's Meeting where they approved a 5 year lease with possible extensions for a communications tower to be located in Patterson NY. This should help boost emergency communications in that area. Mrs. Matetz stated she had nothing new to report from Homeland Towers regarding lease agreements with Sherman property owners.

**Communications and Website:**

Selectman Ostrosky stated Nixle will go live next week. A person can sign up by texting Sherman's zip code "06784" to 888-777 this will sign the subscriber up to receive Emergency notices, such as school closings, or alerts to road closures via text or email. It will also allow the subscriber to be notified when agendas for specific Boards or Commissions are filed as well as notices for Town Meetings. There will be a widget on the Town's website alerting residents of any news coming from Nixle where a resident can sign up by clicking on the "Sign Up" button and following the instructions from there. Both C. Cope and D. Lowe thanked B. Ostrosky for all of the research that went into determining this program's fit with the Town's needs

**Solar Power for Town owned buildings:**

Ryan Lineares from Greenskies Solar presented the BoS with a report showing sample s of existing arrays that are mounted in Connecticut on Businesses as well as schools. There is a mock up of a projected array layout on the Sherman school and the Fire House with projected savings per building. There would be no cost to the Town for roof mounted arrays and the projected savings could be as high as 70% to 75% for the entire electric bill for the school. First Selectman Cope stated he will share this information with the School Superintendent. Mr. Lineares stated should the equipment become obsolete at any point it would be the responsibility of Greenskies to remove or replace any or all of the materials.

**Septic Walkover Program Discussion:**

Selectman Ostrosky and Selectman Lowe led the discussion. Selectman Ostrosky stated he met with the Health Department Clerk, T. Viola to discuss what the Administrative duties would be associated with the implementation of the program. The duties would include recording, storing, and scanning paperwork. Selectman Lowe reported meeting with the Health Director T. Simpkins, who stated there may be additional costs associated, but the \$5,000.00 per year range was a base number. The Selectmen agreed at a previous meeting if the program proves to be unnecessary it may be discontinued. Selectman Ostrosky stated he hoped to get a closer number by the time the Budget discussions begin.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The BoS agreed to put the proposed Dog Ordinance as an action item for the next Town Meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A. Blake- thanked Selectman Lowe for orchestrating the filming of these Selectman's Meetings to be aired on Cablevision. Additionally Mrs. Blake requested the information emailed to her discussed at last month's meeting from Atlantic State Water's M. Cohen. Mrs. Blake asked if there would be an Ad Hoc Committee formed regarding the Sodium, and if so she stated she would be interested in joining. Mrs. Blake asked if the First Selectman had requested the owner of the Town Center use different products to treat the surfaces for ice and snow. Mrs. Blake also asked for the procedure regarding appointments to Boards and Commissions.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Selectman B. Ostrosky Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:49pm**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Christine Branson, Board Clerk**  
**February 2, 2017**