



**Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 23, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Mallory Town Hall**

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

Members Absent: None

Audience & Invited: Treasurer E. Holub, K. Gubner, A. Bake, S. Randall, R. Lenihan, S. Maletz, F. Frattini, K. Cushney, and D. Clark

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 7:07 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

S. Randall: informed the BoS that a petition has been started to challenge New Fairfield's decision to support the use of copper algacides to reduce milfoil in Candlewood Lake. Currently there are over 2,300 signatures on the petition. Mr. Randall is asking the BoS to support the CLA's efforts to reduce milfoil and allow the carp program to be successful.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Vlangas: requesting the BoS support "Operation Wear Red" for the week of February 27th through March 5th, 2017 to show support for Julia's Wings Foundation, established in honor of Julia Malson who passed away from complications of aplastic anemia. The foundation offers support to families with children or family members receiving treatment for aplastic anemia.

E. Rosof: in response to the planned chip sealing of Chapel Hill Road. Mr. Rosof reminded the BoS that the road is a designated scenic road and did not want any widening or straightening of the roadway. Additionally Mr. Rosof recommended installing speed bumps to inhibit excessive travel speeds.

R. Wozniak, V. Reinhold, S. Wozniak, J. Wozniak- Brown: Notice of Hazard, regarding the notice to chip seal Chapel Hill Road. The letter states that the culvert that goes under the road is inadequate and is not equipped to redirect the water flow properly. Additionally the letter states that adjacent properties on Autumn Drive have their driveways pitched toward them and have underground pipes that direct excess water toward the Wozniak/ Reinhold/Wozniak-Brown properties. They request that with the installation of oil and pebble sealing this spring, the Town correct the drainage issue by adding another culvert.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2017:

Approval was tabled until the March Meeting.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2017:

Selectman B Ostrosky Moved to Approve of the minutes from Special Meeting of February 13, 2017 as amended .

Seconded by: C. Cope

Vote: For: Unanimous

Tax Refunds:

Selectman B. Ostrosky Moved to Approve Refund of property and motor vehicle taxes in the amount of \$ 804.45.

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

Reappointments:

Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Commission:

Selectman D. Lowe Moved to reappoint David Schneider, a full Commissioner, to serve a four year term expiring January 1, 2021 and Robert Putnam, a full Commissioner, Vice Chair, to serve a four year term expiring January 1, 2021.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

Housing Commission:

Selectman D. Lowe Moved to reappoint Donna Tuck, a full Commissioner, to serve a one year term expiring January 1, 2018 and Bruce Hoag, full Commissioner, Chairman, to serve a two year term expiring January 1, 2019.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

Conservation Commission:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to reappoint Bill McCann, full Commissioner, Chairman to serve a three year term expiring January 1, 2020 and Colette Shulman, full Commissioner to serve a three year term expiring January 1, 2020.

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

Monthly Financial Summary Review:

The BoS discussed the monthly summary and noted Public Works' truck repairs/ maintenance/ parts line were tracking higher than anticipated.

Financial Controls:

Selectman B. Ostrosky reported he plans to met with Business Administrator L. LaVia to discuss improvements on processing invoices.

Appointments:

None

Adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan:

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION
TOWN OF SHERMAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWN OF SHERMAN HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE, 2017

WHEREAS, the Town of Sherman has historically experienced severe damage from natural hazards and it continues to be vulnerable to the effects of those natural hazards profiled in the plan (e.g. *flooding, high wind, thunderstorms, winter storms, earthquakes, dam failure, and wildfires*), resulting in loss of property and life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Sherman Board of Selectmen approved the previous version of the Plan in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sherman has developed and received conditional approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for its Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2017 under the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, committee meetings were held and public input was sought in 2015 and 2016 regarding the development and review of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Plan specifically addresses hazard mitigation strategies and Plan maintenance procedure for the Town of Sherman; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends several hazard mitigation actions/projects that will provide mitigation for specific natural hazards that impact the Town of Sherman, with the effect of protecting people and property from loss associated with those hazards; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will make the Town of Sherman eligible for funding to alleviate the impacts of future hazards; now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen:

1. The Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Town of Sherman;
2. The respective officials identified in the mitigation strategy of the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended actions assigned to them;
3. Future revisions and Plan maintenance required by 44 CFR 201.6 and FEMA are hereby adopted as a part of this resolution for a period of five (5) years from the date of this resolution.
4. An annual report on the progress of the implementation elements of the Plan shall be presented to the Town Council.

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Adopt the Town of Sherman Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2017 as written.

Seconded By: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

2014 Stainless Steel sander purchase offer:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Accept an offer to purchase the 2014 VRL120S Stainless Steel Sander from Kevin Starchak of S&S Asphalt Paving, Inc. for the amount of \$ 2,000.00.

Seconded By: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Progress report on Town Projects:

Water issue regarding elevated sodium content:

First Selectman C. Cope stated he met with Town Director of Health T. Simpkins and M. Cohen. Mr. Cope has received a report from Gary Robbins from UCONN. The next step will be to form an ad hoc committee for implementation of a plan of action. Mr. Cope is hopeful that the following will be willing to be part of the Committee: T. Simpkins, Director of Health; M. Cohen, of Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association; Gary Robbins, of UCONN; C. Cope, First Selectman; T. Iadorola, Town Engineer; and D. Borkowski, DPW Supervisor and when available P. Bisacky, Environmental Analyst 3 Drinking Water Section Source Assessment and Protection Unit, CT Department of Public Health. There is a telephone meeting planned for Friday, March 3rd in the Office of the First Selectman.

Fox Run Detention Basin:

First Selectman C. Cope read into record a letter from Grants & Contracts Specialist, Laurie Valente of CT DEEP stating the contract amendment for the Fox Run Detention Basin has been completed, the letter had a signed original copy attached. The contract is in the amount of \$ 48,542.50 and extends the duration of the contract through December 31, 2018. The BoS briefly discussed getting a bid request ready.

Housing Commission Report:

No report was submitted.

Happy Acres Farm Report:

First Selectman C. Cope read an email into record from John Motzinger, announcing the addition of two barn cats to their farm "family". They are also expecting a handful of baby goats soon. Attached to the email was a herd report dated February 2nd, 2017 with the total head count of 48.

Residents for Reliable Cell Service in Sherman:

First Selectman C. Cope read into record an email from G. Maletz stating no new movement from Homeland Towers. From the audience, S. Maletz stated an email was sent to R. Vergatti with no response to date. The BoS briefly discussed the funding in the Capital Plan earmarked for Radio and Telecommunications Improvements.

Communications and Website:

Selectman Ostrosky continues to encourage residents to sign up with the Town wide alert system Nixle. One 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. There is a widget on the Town's website alerting residents of any news coming from Nixle and a resident can sign up by clicking on the "Sign Up" button and following the instructions from there. Mr. Ostrosky plans to meet with various Departments to go over specific abilities and needs. Mr. Ostrosky stated he would like to review current security procedures in place with the IT company.

Septic Walkover Program Discussion:

Selectman Ostrosky stated he still needed more input from Health Director T. Simpkins and the Health Department Clerk, T. Viola. Selectman D. Lowe stated he met with Health Director T. Simpkins and was given a base number approximately ranging around \$5,000.00 annually. There would be the option to discontinue the program if it is determined to be unsuccessful.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Selectman D. Lowe requested adding to the next months Agenda a discussion regarding CLA Delegates.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. Blake- requested the names of the potential ad hock committee members regarding the high sodium levels in the drinking water. Additionally Ms. Blake requested information regarding the Truck Repairs/ Maintenance Budget Line overage. Ms. Blake requested the status of the bathrooms at Veterans Field.

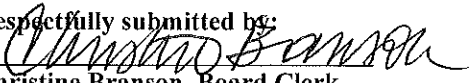
R. Lenihan- requested how often the tennis courts will require resurfacing.

G. Romano- encourages the BoS to take a stance against using chemical herbicides in Candlewood Lake.

ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman B. Ostrosky Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:49pm

Respectfully submitted by:


Christine Branson, Board Clerk
March 2, 2017