



**Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 28, 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, Sherman Fire Chief J. Reilly, Business Manager L. LaVia, Fire Marshal S.B. A. Larson, Town Tribune A. DiDomenico, TJ Fazzone, G. Linkletter, S. Maletz, K. Keenan, A. Blake, A. Chiaramonte, C. McDermott, and G. Maletz

Also: C. Branson, Board Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman C. Cope Called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:05 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

S. Maletz: asked if the T-Mobile Lease Agreement for 2 Taber Road will be included in the Town Meeting.

C. Cope: stated the BoS unanimously agreed at the just previous Special Meeting and will bring a Motion to Approve the Lease Agreement at 2 Taber Road to the Town Meeting on October 21, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE:

HVCASA: Notice of a Community Awareness Program on October 28th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Bethel Methodist Church, 141 Greenwood Avenue in Bethel CT.

CT State Senator, M. McLachlan: shared a letter to State Representative E. Esty in reference to concerns regarding the Cricket Valley Energy Power Plant in Dover, NY.

G. Linkletter, on behalf of the Board of Assessment Appeals: informing the BoS the Board met on September 16th. The members; S. McMahon, A. Chiaramonte, and G. Linkletter unanimously elected temporary Chair and Secretary for the meeting. The next meeting will be in March 2018. No residents were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A. Approval of Minutes: May 25, 2017

Selectman B. Ostrosky Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting May 25, 2017 as amended.

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

Approval of Minutes: June 22, 2017

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting June 22, 2017 as amended.

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

Approval of Minutes: July 27, 2017

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting July 27, 2017 as amended.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

Approval of Minutes: August 24, 2017

Approval of these Minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

B. Tax Refunds:

Selectman D. Lowe Moved to Approve Refund of property taxes in the amount of \$ 5,965.49 and a refund of \$ 500.00 in motor vehicle taxes.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

C. Monthly Financial Summary Review:

The BoS discussed the monthly summary and agreed it was tracking at 26%.

D. Town Engineer Appointment:

First Selectman C. Cope read a letter of recommendation into record from New Fairfield First Selectman S. Chapman in reference to the Town of Sherman's Town Engineer position. She recommends Tony Iadarola for the position, stating he has worked for New Fairfield for the past eighteen years. Also included was Mr. Iadarola's resume showing over twenty years of credentials and work history.

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Approve the formal appointment of Tony Iadarola to the position of Sherman Town Engineer.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

E. EMPG Grant Resolution:

Selectman B. Ostrosky Moved to grant First Selectman C. Cope the authority to act on behalf of the Board of Selectman to enter into and sign the EMPG resolution grant agreement of a Town match cap of \$5,000.00.

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

F. Town Meeting Warning for October 21, 2017:

Selectman B. Ostrosky Moved to take the following items to be acted upon at a Town Meeting for Saturday, October 21st, 2017 at 10:00 am to be held at the Charter Hall in the Emergency Services Facility:

1. To receive and act upon the Annual Report of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, Tax Collector, and any other officer or organization having to report to offer;
2. To authorize a transfer in the amount of \$750,000.00 from the General Fund Balance to the Capital Non-Recurring Account;
3. To authorize the Town of Sherman to enter into a lease agreement with T-Mobile Northeast LLC at 2 Taber Road for hosting telecommunications equipment;
4. To authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$35,000.00 from the Capital Non Recurring for repairs to the Fox Run Detention Basin.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

G. Appointments: Parks & Recreation Commission:

First Selectman C. Cope read email correspondence from Parks and Recreation Chair, F. Frattini recommending T.J. Fazzone as a new candidate for Commissioner to serve on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Appoint T.J. Fazzone to serve on the Park & Recreation Commission for a two year term expiring January 1, 2019.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

H. Appointments: Tax Deferment Program Committee:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Appoint the following members to the Tax Deferment Committee to serve for a 60 (sixty) day term from this date of appointment September 28, 2017 to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen: Bruce Hoag (Housing Commission Chair), Eric Holub (Town Treasurer), James Philipakos (Senior Loan Officer, FlagStar Bank), Bernadette Schopfer (Partner, Maier Markey & Justic, LLP, CPA, Director of Taxation) and Donna Tuck (Housing Commission Member)

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

A. Progress Report on Town Projects:

i. Water Issue Regarding Elevated Sodium:

First Selectman C. Cope received correspondence from T. Simpkins of the Health Director; water sampling to determine levels of sodium chloride in the drinking water wells in the Town Center was conducted August 18th and August 19th 2017. The next scheduled sampling will be on November 17 or 18th, 2017. The BoS additionally discussed a proposal from UCONN to conduct a study in relation to the salt contamination. The proposal included a proposed budget request in the amount of \$ 57, 159.00. The BoS still had several questions which they would like to discuss further with Mr. Robbins. The Board will place this item on the agenda for the October Meeting for further discussion.

ii. Fox Run Detention Basin:

First Selectman Cope stated three bids were received, however it was determined they would be unable to award the bid at this meeting.

iii. Parks & Recreation Projects:

First Selectman C. Cope stated he put this item on the Agenda in hopes P&R would provide quotes for the Veteran's Field bathroom remodel, no correspondence was submitted.

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to add item iv. Exterior Painting of Old Town Hall to the Agenda.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

iv. Exterior Painting of Old Town Hall:

First Selectman C. Cope reported the painting is expected to be completed tomorrow.

B. Tax Deferral Program Report:

First Selectman C. Cope stated he will keep this item on the Agenda as a place holder for the next sixty days.

C. Happy Acres Farm Report:

First Selectman C. Cope read email correspondence received from Full Circle Farming, LLC J. Motsinger, reporting a chili cook off scheduled for October 1st beginning at 12pm. The following Sunday October 8th HAF is hosting the Friends of Happy Acres 5k and 10k “Run for the Farm”, proceeds will go toward supporting a summer internship program for 2018. In partnership with the Fire Marshal, there will be an “Open Burn” demonstration on October 21st beginning at 6:30 pm. Also submitted was a monthly herd count report, dated September 4, 2017 with the total number at 51.

D. Cell Service:

First Selectman C. Cope reported Verizon plans installation set for mid- October for the Tower Hill Site. Additionally Mr. Cope reported he met with members of the NWCONNECT group last week to be updated on the broadband progress. Their goal is to continue to reach out to communities for support of the new technology. Selectman D. Lowe handed out a proposal to form an ad hoc advisory committee Selectman B. Ostrosky read the proposal into record. The BoS discussed the proposal, and agreed it is a good idea. First Selectman Cope stated he will place the item on the agenda next month for further discussion.

E. SVFD Radio Communications:

First Selectman Cope reported SVFD continue to pursue lease negotiations with New Fairfield and East Mountain. Email correspondence was received from Sherman Fire Captain Chris Fuchs with quotes from A1 Communications in reference to the proposed radio communications system and equipment. First Selectman Cope thanked Mr. Fuchs for his diligence in expediting this project.

F. Website & Digital Communications:

Selectman B. Ostrosky reported NIXEL is now set up to send social calendar notifications in addition to Town notices and emergency alerts to the residents of Sherman. Mr. Ostrosky reported the new Town website is anticipated to go live next week. If anyone would like to submit photos of local scenery (without people) for the website please direct them to the First Selectman’s office.

G. DOT Paving Project on Route 37:

First Selectman Cope reported the road striping is complete, signs have been replaced and the repair to the sidewalk are complete, this project can be closed out.

H. Lake Noise Ordinance Draft:

First Selectman Cope reported the draft is currently being reviewed by DEEP Commissioner’s Counsel.

I. Cozier Hill Paving Project:

First Selectman Cope reported construction is set to begin on October 10th, 2017.

J. LoTCIP Update:

First Selectman Cope reported the DPW Supervisor D. Borkowski and he met with the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of the WCCOG. TAG voted unanimously to recommend that the COG make the proposed LoTCIP cost adjustments for the paving of Wakeman Hill Road in the amount \$750,000.00. First Selectman Cope stated he will have more to report following the COG's October meeting on the 5th.

OTHER BUSINESS; Suggestions by Selectman for Future Agenda:

Selectman D. Lowe- reported he visited with the SVFD and was told the BoS was discussing the funding of a fob keyless entry system.

First Selectman Cope stated he will add that to next month's agenda for further discussion.

Selectman D. Lowe asked if the Cricket Valley Energy Plant could be added to the Agenda also.

First Selectman Cope stated he is aware of concerns from residents regarding the Cricket Valley Energy Plant, this plan was approved in NY State in 2009 and does not believe this to be an actionable item, but will add it to the agenda for October.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Blake, A. – requesting id the Board of Education meetings will be included with the Town Notices sent out by NIXEL.

Selectman Ostrosky- stated he is waiting to hear back from the BoE.

Blake, A.- requesting information regarding the Town Engineer; where on the annual budget does this line item appear?

Selectman Ostrosky- stated that the fees for the Town Engineer are included in each project cost. He understands for the purpose of transparency it may help if the costs for engineering be listed out moving forward.

First Selectman Cope- stated that there is a placeholder in the budget in a general amount for planning purposes.

Selectman Ostrosky- stated it might be helpful if the Town Project status were published on the new Town website.

Reilly, J.- requesting the quote amount for the docks to be replaced as well as the cost of disposal.

First Selectman Cope- stated he anticipates this item will be moved to a future Town Meeting.

Maletz, S- asking about the Town Equipment will be installed at Tower Hill, when will it begin broadcasting?

First Selectman Cope- stated he anticipates live broadcasting by the end of the year.

Maletz, G- asking the BoS reinforce when the installation of Sherman equipment at Tower Hill that the equipment is in the highest position.

Keenan, K.- asked in reference to the Fox Run Detention Basin, earlier in the meeting it was stated that three bids were received, was the engineering also worked into the cost?

First Selectman Cope- stated the Fox Run cost is one of the items to be voted on at the Town Meeting set for October 21st. If that amount is approved, the BoS will award the best suited bid at a Special Meeting. The chosen contractor could begin construction in early spring.

Larson, S.B.A.- reminding the BoS about the previous Fire Marshal budget request submitted.

ADJOURNMENT:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Christine Branson, Board Clerk
October 23, 2017**