



**Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 25, 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. Holeb, G. Linkletter, T. Hahn, and P. Shaer

Also: C. Branson, Board Clerk and (videotaping) N. Mastrocinique

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 7:02 pm

CORRESPONDENCE:

CLA- Announcement of Patrol Boat Launch Friday May 26th at 11:30 am.

Attorney Andrew Callick Air B & B Policy Director- in reference to consideration of developing Regulations or an Ordinance for a community like Sherman.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

P. Shaer CLA- alerting the BoS she feels there is a conflict of interest between Mr. Linkletter (Sherman delegate) and Mr. Hodge (New Fairfield delegate) and asks the BoS to mediate.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Monthly Meeting of April 27, 2017

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

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

Tax Refunds:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Approve Refund of taxes in the amount of \$ 105.01

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

Monthly Financial Summary Review:

The BoS discussed the monthly summary and noted expenditures are tracking where they are expected to be.

Financial Controls:

Selectman B. Ostrosky stated he shared a draft of the "Local Government Management Guide" with the BoS. This guide is to track and protect Town assets such as Public Works inventory. The auditor recommended listing items valued at \$1,000.00 and higher. This inventory will also allow better knowledge of items that are in need of repair and replacement. Selectman Ostrosky will share the draft copy with Liz LaVia, Business Administrator and D. Borkowsky Director of Public Works.

Appointments:

Inlands, Wetlands and Watercourses Commission:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to appoint Lorinda Buffamante to serve as an Alternate for a two year term on the Inlands, Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, set to expire January 1, 2019.

Seconded By: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Progress report on Town Projects:

Water issue regarding elevated sodium content:

First Selectman C. Cope reported he is waiting on test results from Gary Robbins of UCONN. There will be a conference call tomorrow at 1:00 pm with Marc Cohen and Health Director Tim Simpkins to go over the latest test results.

Fox Run Detention Basin:

First Selectman C. Cope stated the Town Engineer has evaluated the existing pipe structure. The system is being redesigned by Arthur H. Howland & Assoc and then reviewed by the Town Engineer.

Tennis Courts at Veterans Field:

First Selectman C. Cope reported the compaction test is complete. The tension and post system is being installed and they anticipate on pouring the pad next week, weather permitting.

Housing Commission Report:

First Selectman C. Cope read into record an email from Chairman B. Hoag with an update; the Commission plans to schedule a visit to the Bernhardt Meadows in Roxbury. The Commission requests that the BoS apply for a planning grant from the HOME Connecticut Program to help determine the best housing options and determine a location. The Commission has reviewed the draft of the Tax Deferment for the Elderly and supports the new proposed program. The Commission sent an outline of recommended changes to the Housing Commission Ordinance.

Happy Acres Farm Report:

First Selectman C. Cope received an email from J. Motsinger announcing the cows are out in the pastures and the baby goats are almost weaned. They are concentrating their energies into gearing up for the Sunday Market beginning in June. They have several vendors lined up as well as fun activities. The Market will be open on Sundays from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Attached to the email was a herd inventory showing a total of 47.

Solar Power Initiative:

J. Motsinger of Full Circle Farming, LLC met with Pure Point Energy in reference to implementing solar panels on the South facing barns to place 57 solar panels. Mr. Motsinger requested the BoS have someone come to analyze the integrity of the barn roofs. Mr. Motsinger requested the approval of the BoS to move forward with the preliminary planning of this project. The BoS requested Mr. Motsinger send an email explaining details for review.

Residents for Reliable Cell Service in Sherman:

Terry Hahn spoke on behalf of the group, reporting positive news regarding the tower at Tower Hill. Verizon has been progressing nicely, the construction drawings have been signed off and have been approved, also they have secured an additional carrier to co-locate. This new tower will improve coverage throughout Route 37 but will not improve coverage along Route 39.

Technology & Communications:

Selectman Ostrosky reported that he met with K. Rettor and First Selectman C. Cope to review the design of the website. They have agreed to change the color of the NIXLE widget. An additional meeting with the designer is needed.

DoT paving project on Route 37 status:

First Selectman C. Cope reported that DOT has been currently working on improving the rock outcroppings and are on schedule to begin paving soon.

Memorial Day Parade Committee report:

First Selectman C. Cope announced that the Selectmen plan to meet at Judd's corner at 12:00pm. Step off will be at 1:00pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Selectman D. Lowe: Stated he has been asking for the past three meetings a separate meeting with CLA and delegates to learn more regarding the indicated differences between delegates in hopes to work things out in a friendly way.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

P. Schaer: thanked Selectman Lowe for taking initiative regarding the delegates of the CLA.

E. Holub: cautioned the BoS against meeting with the CLA delegates without the other 5 Town's leaders involved.

ADJOURNMENT:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Christine Branson, Board Clerk
June 2, 2017