



**Town of Sherman  
Board of Selectman  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
June 22, 2017  
7:00 p.m.  
Mallory Town Hall**

**DRAFT**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Audience & Invited:** Business Administrator L. LaVia, G. Linkletter, R. Barnes, A. Blake, and S. Maletz

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

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

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Amend the Agenda to add under Administrative, Section F: Docks and Painting at Old Town Hall

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

**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:**

S. Maletz: requesting the status of the latest water testing.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Candlewood Lake Authority:** Monthly Minutes

State of **Connecticut Department of Transportation:** Notice of a Pre Construction Conference regarding Route 37 scheduled for June 22, 2017 at 10:00 am.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Regular Monthly Meeting of May 25, 2017**

Tabled

**Tax Refunds:**

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Approve Refund of taxes in the amount of \$ 1,157.40

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

**Monthly Financial Summary Review:**

The BoS discussed the up-coming closing of the fiscal year 2016-17. A few items that have tracked high were discussed. Business Administrator L. LaVia pointed out there was an anticipated \$80,000.00 in residual bills that have yet to come through.

**Financial Controls:**

Selectman B. Ostrosky discussed the recommendation of the Auditor to rebalance in the budget where there are surpluses and overages. Business Administrator L. LaVia stated that has not been the practice over the past few years. First Selectman Cope stated the Auditor had made the recommendation today.

**Town Meeting Agenda:**

The BoS discussed scheduling the date for the next Town Meeting to July 15, 2017 at 10am.  
The BoS discussed the following amendments to the items on the Agenda:

1. To authorize an expenditure from Capital Non-Recurring Funds of \$9775.07 for truck repair, as requested by the Sherman Volunteer Fire Department;
2. To authorize an expenditure from Capital Non-Recurring Funds of \$52,000 for the purchase of a new vehicle, as requested by the Sherman Volunteer Fire Department;
3. To authorize an appropriation from Happy Acres Operating fund the amount of \$20,000 funded from the accumulated cell tower revenue and farm rental income from Happy Acres Farm for the fiscal year of 7/1/2017 through 6/30/18
4. To authorize an expenditure of \$1,551.16 from Happy Acres Operating fund for repairs to pipes, silage loader, and manure spreader at Happy Acres Farm at 2 Taber Road
5. To authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$8,400 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund for the replacement of 350 linear feet of chain link fence at the basketball courts at Veterans Field, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Commission;
6. To authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$43,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund for the replacement of 5 docks at the Town beach, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Commission;
7. To authorize and expenditure from Capital Non-Recurring Funds not to exceed \$10,000 to paint the exterior of Old Town Hall (the Senior Center)

**INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Progress report on Town Projects:**

**Water issue regarding elevated sodium content:**

First Selectman C. Cope reported there is a conference call scheduled for tomorrow with Marc Cohen and Health Director Tim Simpkins to go over the new recommended practices of snow removal and limited use of chemicals to treat ice.

**Fox Run Detention Basin:**

First Selectman C. Cope stated he is meeting tomorrow with the Town Engineer and anticipates to have a plan by the end of the next week.

**Tennis Courts at Veterans Field:**

First Selectman C. Cope reported the progress on the renovations of the tennis courts. This past week painting was completed, the nets were installed and fencing was placed along the edges of the courts. The project is on schedule and under budget.

**Housing Commission Report:**

First Selectman C. Cope reported the Commission a visited Bernhardt Meadows in Roxbury. The BoS discussed the Commissions' recommendation for approval of the Tax Deferral for the Elderly and agreed to put on the Agenda in the future but would first like input from the public.

**Happy Acres Farm Report:**

First Selectman C. Cope received an email from J. Motsinger announcing the red cows have been added to the herd. They are gearing up for the Sunday Farmers Market for the summer, and hoping the community will come out in support. First Selectman Cope stated the barn repairs have been completed by Hudson Valley Preservation.

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

First Selectman Cope reported New Fairfield has Verizon and is working on an agreement with T-Mobile to co-locate. Mr. Cope stated if the frequency works for Sherman at that site a reciprocal contract will need to be worked out with New Fairfield. Also Mr. Cope stated he has been in contact with NWCONNECT working out details for a shared grant application with WECOG and Regional District in July. Gale Maletz spoke on behalf of the Residents for Reliable Cell Service in Sherman, requesting details regarding a co-location at Happy Acres Farm. First Selectman Cope stated he is optimistic about having another tenant carrier.

**Website and Digital Communications:**

First Selectman Cope stated they have reviewed the first and second drafts of the framework of the new Town website. They are anticipating a presentation in July. A new category will be added for Nixel for events.

**DoT paving project on Route 37 status:**

First Selectman C. Cope reported that he attended the meeting with DOT. The dates to begin milling on Route 37 will be July 6 and 7th, paving will take place July 20 and 21st along Route 37.

**Special Constable:**

First Selectman C. Cope introduced Ron Barnard who is a retired State Trooper Sargent of the Western Truck District. Mr. Barnard now is a Special Constable Marine Patrol in Salisbury CT. Mr. Barnard works per diem for Towns offering water patrol/ enforcement. Mr. Barnard has offered his services to the Town to help enforce safety and noise on the Lake as well as issue violations regarding leash use and clean up regarding dogs. The BoS stated they have been working on Ordinances to address these issues and would need to discuss further details.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Selectman D. Lowe:** requested the Fire Marshal salary be added to next month's agenda for discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**G. Maletz:** requested information regarding where the video of these meetings can be viewed. New Fairfield has a link on their Town website with their meetings and asked if that might be something the BoS might consider with the new website.

**Selectman D. Lowe:** stated they are submitted to channel 21, and suggested calling to see if there is a schedule.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:54pm**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Christine Branson, Board Clerk**

**June 29, 2017**