

Town of Sherman
Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
26 January 2019
12:15 PM
Mallory Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Don Lowe, Selectman Kevin Keenan, Selectman Bob Ostrosky

AUDIENCE AND INVITED: Eric Holub Treasurer and an audience of approximately 35

CLERK: Liz LaVia

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Lowe called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

D. Lowe made a motion for an executive session to discuss agenda Item “to discuss claims related to Happy Acres lease” **B. Ostrosky seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

D. Lowe made a Motion to invite Treasurer Eric Holub into executive session to speak to any financial related items. **Bob Ostrosky seconded. All were in favor.**

Selectmen and Treasurer entered into executive session at 12:19PM. Exec session ended at 1:02 PM.

D Lowe made a Motion to reconvene BOS meeting at 1:02 PM. **Bob Ostrosky seconded the motion, all were in favor.**

DISCUSSION:

D Lowe remarked that two topics were discussed:

1.) He learned from a neighbor in January of 2019 that a broken Happy Acres Farm Tractor, a town asset, was abandoned in a lot on Quaker Ridge in October of 2018. When learning of this, the town took steps to secure and repair the tractor once learning that it had been abandoned. The costs of the relocation, parts and repair of the tractor were just under \$1,000. **A motion was made by Bob Ostrosky** to pay these bills up to \$1,000 from Happy Acres Farm’s operating account on a one time basis, noting that equipment repair expenses up to \$3,000 were the responsibility of the tenants, not the town. The town would however, pay this in good faith... **Kevin Keenan seconded the motion, all were in favor,** and:

2.) The selectmen and Treasurer reviewed the terms of the Happy Acres Farm Lease with respect to responsible parties.

Don Lowe made a motion to confer with town counsel over those aspects of lease. **Bob Ostrosky seconded, all were in favor**

Don Lowe made a motion to adjourn at 1:06 PM with no public comment, noting that there was no specific topic from the agenda to comment on. Audience member Justin Molito made a comment that the board had no right to pay those bills without public discussion and Bob Ostrosky reminded him that the funds were previously voted on, stating that the BOS has the right to pay operating expenses from the operating account.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:08

Respectfully submitted,

Liz LaVia

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