
STC Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2018

Call to order

A meeting of the Sherman Telecommunications Committee was held at Mallory Town Hall on May 4, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

Attendees included First Selectman Don Lowe [DL], Gail Maletz [GM], Steve Maletz [SM], Terri Hahn [TH], Zoe Sochor [ZS] and Al Zeisler [AZ].

All members were in attendance.

Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2018 STC meeting was made by DL and seconded by SM. Unanimously approved as distributed.

Correspondence/Public Comment

- GM sent an email to various public contacts of the Sherman Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD), inviting them to attend a meeting of the STC. Did not hear back from anyone. No further action.

- TH commented that New Fairfield receives over 350,000 in income from their cell tower leases; she will continue an effort to gather the same kind of information from other surrounding towns.

- DL commented that Sherman will receive 50,000 in income from the two carriers located at Happy Acres, which can easily increase, he says.

Old Business

- A. **Status of T-Mobile lease at Happy Acres Farm:** DL reported that an addendum to the current draft lease with TMobile is in the approval process. Once Sherman Town and TMobile approve, then it will go to the Happy Acre farmers to approve.
 - o **Action:** DL to ask TMobile for status.

- B. **Status of Sherman's emergency equipment installation lease at Tower Hill:** DL reported that Sherman is currently in negotiation with the town of New Fairfield. DL and Chris Fuchs, who heads Sherman's emergency equipment effort, will meet with New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Delmonico on May 16.

- C. **Status of communication with New Fairfield personnel regarding requesting updated coverage assessment map from CT Siting Council:**
 - **Action:** DL to do in light of TMobile and Verizon having gone live at Tower Hill in Patterson, NY.

- D. **Report on request for representative of SVFD to attend STC Meeting:** GM reported on her email correspondence with the SVFD. See above item in correspondence/public comment. No further action.

- E. **Update on carriers' future plans for Sherman:** With a TMobile lease for co-location at Happy Acres Farm, Sherman will be served by TMobile in the North and South ends of town. It is currently served in the North and in the center of town by ATT, which is located at Happy Acres Farm and at White Silo. No further update on carriers' future plans.
 - **Action:** TH to call Ray Vergati, development manager with Homeland Towers, to see if any other towers in the area are in the works.

New Business

- A. **Consider inviting representative of BOE and/or PTA to join STC:** A vacancy notice is public. No special action is required to invite members of these particular groups at this time.

- B. **Discuss use of Facebook page:** Members agreed to keep the page, change the name.
 - **Action:** ZS to change the name of the group's Facebook page from Residents for Reliable Cell Service in Sherman to the Sherman Telecommunications Committee, and post the notice to followers. She will also note that the committee has 1 vacancy.

- C. **Determine point of contact for press:** The committee designated STC Chairman Gail Maletz as the official spokesperson and point of contact for press inquiries.

- D. **Other items suggested by members of the Committee:** None.

Adjournment

- E. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

- F. Next meeting: Friday, June 1, 2018, 11:00 am, Mallory Town Hall