

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Special Meeting: August 18, 2011**

Attendees:

Andrea O'Connor, First Selectman

Frank Spaziani

Ed Hayes, Selectman

Bidder

Kate McConaghy, Selectman

First Selectman O'Connor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The first order of business was to open and read aloud bids received for the replacement of the fuel tanks at the Town Garage. Eight bids were received, but all exceeded the \$50,000.00 appropriation for this project (see attached). An analysis will be done to determine whether the scope of the work can be reduced or additional funding found within the current budget. No bid was awarded at this time.

Next, bids received for tree trimming and removal were opened and read aloud. There were two bids (see attached). Kate McConaghy moved and Ed Hayes seconded that the bid be awarded to Gentile Tree Care. All voted in favor.

The Board then considered and acted on a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to sign and execute agreements with respect to the grant from the Department of Transportation for elderly and handicapped transportation. Mrs. O'Connor moved the following resolution:

Resolved that the First Selectman, Andrea O'Connor, is authorized to sign and execute Agreements and Contracts, along with all necessary Agreement/Contract documents, on behalf of the Town of Sherman with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut.

Mrs. McConaghy seconded and all voted in favor.

Mrs. O'Connor moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the Library Grant and Option Agreement in relation to the proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Sherman Library Association as well as personnel issues related to Public Works and Park & Recreation. Mr. Hayes seconded and all voted in favor.

Upon returning from Executive Session, the Selectmen charged Mrs. O'Connor with communicating to the Sherman Library Association President the Board's concerns regarding the clause addressing dispute resolution in the draft Grant and Option Agreement and the Town attorney's opinion that the Grant and Option Agreement is a "fundamental matter" under the proposed Bylaws revision, requiring approval of two-thirds of the Library Trustees as well as two-thirds of the members, and requesting that the Library Association provide certified evidence that a resolution regarding the Grant and Option Agreement was presented to both the Board of Trustees and the membership for a vote as well as the vote by each body on this matter.

The Board also agreed to proceed with providing uniforms for Public Works staff.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea O'Connor