

**SHERMAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
July 19, 2012**

**Present:** Clay Cope - First Selectman Chris Jellen - Selectman  
**Absent:** Andrea O'Connor - Selectman

**I. Call to Order:** First Selectman Cope calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**II. Agenda:** a. To discuss the Sherman Library's special use permit and CGS 8-24 approval the Sherman Library expansion

This is a detail P&Z requires for the library to act on behalf of the Town, as it relates to locating/relocating/leasing any school or Town owned property. First Selectman Cope reads a letter from the Sherman Library, wherein it is noted that the B.O.E. offered the library space in the school during the period of library construction. The library will occupy this space for approximately 14 months. At the request of the B.O.E., any alterations the library makes will be A.D.A. compliant, there will parking (including handicapped, the library will maintain its current hours of operation (total 34 hours per week), there will an average of 2-3 staff members on the premises at all times, all library services will continue (but space constraints will limit the amount of materials available on site), and there will be preschool programs 1 time per week. The library estimates 75 patrons daily.

Selectman Jellen inquires if there will be a public hearing on this to obtain public consent on the use of "public space" in this manner. First Selectman Cope does not see anything in the statute that requires this, as the wording says "may" schedule a public hearing, not that such a hearing is mandatory. Mason Lord (Library Building Commission) further notes that P&Z will have a public hearing.

First Selectman Cope reads a letter to P&Z, to be signed by the Selectmen. The letter says that the B.O.S. consent to the usages as set forth in the Library Association letter referred to above, dated July 5, 2012. Selectman Jellen moves to accept the letter to authorize the library to act as the Town agent for the special permit application. First Selectman Cope seconds, and both Selectmen sign the letter. First Selectman Cope notes that Mason will apply for the permit and approval, and that Mason will be the agent before P&Z.

**V. Adjournment:** Selectman Jellen moves to adjourn the July 19, 2012 Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 6:37 p.m., First Selectman Cope seconds, and the motion is carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura J. Pettinato, BOS Clerk

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Clay Cope

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Chris Jellen

(ABSENT)  
Andrea O'Connor

*Minutes are not considered official until they have been approved and signed by a minimum of two Selectmen.*