

Sherman Housing Commission

Oct. 15, 2012

Present: Steve Roffwarg, chair. Michelle Hansen, Jeanette Perlman. Guests: Selectman Chris Jellen, Kate McConaghy. Lynne Gomez, Clerk.

Minutes of the special Oct. 4 meeting were approved as read.

Steve reiterated that the Town Meeting on Oct. 19 will include a vote on a request by the Housing Commission for less than \$20,000 for an A2 Survey, title search and soil tests.

This week in the Citizen News planned publicity would be an insert, and letters from Charlie Repp, John O'Connor and Kate McConaghy.

The meeting continued with discussing the presentation at the Town Meeting and making efforts to get seniors out. David Berto will be in attendance. A discussion of the appropriateness of hand-outs at the meeting ensued. It was estimated that considerably less than \$20,000 would be required for the work proposed, maybe as little as \$13,600.

Kate emphasized that the survey and title search is a service that's needed in town. The survey was seen as a way to protect and define Colonial Fields and existing easements. Steve emphasized that Sherman doesn't want to lose its Seniors and this is an option to help them. Steve also noted that every town around Sherman has provided for their seniors. He said that New Fairfield had just acquired site control on property for senior housing.

Jeanette emphasized that there is no HUD funding available anymore, that Sherman doesn't meet any HUD criteria and the use of the term "HUD" (Housing and Urban Development) should be eliminated from the discussion. State money is the likely source of funding. Governor Malloy is making funding available for affordable senior housing, but it won't be available forever. Now is the time.

Michelle said that, as a realtor, she recognizes that landowners need to know what they own. And the town is no different. There is no defining legal survey. Discussion followed on the waiver needed and the fact that the current vote on Oct. 19 is just for the survey.

The Housing Commission decided to meet at 6:30 p.m. on the evening of the vote to review discussion notes. A stack of informational fliers will be brought to the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn made and seconded. Motion to Adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted,
Lynne Gomez, Clerk