



**Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 27, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Mallory Town Hall**

Members Present: First Selectman, C. Cope, Selectman A. O'Connor, Selectman C. Jellen

I. Call to Order

First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Approval Of Minutes

a. Special BoS Meeting of, February 7, 2013

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Accept the Minutes of Special BoS Meeting of, February 7, 2013 as written.

Seconded by: Selectman C. Jellen **Vote: For: Unanimous**

b. BoS Pre-Budget Meeting of, March 12, 2013

Selectman Selectman C. Jellen Moved to Accept the Minutes BoS Pre-Budget Meeting of, March 12, 2013 as written.

Seconded by: Selectman A. O'Connor **Vote: For: Unanimous**

c. BoS Budget Workshop of, March 14, 2013

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Accept the Minutes of BoS Budget Workshop of, March 14, 2013 as written.

Seconded by: Selectman C. Jellen **Vote: For: Unanimous**

d. Special BoS Meeting of, March 28, 2013
Tabled until next Monthly Meeting

e. Special BoS Meeting of, March 28, 2013

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Accept the Minutes of Special BoS Meeting of, March 28, 2013 as written.

Seconded by: Selectman C. Jellen **Vote: For: Unanimous**

f. BoS Proposed Budget Hearing of, April 11, 2013

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Accept the Minutes of BoS Proposed Budget Hearing of, April 11, 2013 as written.

Seconded by: Selectman C. Jellen **Vote: For: Unanimous**

g. Regular BoS Meeting of, May 3, 2013

Selectman C. Jellen Moved to Accept the Minutes of Regular BoS Meeting of, May 3, 2013 as written.

Seconded by: Selectman A. O'Connor **Vote: For: Unanimous**

- h. Regular BoS Meeting of, May 23, 2013

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Accept the Minutes of Regular BoS Meeting of, May 23, 2013 as written.

Seconded by: Selectman C. Jellen **Vote: For: Unanimous**

III. Correspondence

1. Attys. Sullivan Schoen Campana & Connon, LLC. Notice of merger with Law Firm, Pullman & Comley LLC.
2. Conservation Commission, re: Karen Facey letter of resignation.
3. Attys. Cuddy & Feder LLP, 2 separate proposals for cell tower sites: 16 Coote Hill Road and White Silo Farm 32 Rte. 37 East. The BoS discussed the possibility of holding a Town forum on Saturday, July 27th at 10:00 a.m. for clarification and discussion.
4. Naromi Land Trust, Marge Josephson in reference to CT State owned Right of Way connecting Briggs Hill Road to 37 South.

IV. Public Comment

J. Kenealey asked where the speakers were for the Conference Room, and additionally asked what the ESF completion items were.

Sherman Players, T. Michaels was concerned about recently issued outstanding electrical code violations at Sherman Playhouse and asked if the Playhouse is considered safe and operational during the updates of the electric.

V. Old Business

a. Progress Report on Town Projects:

1. ESF-
Fire alarms and sprinkler systems: will be tested June 28th at 11:00 a.m.
Water chlorination testing: waiting two weeks for final testing/ results.
Radio room: LCD equipment. Air conditioning/ HVAC: replacement part is on the way.
List of financial obligations to close project for a Temporary Certificate of Completion: cannot be issued until project completion list is satisfied. Selectman A. O'Connor requested information regarding final accounting and payments the Town is obligated to finance during the completion of the ESF project. Specifically, Selectman O'Connor asked for clarification of a check in the amount of \$2,800.00 issued to Arthur Howland & Associates. First Selectman Cope reported the remaining Balance of the Bond is approximately \$ 73,000.00.
2. Sherman Library- President, Karen Cushnie reported happily all work is on schedule and with-in budget.
3. Playhouse windows- First Selectman, C. Cope reported an Office of Policy and Management meeting with the Town Atty. and an additional Meeting with Mason Lord verifying historic accuracy in the renovations. Following an OPM required review, a request for Bids will go out soon.
4. Fox Run Detention Basin- First Selectman Cope reported an application was submitted, Arthur Howland will draft plans and submit to Zoning Officer, R. Cooper and a Bid Package will be drafted.

5. Discussion of setting a Town Meeting to accept 369 sq. ft. of land from the Sherman Library Association Inc. for the relocation of a utility pole. Following a brief discussion the BoS made the following Motion:

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to recommend a Town Meeting on July 25th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to consider resolution and possible action on accepting 369 sq. ft. of land from the Sherman Library Association Inc. for the relocation of a utility pole.

Seconded by: Selectman C. Jellen **Vote: For: Unanimous**

6. Spring Lake Road- First Selectman C. Cope reported NJR Paving is set to begin repairs, coordinating availability of Public Works for on-site supervision.
- b. Public Safety Communications update- D. Hopkins reported a Draft proposal in reference to the ESF radio communication system. Proposed Phase I is not to exceed \$25,000.00 which provides conceptual design. Phase II not to exceed \$15,000.00 proposes an analysis of cell providers, assess use, and prepare a recommendation for cell coverage suitable for the towns safety needs. The BoS determined it would be best to wait upon hearing what the Cell Tower proposals have to offer.
 - c. Housing Commission update- Steve Roffwarg and Charlie Reppenhagen presented an 8-24 Resolution from Atty. Seinkewicz, requesting endorsement of the BoS to bring to the Planning and Zoning Commission in reference to the 14+ acre parcel located on Routes 37 and 39 proposed site for Senior Housing Community. The following Motions were made after brief discussion concerning legal requirements and representation of the Housing Commission.

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved the BoS endorse the proposed Senior Housing Commission 8-24 review, required to bring forth to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Seconded by: Selectman C. Jellen **Vote: For: Unanimous**

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to recommend the Senior Housing Commission seek the legal opinion of Land Use Attys. Branse and Willis.

Seconded by: C. Jellen **Vote: For: Unanimous**

- d. Historic District Commission: Lamp post restoration update- Janet Hopkins Reported the lamp was taken to the Sloane Stanley Museum for an historic preservation assessment. The rust is superficial and can be cleaned and painted to deter damage. The glass can be replaced with historic grade glass from Kent Glass and a new post has been donated by a resident of Sherman. The project is anticipated to come in under budget, the goal is to have completion by the Grand Opening of the Library in October.

VI. New Business

1. Historic Preservation Grant Resolution with CT State Library- following a brief discussion, Selectman A. O'Connor stated a Motion was made in reference to this in the May BoS Meeting.
2. CLA/ Weevils- Howard Burger requested payment of approved grant funding from the Town in the amount of \$ 2,750.00. Selectman A. O'Connor confirmed the grant was approved at a BoS meeting.
3. Tax Refunds- the following Motion took place:

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to approve a Tax Refund of \$ 308.34.

Seconded by: C. Jellen **Vote: For: Unanimous**

4. Discussion of Anthem versus ConnectiCare- First Selectman C. Cope reported the findings of a meeting with health insurance proposal from ConnectCare agent. The BoE unanimously agreed to the terms and conditions presented by ConnectiCare. The new proposal guarantees for one year to match the current coverage. 97% of the providers carry over to the new plan. The new plan offers a significant savings to the Town. Selectman A. O'Connor stated, historically the Town employees go with the plan that the BoE chooses, and the cost will change if Town employees don't join.
5. P&Z Recommendation re: CT State owned Right of Way connecting Briggs Hill Road to 37 South.- First Selectman C. Cope read correspondence received from Planning and Zoning Chair, Barbara J. Ackerman, recommending the Town take ownership of the CT State owned Right of Way between Briggs Hill Road and Route 37 South. Additionally, correspondence from abutting neighbors Adrienne DeWind and correspondence from Naromi Land Trust were read into record. Atty. Lisa Buzaid spoke on behalf of the DeWind family and Paul Szymanski of Arthur Howland & Associates presented a survey map depicting large areas of wetlands and other unfavorable conditions which would create difficulty if this land were to become a connecting road. This discussion was tabled until the next BoS Meeting.
6. Status Report of Union negotiations (Executive Session)- Moved to the end of this meeting.

VII. Public Comment

Joe Keneally commented; supports the ConnectiCare health Insurance proposal because it will create a significant saving to the Town. Mr. Kennely also inquired about the final accounting for the ESF project.

Janet Hopkins asked the status of Timber Trails Bridge and Greenwoods Road extension Bridge.

Nancy Whitfield spoke with concerns regarding legal representation of the Senior Housing Commission. Ms. Whitfield is in favor of the Senior Housing Community and feels the project is not proceeding at a productive pace.

Michelle Hanson spoke on behalf of the Senior Housing Commission, also voiced concerns with the current legal representation.

Rich Lenahan asked what the final costs were for the Pavilion project, and if it had stayed within the anticipated amount.

Bob Ostrosky questioned the process of handling Legal Fees for the Housing Commission, who was responsible.

Stan Greenbaum: spoke in regard to the two applications received from AT&T wireless to place cell towers in town.

VIII. Adjournment

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:35 p.m. and go to Executive Session. **Seconded By:** C. Jellen **Vote: For: Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Branson

July 5, 2013

APPROVED at BoS Meeting of 7/25/2013

First Selectman, C. Cope

Selectman, A. O'Connor

Selectman, C. Jellen