



Town of Sherman
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Mallory Town Hall
Thursday, July 25, 2013

Attendees:

Clay Cope, First Selectman

Chris Jellen, Selectman

Call to Order:

Meeting is called to order by First Selectman Cope at 7:03pm, conference room, Mallory Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by First Selectman Cope (FSC) at 7:04pm.

Approval of Minutes:

03/28/13 Special Board of Selectman Minutes: Tabled, Selectman Jellen had not been able to review the minutes.

06/27/13 Regular Board of Selectman Minutes: Selectman Jellen moved to approve; all in favor with a change to be made to 2e. It should be "Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting", not "Special".

Correspondences:

- Letter from Social Services dated July 25, 2013 regarding the need for cell service for the Town's aging population.
- Letter from the P&Z Commission dated July 23, 2013 regarding the proposed cell tower.
- Emails submitted by the following regarding the cell tower:
 - * Ann McAlward
 - * Ann Price
 - * Nancy Mandeville
 - * Joel Wallach
- Email from James Maharg regarding the ESF and Spring Lake Road Projects*.

Public Comments:

- Veronica Sheer, Wakeman Hill Rd: Asked for clarification as to where the Saturday, July 27th meeting will be held, the School or MTH.

- Chip McDermott, Mauweehoo Rd: Stated that the logging does not seem to be complete and was concerned by the appearance.
- Carol Faure, Pepper Pond Rd: Was greatly concerned by Barbara Ackerman's letter regarding the cell tower.
- Duncan: Stated that when the power is out you are unable to charge the cell phones.
- Liz Mard, 47 Briggs Hill: Read a letter to be submitted regarding the cell tower.
- Unnamed Townsperson: Spoke to his concerns about the cell tower.
- Joel Wallach, Peace Pipe Lane: Commented on site surveys from AT&T and that other alternatives should be researched.
- Gary Albert, Route 55: Commented that these concerns/comments should be discussed on Saturday. Spoke of the difficulty of emergency communications in Town.
- Roger Oppenheimer, Chimney Hill Rd: Spoke to finding a site and locating the tower on Town property. Believed the income the Town would be \$20,000 a month.
- Stan Greenbaum, Peace Pipe Lane: Spoke to the need for cell service, but not this tower on this piece of property.
- Chris Pitcher, Route 39 South: Spoke to health risk vs. visual aspect.
- Kate McConaghy, Taber Rd: Spoke to the 90 day process and the tower on Tower Hill Rd.
- Chris McDermott, Peace Pipe Lane: Asked if FSC asked AT&T to consult with P&Z. FSC stated that he had, P&Z had been given the same packet that was given to the Selectmen.
- Trudy Shubert, Coote Hill: Spoke to the fact that the tower will be next to her property.
- Kathy Wallach Peace Pipe Lane: Spoke to the amount of trees to be removed.
- Melinda Albert, Route 55: Stated to put your concerns in writing and asked to move along with the meeting.

Old Business:

a. Progress report on Town Projects:

1. Emergency Services Facility project

- * Ron Cooper had submitted a list of as-builts to Don Smith. It has been reviewed; Ron, Frank and FSC will see to the list and will have a TCO by the end of the month.
- * HVAC unit has an issue due to mice damage. Bonding company has been contacted. It will cost \$3850, a PO has been written and the bonding company will pay for it.
- * The cooling has been repaired in the radio equipment room.
- * FSC asked that Selectman Jellen attend a walk through in the morning.
- * Naming of the ESF Public Meeting Room: It was decided to have "Community" removed from the name. The name will be "Charter Hall".

2. Sherman Library expansion project

- * Karen Cushnie spoke to the progress of the Library: The landscaping and pavement is complete. The HVAC, mill work, carpeting, electrical, painting, etc is ongoing and that it is on-time and within budget.

3. Playhouse Windows

- * Bid package is complete and is at STEAP.
- * There is an issue with the start date and a local building expert will be consulted next week.
- * FSC believed it will go out the first week of August.
- * Janet Hopkins spoke to her concerns about the time, costs and need for oversight.

4. Fox Run Detention Basin

- * The bid package is with the Town Attorney, Jeff Sienkiewicz.
- * FSC hoped it to also go out the first week of August.

b. Public Safety Communications update:

- David Hopkins recapped the request of the adoption of part 2 of the proposal. He asked that the Town find out if the proposed Fire Department system could be an effective solution to the AT&T proposal. That the BOS proceed with this proposal at this meeting to get an objective opinion during the 90 day window.
- It was decided that the BOS would wait until the meeting on Saturday to discuss further.

c. Housing Commission Update:

- Housing Commission was not present to give an update.
- FSC read into record a letter dated July 22, 013 from the Town Attorney, Jeff Sienkiewicz.
- This has been tabled due to the absence of the Housing Commission.
- To be discussed at a special BOS meeting at a later date or at the regular BOS meeting in August.
- Selectman Jellen asked for further input from the Housing Commission. FSC asked that they attend the Housing Commission meeting.
- Selectman Jellen asked about the 824 Review. FSC stated that it is tied in with the lease and cannot proceed without everything being settled from the letter from the Town Attorney.

New Business:

a. Preliminary discussion / identification of cell tower siting recommendations or preferences:

- FSC discussed the flow of the meeting on Saturday.
 - * Introductions
 - * Power Point Presentation from AT&T
 - * 1-hour Q & A, at a minimum
 - * Then the BOS would decide to continue the meeting on August 3, 2013 or possibly August 10, 2013.
- Selectman Jellen asked if the BOS would discuss the direction the BOS would like to take.
- FSC stated that they could make any recommendations at that time.
- Request the BOS hold a meeting with AT&T and P&Z.

* Spring Lake Road: Will not be on agenda until any action has been done. Letters went out to residents regarding the repairs. It starts on the 29th with three to four days of repair.

General Discussion, items to be brought up by Selectmen for future agendas:

Email anything to be added to future agendas.

Public Comment:

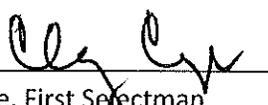
- Joel Wallach Peace Pipe: Spoke to the cell tower. Asked if AT&T would cooperate by supplying the \$15,000 to Public Safety Communications.
- Kate McConaghy, Taber Rd: Asked that AT&T be made to add P&Z as a party to the formal application.

- Stan Greenbaum, Peace Pipe Lane: Asked that BOS become a party to this action. Asked all to visit the website at www.ct.gov/csc
- David Hopkins, Woods Rd: Asked if questions could be asked and opinion could be stated at the meeting on Saturday.
- Chris Pitcher, Route 39 South: Commented on the CO and the many safety issues of the ESF building. Urges the BOS to hold off on the CO until all safety issues are addressed.
- Unnamed Townsperson commented on the CO and the safety concerns.
- Beryl Taylor : Stated that she is very concerned about being in the ESF building because of the exhaust system.
- Eric Holub: Asked when the remainder of the funds needed to be issued. Does not want to pay out the remainder until everything is done.
- Selectman Jellen: Asked about a second TCO. It was stated that the TCO for downstairs is because it is considered cold storage, not congregation.
- Eric Holub: Asked the FSC to discuss the payment and CO with the Town Attorney.
- Chris Pitcher, Route 39 South: Concerned about leverage with Silver Petrucelli. The Fire Department wants say in what is considered completed.
- Rich Lenihan, Osborn Road: Stated that he believed it to be \$20,000 a year not a month.
- Roger Oppenheimer, Chimney Hill: Stated that the figure of \$20,000 a month came from a good friend going through the same process right now.
- Eric Holub: Stated that the monthly payment received from AT&T for the Happy Acres tower of \$1,909.00.
- Pat Bailey: Spoke to the lack of ADD compliance for the hearing impaired in Sherman.

Adjournment:

Adjournment was called by First Selectman Cope at 8:30pm. Selectman Jellen moved; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,
Tabitha Fazzone, Clerk


Clay Cope, First Selectman


Andrea O'Connor, Selectman*


Chris Jellen, Selectman

*Selectman Andrea O'Connor was not present at this meeting