



**Town of Sherman  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Mallory Town Hall  
Thursday, August 22, 2013**

**Attendees:**

Clay Cope, First Selectman

Chris Jellen, Selectman

Andrea O'Connor, 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 7:03pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- 03/28/13 Special Board of Selectman Minutes: Selectman Jellen moved to accept, Selectman O'Connor second; all in favor.
- 07/27/13 Special Board of Selectman Minutes: Selectman Jellen moved to accept, Selectman O'Connor abstained; all in favor.
- 08/06/13 Special Board of Selectman Minutes: Selectman Jellen moved to accept, Selectman O'Connor second; all in favor.
- 08/09/13 Special Board of Selectman Minutes: Tabled, Selectman O'Connor had not received a copy.

\*Selectman O'Connor asked of the 07/25/13 minutes that did not appear on the agenda. Selectman Jellen and Selectman O'Connor both stated that they had copies. FSC stated they will appear on the next agenda.

**Correspondences:**

- A letter from Attorney Christopher Fisher of Cuddy Fedder dated August 20, 2013.
- A letter from Barbara Ackerman, P&Z dated July 30, 2013.
- A letter From James Munch to Selectman Jellen.

**Public Comments:**

- Stan Greenbaum: Asked if the letter from Cuddy Fedder was available to the public. FSC replied yes.

## Old Business:

### a. Progress report on Town Projects:

1. Emergency Services Facility project
  - \* FSC stated that there was an ESF meeting at 9:30a on Friday.
  - \* Selectman Jellen asked why there have not been as many construction meetings. FSC replied that it was the Bonding Company's decision.
  - \* Frank Spaziani spoke to the issue with the flow restrictor issues.
  - \* It was stated that when used as a shelter, showers do not need to be supplied only toilets.
  - \* It was stated that the school should remain as the shelter until this issue is resolved.
2. Sherman Library expansion project
  - \* Millie Loeb spoke to the progress of the Library: The elevator installation is in progress. Electric and HVAC is nearing completion. Hoping for completion in late fall.
3. Playhouse Windows
  - \* Bid documents are in. Work to begin in February with a completion date of May 31.
  - \* The State gave extension until August 31, 2014.
4. Fox Run Detention Basin
  - \* The bid package is in. A change of language needs to be addressed regarding "Public Works" to "Arthur Howland". Then it will go out.
5. Spring Lake Road paving project
  - \* Patches, catch basins and curbing complete. Ron and Joe will be back to clean catch basins.

### b. Public Safety Communications update:

- David Hopkins stated that the letter from Attorney Christopher Fisher from Cuddy Fedder covered the updates.

### c. Housing Commission Update:

- Steve Roffwarg spoke to the misapplied \$254 charge, the use of the word *Elderly* instead of *Senior* in the lease draft and a possible entrance and exit between the stonewall and the Hunniford property.

### d. Discussion and possible action on Elderly Housing Resolution:

- Tabled until Town Attorney is present; all in favor.

### e. Discussion and possible decision re: CT state owned Right of Way located between Briggs Hill Road and Route 37 South:

- Selectman O'Connor moved to decline; FSC also voted to decline. Selectman Jellen recused himself.

### f. Facilities Manager job description status:

- There was much discussion on this topic. Selectman O'Connor will draft a new job description to be ready for review with the Town and the School on Tuesday.

## New Business:

### a. Tax Refund:

- Motor Vehicle refund of \$6.42: Selectman Jellen moved, Selectman O'Connor second; all in favor.
- Personal Property refund of \$56.09: Selectman Jellen moved, Selectman O'Connor second; all in favor.

### b. 2012/2013 Budget Transfer Review and Requests:

- Assessor requested that \$1,604.94 be transferred to the reevaluation line. Selectman O'Connor moved, Selectman Jellen second; all in favor.

- Building Inspector is over budget. BoS agreed to leave.
- \$10,000 was spent in Disaster Relief. \$59,000 FEMA Grants.
- c. **Park & Rec Commission recommendation for SPARK co-director(s):**
  - Danielle Christie, Nancy Parker, Ben Krier and Jody Clark.
  - Selectman O'Connor moved to accept, Selectman Jellen second; all in favor.
- d. **Road paving status (Farm Road, Anderson Road Extension, Evans Hill Road, Mauweehoo Hill Road, Peace Pipe Lane, Town Garage parking lot):**
  - Substantially complete. Back filling and driveways being cut in are being done this week.
- e. **Playhouse bathroom renovation status:**
  - FSC stated that a resolution was needed to authorize him to sign the Grant.
  - Selectman O'Connor moved, Selectman Jellen second; all in favor.
- f. **To discuss the purchase of an audio links sound system for the hearing impaired for Old Town Hall:**
  - FSC proposed the purchase of a portable kit to become ADA compliant for \$1,119.89.
  - Selectman O'Connor asked what was in place currently. She believed that there was a portable unit in place.
  - Selectman Jellen believed this needed to go to a Town Meeting.
  - FSC will get more information from Suzette Berger and Beth Trott.
- g. **Merit Associates claim (executive session/pending litigation):** Tabled until after the public comment portion of the meeting.

- ❖ Town Attorney Jeff Sienkiewicz joined the BoS at the table to discuss *Old Business d.*
  - After much discussion it was decided to lease for 25 years with a 20 year option to renew.
  - Access maintenance cost to be shared 50/50.
  - Age Restricted Senior Affordable Housing: 62 years or older with 80% of median income of area.
  - Remedy clause should be retained.
  - The word Elderly is to be removed. It is Age Restricted Senior Housing.
  - BoS would like to see draft of lease before the next step.

**\*Equipment stopped recording at this point.**

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

- Selectman O'Connor congratulated the Safety Traffic Committee for article in AAA.
- Selectman O'Connor asked of the Lake Water Study. FSC stated that it was a misunderstanding. He did not agree to pay for it. He thought Danbury had agreed and was speaking with the CEO's. CLA bill will be less than what is left on that line.
- Selectman O'Connor addressed an email from Don Fiftal regarding no longer having the use of the school system for emergency situations. She expressed that obtaining a system for the Town needs to be accelerated. FSC will contact David Raines about this.
- Selectman O'Connor also wanted clarification on who is the Director of Emergency Management. Stated that a young woman had come into Town Hall stating that she was the new Director. FSC stated that David Raines is and he was not aware of this young woman.
- Selectman O'Connor asked if there were any recommendations for members for the Conservation Commission. FSC stated that there were not.

**Public Comment:**

- Veronica Scheer: Asked of the remaining monies to be paid out regarding the ESF project. FSC replied that this was to be discussed in executive session.
- Eva Vonancken: Concerned about cones in the drop off on Spring Lake Road.
- Stan Greenbaum: Believed that the coarse used on Peace Pipe Lane is a medium coarse instead of a fine coarse. FSC will contact the paving company.
- Jeanette Perlman: Stated that there was a great deal of anger from the senior citizen because they cannot hear and that they are speaking with the ADA.
- Joe Keneally: Stated his displeasure at the audio during the meetings.
- Susan Seeger: Asked about the device for the hearing impaired that Selectman O'Connor had spoke of previously in the meeting
- Stan Greenbaum: Stated that P&R is much happier with the new proposed entrance for the Senior Housing and with this some deficiencies could be addressed with the gardens and parking.

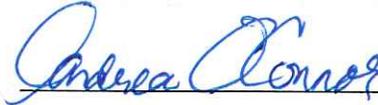
❖ Selectman O'Connor moved to executive session regarding the Merit Associate claim at 8:34pm, FSC invited Treasurer Eric Holub and Town Attorney Jeff Sienkiewicz into the executive session.

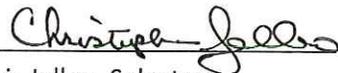
**Adjournment:**

Executive Session/BoS Meeting was Adjourned by First Selectman Cope at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Tabitha Fazzone, Clerk

  
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