

# Sherman Housing Commission

## Minutes

Monday, Sept. 16, 2013

**Present:** Steve Roffwarg, chair. Michelle Hansen, Charlie Reppenhagen, John O'Connor. David Berto, consultant. Chris Jellen, Selectman. David Hopkins and Ellen Leary, Sherman Sentinel.

Minutes of July and August were approved as read.

**Lease Resolution:** Steve reported that he went over all the issues related to the lease resolution. Attorney Jeff Seinkowitz was in attendance. The commission is awaiting a revision on the lease resolution.

**Access:** Charlie reviewed and showed a map of the access point to the property. Charlie listed items that need to be addressed to make the access possible, including remove some trees at entrance, replace the existing monument, relocate a hedge. This would provide a clear view for anyone exiting the access. Property owner is in agreement. David noted that documenting the "reasonableness" or "feasibility" of the access is important to the funding process. Charlie will approach the property owner with a proposed letter of agreement as to the work proposed for the access. Steve will have attorney draft the letter of agreement, including the points noted.

**Sherman Housing Trust Inc.:** The Housing Commission has successfully created the corporation: Sherman Housing Trust, Inc. This is the corporation that will become the 501c3.

**Architect's Work:** The architect, Henry Schadler, provided David with 6 poster-sized photos of work he has done for Senior Housing. David emphasized, as he displayed the photos, "This is NOT what it is going to look like. We are going to work with the town of Sherman to see what Sherman's Affordable Senior Housing will look like. I repeat, THIS IS NOT WHAT OUR SITE IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE." The examples of completed work throughout the state show how the architect can vary his style to suit a community.

**Sherman Seniors:** Steve met with Sherman seniors at the Senior Center in lively discussion of housing.

**Candidates for Office:** Steve and the Housing Commission will invite all candidates for Selectman to attend the next Sherman Housing Commission meeting on Oct. 21, Monday, at 5 p.m. at the Senior Center. He will also invite all Sherman Seniors to attend.

It will be a public forum on the housing project. People can park at the library. Pictures of housing created for Seniors by architect Henry Schadler will be on display.

Next meeting: October 21 at 5 p.m. at Senior Center.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Steve Roffwarg, seconded by John O'Connor. Adjourn at 6:40 pm

Submitted,

Lynne Gomez