

Sherman Housing Commission

Minutes

Nov. 18, 2013

Present: Steve Roffwarg, Chair. Jeanette Perlman, Michele Hansen, Charlie Reppenhagen, John O'Connor. Lynne Gomez, Clerk.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as read.

Steve spoke to the town attorney at a recent meeting and the changes were made to the lease resolution. Steve was reimbursed for the fees related to forming the Sherman Housing Trust Inc. He will ask current members of the Housing Commission to become members of the Sherman Housing Trust, Inc.

The Housing Commission of Sherman would remain active as well, since the commission is charged with other town work related to housing.

Discussion followed on garages. Much depends on funding received.

Steve will be prepared to discuss and present the lease resolution to the BOS meeting set for Thursday night. He will ask the BOS to have the lease resolution voted upon at the Dec. 19 meeting. Discussion of town meeting vs. referendum followed. Jeanette noted that Sherman's plan of conservation is registered with the state, which clearly notes the need and desire for Senior Affordable Housing as a goal. Steve concluded that the Housing Commission has done everything it has been asked to do.

Question was raised: Is the proposed access onto the Murphy Property approved by the state? Short answer: no. However, it has been designed by regulations the state put forth. Charlie Repp said he is comfortable that it is going to be looked upon favorably by the state. Charlie said all the details of access, etc., will be presented during time of the design phase. He added that Paul Samansky is confident that the access plans are OK.

Steve encouraged anyone who could attend to attend Thursday's BOS meeting. Discussion followed of outreach to the townspeople. One suggestion was discussing with the SPTO and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department.

A possible scenario is a Town Meeting on Jan. 3 with a vote, via referendum, ten days later. Discussion followed on the number of units to present. Steve reiterated that a lot depends on funding.

Upcoming meetings: Dec. 16, next Housing Commission
Dec. 19: important BOS meeting. Motion to Adjourn: 6:35. pm