



**Town of Sherman  
Board of Selectman  
Regular Meeting  
November 21, 2013  
7:00 p.m.  
Mallory Town Hall**

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**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 7:05 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of Board of Selectmen Regular Monthly Meeting of October 24, 2013

**Selectman C. Jellen Moved to Approve** the Minutes of Board of Selectmen Regular Monthly Meeting of October 24, 2013 as written.

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

III. Correspondence

- a. Cuddy & Feder, LLP Attorney C. Fisher: Notice received regarding a telecommunications tower proposed for the bulls Bridge section of New Milford, CT.
- b. First Light: Preliminary DRAFT of the 2013 Annual River Advisory Shore Line Manual, all edits are requested prior to the first week of December.

IV. Old Business

- a. Progress report on Town projects
  1. Emergency Services Facility project-

First Selectman C. Cope reported the heating system is still not functioning properly. The engineers and Detco have been working on balancing the system.

2. Sherman Library expansion project-

M. Loeb, Library Director emailed a First Selectman C. Cope with a report, a Partial Certificate of Compliance has been issued from P&Z. The utility pole has successfully been re-located and furniture and bookcases are being installed. Items pending completion are exterior lighting and a few other small details. An official opening date has not been determined yet.

b. Public Safety Communications update

D. Hopkins reported a site walk from members of AT&T and Naromi Land Trust last month in relation to the proposed Wagon Wheel site. Mr. Hopkins will share with RCC, communication from AT&T in response to the proposed communications tower for the Bulls Bridge Hydro Station in New Milford. Mr. Hopkins will be requesting a new coverage analysis in relation to Sherman, should the site be approved.

c. Housing Commission update

S. Roffwarg reported, as of last Monday, the Housing Committee has agreed unanimously to request the BoS add to the December Agenda to consider the proposal for Affordable Senior Housing and bring to a Town Meeting and Vote. Planning and Zoning has approved the 8-24 request presented by the BoS at the last Regular Monthly Meeting of November 7, 2013. Discussion followed in reference to having the Town Atty. revise and review the Lease Agreement and Resolution.

**Selectman A. O'Connor Moved** to allow the Town Attorney redraft the Elderly Housing Resolution, originally presented on June 4, 2013, to conform to a Lease Arrangement, and review the draft lease prepared by the Housing Commission's consultant and recommend any changes.

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

d. Facilities Manager search committee

Selectman C. Jellen reported 19 applicants have sent resumes, and the Committee will be meeting next week. Selectman O'Connor raised concern the correspondence of the description of the position from the Town Atty. contradicts the Town of Sherman Personel Policy and advised the position follow the Personel Policy. Selectman Jellen reported at the next committee meeting the resumes will be reviewed, following scheduling of interviews. More will follow at the next BoS Meeting.

e. Consider and possibly approve contract for Town of Sherman union employees

**Selectman A. O'Connor Moved** to table the approval on contract for the Town of Sherman Union Employees to a Special Meeting, date and time to be determined.

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

V. New Business

a. Tax Refunds

**Selectman A. O'Connor Moved** to Approve property tax refund for 5 Church Road in the amount of \$95.24 (Ninety five dollars and twenty four cents)

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

- b. Proposed 2014 Holiday Schedule for approval

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Approve 2014 Holiday Schedule.  
Seconded by: Selectman C. Jellen. Vote: For: Unanimous

- c. Proposed 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Approve 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule.  
Seconded by: Selectman C. Jellen. Vote: For: Unanimous

- d. Consider and act on recommendations of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Happy Acres Farm

Selectman A. O'Connor reported the Ad Hoc advisory Committee has been meeting twice a month, focusing most efforts on the long term vision, however there are many concerns for a short term vision as well. The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee recommends the BoS consider and act upon the items below. The BoS determined a discussion with the Town Atty. would need to first take place before further action could proceed regarding consideration of the employment of the farm manager as well as the occupancy of the homestead.

- \* Schedule a Town Meeting to appropriate funds from the cell tower revenues which has been set aside for the future management of the farm and, direct that all future revenue from the cell tower be directed a special fund established for management of the farm.
- \* The Committee recommends the current Farm Manager, Frank Pruchnick, Jr. position be considered as an Independent Contractor insured by the Town, along with anyone additional hired, for a specific term with options to renew while the Committee considers a long term plan for the farm.
- \* Use and occupancy of the homestead on Happy Acres Farm, the Committee wants to ensure the integrity of the home, and the safety of the farm outside of the scope of a 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. schedule.

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to bring to a Town Meeting and possible action to approve appropriation of funds from the cell tower revenues which has been set aside for the future management of the farm and, direct that all future revenue from the cell tower be directed a special fund established for management of the farm.

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

- e. Discuss and possible vote to accept a portion of land on Briggs Hill Road for highway purposes

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to accept a portion of land on Briggs Hill Road depicted on the compilation plan entitled "Town of Sherman Map Showing Land Released to the Town of Sherman by The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, Briggs Hill Road" Dated: September 2012 and prepared by Thomas A. Harley, P.E. Chief Engineer- Bureau of Engineering and Construction, and as stipulated by "Quit Claim Deed" provided by the State of CT Department of Transportation for future right of way highway purposes.  
Seconded by: Selectman C. Jellen. Vote: For: Unanimous

f. Approve resolution for DEMHS State Homeland Security Grant Program

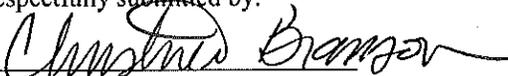
Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Approve Resolution for DEMHS State Homeland Security Grant Program.

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

VI. Adjournment

Selectman A. O'Connor Adjourned the Meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Christine Branson  
November 29, 2013