



TOWN OF SHERMAN
 Planning & Zoning Commission
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
 December 5, 2013
 7:00 pm
 Mallory Town Hall

FINAL

Commissioners in Attendance: Barbara Ackerman, Ted Hollander, Neil Volkmar, John Paul Voorhees, Monty Clark, and Alternates Marc Sichel, Jan Desiato, and Jill Finch

Absent: Jeannene Burruano, and Mary Lee

Also in attendance: Ron Cooper, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Christine Branson, P&Z Administrative Clerk.

Alternates J. Desiato and M. Sichel were elevated to voting status in the absence of Commissioners J. Burruano and M. Lee.

Chairman B. Ackerman Called the Meeting to Order at 7:01 p.m.

Old Business-

Sherman Library-

The Commission discussed the utility pole which has been removed and the pavement has been repaired. ZEO Cooper informed the Commission he is in the process of drafting a Final Certificate of Completion and will pass this along to the Building Department. The lighting is approved to stay on longer for a fundraising event on the evening of 12/7. Lighting is permitted during operation hours but until the lighting is changed to the approved fixtures, the lights shall only remain on until 6:30 pm to allow safe exiting of employees. The drainage issue will be monitored over the winter, and will receive approval, if conditions are met. There are still a few minor issues with signage, all signs must meet State standards.

AT&T Telecommunications -

The Commission discussed communication sent by Marge Josephson of the Naromi Land Trust. Mrs. Josephson indicated that AT&T has visited the Wagon Wheel site. No further progress was reported. The Commission also discussed the new Bulls Bridge tower in New Milford as well as other area communications towers that have been placed near Sherman. Chairman B. Ackerman asked the Commission to keep communications open in the future regarding the Cell Communications applications.

Minutes-

November 7, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting

Commissioner T. Hollander Moved to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2013 as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner M. Clark **Vote: For: Unanimous**

ZEO Report-

November 2013

ZEO Cooper reported a total of 6 Applications have been approved, 1 Denied and referred to ZBA for a Variance, and 3 Applications require further review. Mr. Cooper reported progress on 5 pending cases.

Commissioner M. Clark Moved to Approve the ZEO November 7, 2013 Report.
Seconded by: Commissioner N. Volkmar **Vote: For: Unanimous**

Chairman Report-

Chairman B. Ackerman stated this is her last Meeting and said it has been a pleasure sitting on this Commission. Mrs. Ackerman stated there will be challenges ahead, and the Commissioners may not always agree but reminded the importance of respecting each other and their opinions. She said she was sure they would continue functioning as a wonderful Board. Mrs. Ackerman encouraged seeking the advice of the Land Use Attorneys, at Branse, Willis & Knapp, LLC. The Commission in turn thanked Mrs. Ackerman for being a supportive and responsible leader.

Adjournment:

Commissioner N. Volkmar Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:50 pm.
Seconded by: Commissioner P. Voorhees **Vote: For: Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted:



Christine Branson
December 12, 2013