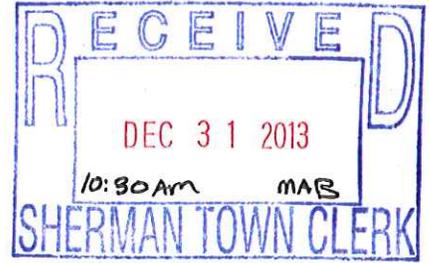




Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Mallory Town Hall



Members Present: First Selectman, C. Cope, Selectman A. O'Connor, Selectman C. Jellen

Call to Order

First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Special Meeting of November 21, 2013

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Approve the Minutes of Board of Selectmen Special Meeting of November 21, 2013 as written.

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

Regular Meeting of November 21, 2013

Selectman C. Jellen Moved to Approve the Minutes of Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting of November 21, 2013 as amended.

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

Special Meeting of November 27, 2013

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Approve the Minutes of Board of Selectmen Special Meeting of November 27, 2013 as written.

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

Correspondence:

Cuddy & Feder, LLP Attorney C. Fisher: Notice received regarding a telecommunications tower proposed for the bulls Bridge section of New Milford, CT.

First Light: Preliminary DRAFT of the 2013 Annual River Advisory Shore Line Manual, all edits are requested prior to the first week of December.

Candlewood Lake Authority, Report of 2013-14 Water Quality Trends

Old Business:

Emergency Services Facility project-

First Selectman C. Cope reported there will be a final close out review.

Sherman Library expansion project-

First Selectman C. Cope reported many of the pending items have been addressed; the utility pole has been moved out of the traffic lane and the hole has been repaired, the phone system is scheduled to be installed. An official opening date has not been determined.

Public Safety Communications-

D. Hopkins spoke in reference to the proposed cell tower at the Bulls Bridge hydroelectric station and reported this addition would enhance coverage for the North end of Sherman. Mr. Hopkins additionally suggested holding a public information session.

Housing Commission-

Steven Roffwarg reported the Commission is in receipt of the updated Resolution and expressed frustration regarding the changes suggested by the Town Atty. Selectman A. O'Connor suggested a meeting with all parties involved to hash out the necessary changes in order to expedite the process. First Selectman C. Cope will email all parties and suggest a few dates to all meet.

Facilities Manager Search Committee-

First Selectman C. Cope reported he will set up a meeting with D. Fiftal in early January to review the selections. Selectman C. Jellen suggested the BoS and BoE together conduct the second interviews of the selected candidates. Selectman A. O'Connor suggested First Selectman Cope call references and previous employers of those selected. A brief discussion took place regarding secretarial support and the location of an office for the Facilities Manager. It was suggested, since the Resident Trooper's office will be relocated to the Emergency Services Facility, there will be office space available at the Highway Department Facility.

Happy Acres Farm Ad Hoc Committee-

First Selectman C. Cope reported the Ad Hoc Committee is still in the process of gathering information and breaking down into sub-Committees. First Selectman C. Cope has reached out to the Trust Atty. and has extended the time before the Town takes ownership of the Farm. Selectman A. O'Connor expressed great concern regarding the liability of not having a residential farm manager on premises at all times. The BoS will request the acting Chairman of the Committee present a progress report at the next Regular Meeting.

New Business:

Tax Refunds-

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Approve Property Tax relief in the amount of \$30.18 and Motor Vehicle Tax relief in the amount of \$1,324.94.

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

Commissions and Board reappointments:

Sherman Parks and Recreation:

Selectman C. Jellen Moved to Approve the appointment of Sherman Park and Recreation Commissioners; Chris Fazzino, Stan Greenbaum & Scott Burlinger.
Seconded by: Selectman A. O'Connor Vote: For: Unanimous

Historic District Commission:

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Approve the appointment of Historic District Commissioners; Janet Hopkins, Jim French.
Seconded by: Selectman C. Jellen Vote: For: Unanimous

Land Acquisition Fund:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Approve the appointment of Andrea O'Connor to serve on the Land Acquisition Fund Advisory Board.
Seconded by: Selectman C. Jellen Vote: For: 2 (Selectman A. O'Connor Abstained)

Cable Advisory Committee:

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Approve the appointment of George Linkletter to serve on the Cable Advisory Committee.
Seconded by: Selectman C. Jellen Vote: For: Unanimous

Public Comment:

Carol Faure expressed confusion regarding the Sherman Housing Trust, Inc. and who the members are.

Joe Keneeley and Bob Ostrosky requested criminal background checks for the selected candidates regarding the Facilities Manager Search.

Executive Session:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Close the Meeting and go to Executive Session to discuss legal advice pertaining to the accrual and payment of paid leave.
Seconded by: Selectman A. O'Connor Vote: For: Unanimous

Adjournment:

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:10 p.m.
Seconded by: Selectman C. Jellen Vote: For: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by:



Christine Branson
December 31, 2013