



Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Special Meeting
May 13, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Mallory Town Hall

FINAL

Members Present: First Selectman, C. Cope, Selectman B. Ostrosky and Selectman A. O'Connor

Public and Invited: N. Volkmar (HAF Chair), B. Hoag, J. Tarby and son.

Purpose: Continued discussion on the RFP for Happy Acres Farm Lease

Call to Order:

First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 7:04 p.m.

Correspondence:

N. Volkmar, Chair on behalf of Happy Acres Farm Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee

J. Molito on behalf of Happy Acres Farm Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee

C. Shulman on behalf of Happy Acres Farm Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee

J. Wozniak on behalf of the Conservation Commission

Discussion of RFP for Happy Acres Farm Lease

All correspondence was reviewed and considered. The BoS agreed the Goals of the RFP need to articulated and clearly communicated. The BoS shared concern regarding offering use of the existing equipment used at the farm and any future maintenance necessary. Additionally the BoS shared concern regarding

Discussion followed regarding alterations to several aspects of the RFP as listed below:

<u>Page #</u>	<u>Description or Changes</u>
2	Consolidate lines 1,2 and 3. Remove from 4 "livestock management"
3	Remove "Directions for locating present farm"
4	Item 9, remove
5	Item 10, expand space for response
7	Item 18, add "relationship" to references
16	Pro Forma Farm Lease, Schedule A, Item 1, b): remove "hunting" from listed recreational uses

Changes recommended which at the time do not have a page number:

Include an Introductory paragraph outlining the history of the farm, the goals of the Town, the Town's obligation to maintain the legacy of the farm, upkeep and maintain appearance

Full disclosure of operational costs, as well as what the Town covers regarding maintenance

Severability clause: ie: probationary period for a specific time

Clear up ambiguity of cattle, heard and equipment (leasing cows?)

Additional items discussed:

Develop the RFP to read in a relaxed tone, less legalese

Break the process into a few tiers

Wetlands/ DEEP

Developing and implementation of advertisement for RFP

Develop a timeline regarding the change of Fiscal Year and beginning advertisement of RFP

Update of expenses to date for farm

Contact Probate Judge and request an interpretation of Trust documents

Goals:

No additional cost to taxpayers

To be a steward of Happy Acres' natural resources

To use sustainable agricultural and best management practices

To foster a bond between the farm and the Community

Adjournment:

Selectman B. Ostrosky Adjourned the Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



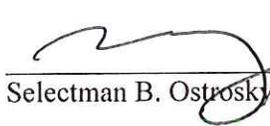
Christine Branson

May 20, 2014

APPROVED AS FINAL at Regular Monthly Meeting of 5/22/2014



First Selectman C. Cope



Selectman B. Ostrosky



Selectman A. O'Connor