



Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Special Meeting
June 12, 2014
2:00 p.m.
Mallory Town Hall

FINAL

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

Invited: Atty. J. Sienkiewicz

Public: G. Linkletter, and K. McConaughey,

Call to Order:

First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 2:02p.m.

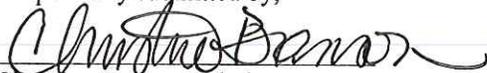
Purpose: Continued discussion on the RFP for Happy Acres Farm Lease.

First Selectman C. Cope invited Atty. J. Sienkiewicz to the table. Selectman B. Ostrosky shared several questions and notes to the Atty. in relation to the latest feedback regarding the draft of the RFP. A question was raised in regard to the provision that the proposed tenant farmer assume ownership of the equipment and/ or cows. Discussion took place regarding a transitional compromise. Selectman B. Ostrosky stated the current farmer is not utilizing the equipment that is on the farm. Atty. J. Sienkiewicz stated the endowment does not cover repair to the equipment and tools. The BoS agreed the proposed tenant would be encouraged to make an offer to purchase the equipment, but not obligated. If the tenant uses the equipment, owned by the Town, the tenant would pay for all repairs and maintenance. The BoS then discussed the future of the cattle, should the proposed tenant assume responsibility, or opt not to. Atty. J. Sienkiewicz recommended using language that would allow the flexibility of several options. Selectman A. O'Connor stated the land isn't suitable for crop production on a large scale due to the topography. The BoS agreed to leave flexible provisions, to allow a wider variety of proposals. In addition, discussion took place regarding a proposed alteration to the existing or new structures. The BoS agreed, no alteration to existing, or any new structures shall be allowed without written request and approval from the BoS. Discussion regarding the sub-letting of the apartment took place. The name, "Happy Acres Farm" is to remain at all times. Atty. J. Sienkiewicz recommended the BoS form an evaluation Board once the proposals have been received. The Atty. and BoS reviewed the discussed alterations to the existing draft of the RFP. Questions were raised as to if there were any maps showing the percentage of wetlands or an USDA Natural Resources inventory. First Selectman C. Cope stated the BoS will need to request an 8-24 approval P&Z. The BoS will discuss the language and terms regarding a referendum to extend the funding of operation of the farm to be determined at the next regular BoS Meeting of June 26, 2014.

Adjournment:

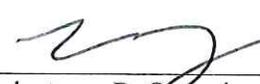
Selectman B. Ostrosky Adjourned the Meeting at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by,


Christine Branson, Clerk
June 24, 2014

APPROVED as written at the Regular Monthly Meeting of June 26, 2014


First Selectman C. Cope


Selectman B. Ostrosky


Selectman A. O'Connor