



Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 26 , 2014
7:00 p.m.
Mallory Town Hall

FINAL

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

Public: Treasurer, E. Holub, G. Linkletter, K. Keenan, J. Williams, J. Keneally, J. O'Connor, J. Chiaramonte, J. Hopkins, C. Jellen, C. Faure, W. Knaak, S. Greenbaum, R. Hudson, S. Roffwarg, and D. Raines

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes

Board of Selectman Regular Meeting of May 22, 2014

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Approve the Minutes of Board of Selectman Regular Meeting of May 22, 2014 as written.
Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Selectman B. Ostrosky Moved to rescind the previous Motion to approve Board of Selectman Regular Meeting of May 22, 2014 Minutes as written, stating there was an amendment.
Seconded by: A. O'Connor Vote: For: Unanimous

Selectman B. Ostrosky Moved to Approve the Minutes of Board of Selectman Regular Meeting of May 22, 2014 as amended.
Seconded by: A. O'Connor Vote: For: Unanimous

Board of Selectman Special Meeting of May 28, 2014

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Approve the Minutes of Board of Selectman Special Meeting of May 28, 2014 as written.
Seconded by: B. Ostrosky Vote: For: 2 Abstain: 1(O'Connor)

Board of Selectman Special Meeting of June 12, 2014

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Approve the Minutes of Board of Selectman Special Meeting of June 12, 2014 as written.
Seconded by: B. Ostrosky Vote: For: Unanimous

Correspondence

Reppenhagen, Charlie: Resignation from Sherman Senior Housing Commission, received June 24, 2014.

Candlewood Lake Authority: Monthly Meeting Minutes of June 2014.

Public Comment

J. Hopkins- Chairman of Historical District requesting information regarding a Town policy on receiving and accepting gifts. If there is not a standing policy, Mrs. Hopkins has requested a policy be considered.

K. Keenan- Requesting payment of an invoice in the amount of \$ 4,057.00 submitted May 22, 2014 in regard to the completion of construction items pending at the ESF Facility.

Discussion and Possible Action on Matters Involving Collective Bargaining and Pending or Threatened Claims Against the Town (the Board of Selectman shall conduct this discussion in executive session.)

The BoS invited Labor Attorney, Stephen Sedor Esq., to join the executive session.

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to take the Meeting into executive Session to discuss Matters Involving Collective Bargaining and Pending or Threatened Claims Against the Town at 7:10 pm.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky Vote: For: Unanimous

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to return from executive Session at 7:55 pm.

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

Selectman A. O'Connor stated there were no decisions made during the executive session.

Old Business

Progress Reports on Town Projects

Emergency Services Facility project- D. Raines

D. Raines reported progress on the final stages of the project closeout. Mr. Raines stated to date the plumbing and carpentry aspects of the work are complete. Repairs to the partition are complete. Six aerials have been ordered and are expected to be installed on the trucks by the week of July 7th, 2014. DEPCO is also expected to complete pending repairs to the air systems by the second week of July. Following several attempts to meet with Sylva & Petrocelli, Mr. Raines was able to sit down and discuss a change order to the original plans regarding providing heat in the stairwell and providing an "As Built" once the project is complete. Items pending include: securing a maintenance and cleaning contract for the facility, modifications to the exhaust systems in the bays, heat in the stairwell, power-washing the floors of the bays and painting reflective stripes. The Resident State Trooper has not moved his office to the ESF building, installation of the State Police secured computer network wiring is pending. Mr. Raines requested the BoS consider putting an RFP out for an independent party to monitor the flushing, and filtration maintenance of the water system to meet State compliance.

Playhouse Bathrooms

First Selectman C. Cope stated there is no new information since the modified plans were sent to OPM regarding changes to the restrooms.

Housing Commission

John O'Connor read a letter into record on behalf of the Sherman Housing Commission, stating despite the results of the June 14th referendum, many citizens of Sherman feel strongly in favor of continuing pursuit of an acceptable location for Affordable Senior housing. The Commission looks forward to the BoS' directive to continue seeking funding and approaches to providing affordable senior housing within the Town of Sherman.

Happy Acres RFP draft update

First Selectman C. Cope stated he was successful in getting updated maps and information from the Northwestern Conservation Commission. Colette Shulman has submitted an introductory paragraph, as previously discussed. The BoS shared concern regarding structural issues to the base and foundation of the main barn. The BoS also was concerned regarding the ability to fund repairs, pointing out the Town does not yet have the ability to access funds through the Happy Acres Farm

the scope of repairs to the main barn.

Town Building Committee formation update

The BoS discussed recent feedback in reference to the formation of a Buildings Committee. The Historical Society, BoE, and Sherman Park and Recreation have all shown interest in forming such a Committee. Selectman B. Ostrosky stated he is still waiting to hear from the Facilities Manager, Highway Supervisor and the Senior Center.

New Business

Tax Refunds

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Approve a refund of Property Taxes totaling the amount of \$ 409.72

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky **Vote: For: Unanimous**

To consider and possibly act upon a proposal to settle a dispute with Western Surety concerning the Emergency Services Facility contract completion

A letter was received from the Town Atty. dated June 5, 2014 outlining the Settlement Agreement concerning the ESF completion. Atty. Sienkiewicz recommends the Town accept the proposal, stating it is a reasonable solution.

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Approve the Settlement Agreement submitted by Atty. Sienkiewicz, dated June 5, 2014 in reference to the ESF Project Completion.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky **Vote: For: Unanimous**

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to Authorize First Selectman C. Cope to enter into an agreement substantially similar to the settlement agreement proposed by Atty. Sienkiewicz.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky **Vote: For: Unanimous**

Leash ordinance discussion

The BoS discussed creating a Leash Law Ordinance for the Town of Sherman. Several emails and phone calls have been received regarding roaming dogs in neighborhoods, disruptive barking for long periods of time, and dogs on Town properties off-leash, and /or their owners not picking up after their pets. An email with attached information regarding other Towns Ordinances from Zoning Enforcement Officer, R. Cooper was discussed. Also discussed was an email from Park and Recreation dated April 2008 recommending a Town Meeting to consider a new Ordinance where all dogs shall be required to be on a leash at all times in public and Town owned properties and failure to pick up after their dogs will result on a \$ 50.00 fine. The BoS discussed an email from Selectman Ostrosky in which he shared an example of a dog ordinance from Guilford, VT. Also discussed was the CT State Leash Law. Concerns were, how this proposed Ordinance would be enforced, and the dollar amount of fines issued. From the audience, C. Jellen stated the State Leash Law fines are \$ 92.00. D. Raines referenced CT General State Statutes 22-363 Regarding Nuisance Dogs, and CT General State Statute 22-364 Control of Dogs.

Financial Update, Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014

Treasurer, E. Holub submitted a report showing Actual expenditures compared to estimated projections for end of year FY 2013-14 as of June 26, 2014. The BoS briefly discussed Departments showing overages. Also discussed, the Referendum Vote for June 28th, 2014 requesting approval of appropriation of \$ 35,000.00 to fund the operation of Happy Acres Farm, and to consider and act upon a resolution adding \$136,156 to the revenue budget to account for unanticipated revenues received to date, and to appropriate said sum to the following accounts in the 2013-2014 expenditure budget: Public Works, \$103,078 and ESF Operating, \$33,078.

Public Comment

Selectman A. O'Connor asked if the BoS was aware of a possible policy change regarding teachers' tuition fees for their children attending the Sherman elementary school. Mrs. O'Connor stated there was a recent article in the Sherman Sentinel which indicated there was a policy change. Selectman Ostrosky stated nothing came up during the Budget workshops regarding a change.

J. Williams thanked the BoS for acting upon the requests for action concerning the roaming and incessant barking problems within the Smoke Ridge area of Sherman, stating the situation seems to be improving.

D. Raines reported a successful State wide emergency simulation drill. The town was assigned a category 1 hurricane drill. The emergency plan was successful, the generator worked without problems.

R. Hudson complimented the Public Works Department on the new truck, he stopped by recently and feels it is a great addition to the fleet.

Selectman B. Ostrosky asked if there were any updates in reference to AT&T seeking a site for cell towers.

First Selectman C. Cope stated AT&T has not been in contact with the Town.

Adjournment:

Selectman B. Ostrosky Adjourned the Meeting at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by,



Christine Branson, Clerk

July 2, 2014

*Approved as Amended at the Regular Monthly Meeting of August 28, 2014



First Selectman C. Cope



Selectman B. Ostrosky



Selectman A. O'Connor