



Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Special Meeting
September 9, 2014
7:30 p.m.
Mallory Town Hall

FINAL

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

First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 7:31 p.m.

Purpose: To interview tenant farmers applicants for Happy Acres Farm

The Board of Selectman discussed steps necessary to proceed with the Tenant Farmer Proposal Applications. Points of discussion included timelines and procedures for a Town Meeting. Frst Selectman C. Cope agreed to conduct background checks, call references and credit checks on the three remaining applicants. Discussion followed regarding bringing in citizens to consult farming practice as well as other aspects with collaborating with Boards, Commissions and citizens regarding input and feedback regarding the Farm Tenant Proposals. The BoS stated they would not be seeking recommendations regarding which of the the proposals to choose, but would be seeking feedback regarding impact on neighboring properties, wetlands, wildlife, Zoning compliance, agricultural, and other various aspects. Commissions and Boards to be included were; Naromi, the Conservation Commission, Planning & Zoning, ZEO, Ron Cooper, also mentioned were citizens; Dick & Bill McGoldrich, Sue Moga, Mel Bristol, for agricultural experience. The BoS will be seeking clarification regarding financial aspects of each proposal, as well as objections to the Lease Agreement. The BoS will request feedback reports of the Building Inspector and Facilities Manages with respect to the farm property and buildings. The BoS discussed dates to hold the next few Meetings and outlined what their goals would be.

Selectman A. O'Connor Adjourned the Meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Christine Branson, Clerk
September 16, 2014

*Approved as written at the Regular Monthly Meeting of October 23, 2014

First Selectman C. Cope

Selectman B. Ostrosky

Selectman A. O'Connor