



Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 20, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Mallory Town Hall

FINAL

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

Audience & Invited: E. Holub, G. Linkletter, V. Sheer, R. Hudson, S. Maletz, G. Maletz, A. VonPlachecki, C. Jellen, G. Siegel, F. Spaziani, E. Holub, B. Hoag, J. Bruzinski, and D. Hopkins

Call to Order:

First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to approve the Minutes of Special Meeting of October 30, 2014, as written.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky Vote: For: Unanimous

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of October 23, 2014 as written.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky Vote: For: Unanimous

Correspondence:

G. Seigel- requesting consideration to serve as an Advisor in reference to a Committee for Happy Acres farm.

M. Barenberg- requesting consideration in reference to the Town Treasurer Vacancy.

Candlewood Lake Authority- Meeting Minutes of November-2014.

L. LaVia- requesting guidance of the BoS regarding the illuminated cross atop the silo this holiday season.

S. & F. Nutter- sharing frustration regarding solicitors at the Election Polls.

CT Office of Policy Management- request for intent regarding Nutmeg Network Grants & application.

CT Siting Counsel, M. Bachman- in response to the telecommunications request from the BoS, two maps were included with this correspondence.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Progress report on Town projects

Happy Acres Farm RFP-

First Selectman C. Cope reported two informational sessions were held presenting Full Circle's proposal to the citizens of Sherman. A Town Meeting was held November 14th, 2014 and the question was moved to a Town Referendum on December 6th, 2014 seeking the approval of Full Circle Farming, LLC. as tenant farmers for Happy Acres Farm. The BoS discussed developing the responsibilities of an Happy Acres Advisory Committee.

Playhouse Bathrooms-

First Selectman C. Cope reported he met with Hawley Construction and they anticipate beginning this Monday.

Public Works Wash Station-

First Selectman C. Cope reported he met with Ron Wolf regarding securing an Architect, and hopes to break ground early spring.

School Roof Project-

Facilities Manager F. Spaziani reported the project is complete and under budget. There will need to be one change of order to install safety compliant railings.

SVFD Tires

No report was given.

Spring Lake Road update

First Selectman C. Cope reported Department of Public Works has completed the necessary repairs. Mr. Cope will contact the Town Attorney for advice regarding the request for the remaining balance of funding from the original contractors.

Emergency Services Facility

First Selectman C. Cope spoke to D. Raines, the project is on target to be closed out by April 2015. Mr. Raines encourages the BoS direct the Town Attorney to initiate action against Silver and Petrucelli for failure to fulfill their contracted duties as well as failure to provide As Built drawings and Maintenance and Operation documentation for the facility and associated systems.

Emergency Radio Communications report-

D. Hopkins submitted the Public Safety Communications November 2014 status report. The Committee has been working with North East Communications regarding the Fire Department radio system replacement. Since the technology has changed significantly, the replacement may cost less than anticipated. Mr. Hopkins requested the BoS consider modifying the Bidding Process Ordinance by changing the bidding process regarding purchasing of the radio system as well as the purchase of heating oil. D. Hopkins volunteered to assist with seeking grants for funding the purchase of the radios.

Briar Road Bridge Update-

First Selectman C. Cope received an email regarding repair options. The BoS briefly discussed use of LOCIP Grant money as well as the cost of replacing bridges.

Resident State Trooper-

First Selectman C. Cope has been back and forth with the State regarding the request to move the IT line from the Public Works office to the ESF office. The State claims the paperwork process takes several weeks from the date of receipt. D. Raines began this process began in early August, despite the State's claim they received the paperwork on November 15th, 2014.

Financial Review-

The BoS discussed the new water filtration system recently installed at Mallory Town Hall and possibly using LOCIP funding to cover a portion of the cost of installation. First Selectman C. Cope has requested the Sanitarian, T. Simpkins write a report regarding the filtration system to include with the grant request. Selectman B. Ostrosky reported he has met with the Business Administrator, L. LaVia and they are in the process of reviewing procedures and policies.

Draft Ordinance for Septic Inspection program-

Following a brief discussion the BoS determined endorsement of this program would require a Vote at a Town Meeting.

Tax Refunds:

Selectman B. Ostrosky Moved to Approve refund of \$ 672.79 of combined Real Estate and Motor vehicle taxes.

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

Appointments:

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to approve the re-appointment of Tom Zin to the Wetlands and Watercourse Commission for a term of four years, to expire 1/1/2018.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky Vote: For: Unanimous

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to approve the re-appointment of Mickey Goldfine to the Wetlands and Watercourse Commission for a term of four years, to expire 1/1/2018.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky Vote: For: Unanimous

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to approve the re-appointment of Hank VonAncken to the Wetlands and Watercourse Commission for a term of four years, to expire 1/1/2018.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky Vote: For: Unanimous

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to approve the re-appointment of Ernie Dech to the Wetlands and Watercourse Commission for a term of four years, to expire 1/1/2018.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky Vote: For: Unanimous

Selectman B. Ostrosky Moved to approve appointment of Mimi Nelson to the Commission on Aging for a term of four years, to expire 1/1/2018.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky Vote: For: Unanimous

2015 Board of Selectman Schedule of Meetings:

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to approve the 2015 Board of Selectman Schedule of Meetings as presented.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky Vote: For: Unanimous

2015 Calendar:

Selectman A. O'Connor Moved to approve the 2015 Town of Sherman Employees Calendar, as presented.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky Vote: For: Unanimous

Housing Commission update:

First Selectman C. Cope reported the first meeting of the Housing Commission went very well. The Commission will meet regularly every third Monday at Mallory Town Hall at 7:00 pm unless a holiday conflicts on that date. The Commission voted on and approved their 2015 Schedule of Meetings calendar. At the December 15th Meeting, officers will be nominated and voted upon.

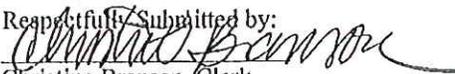
General Discussion:

The BoS discussed the upcoming Budget workshops, the initial department requests will be sent out through January and February. Selectman B. Ostrosky would like an inventory of Public Works Trucks on the Capital Plan. Selectman A. O'Connor suggested reaching out to Joe Wrenn for an inventory of bridges and guardrails. Selectman B. Ostrosky requested a report and inventory of Town owned buildings with details such as the age of heating furnaces, service dates, dates filters were changed, ducts and vents were cleaned, age of roof, age of windows. Selectman B. Ostrosky would like the Facilities Manager to report on upcoming repairs/ anticipated replacements. Selectman A. O'Connor recommended looking at the Building Department files for this information. Discussion continued regarding computer software that is designed to track and manage the general "health" of buildings and when to schedule routine servicing, once the initial data is implemented.

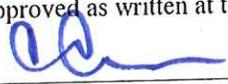
Adjournment:

Selectman A. O'Connor Adjourned the Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

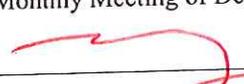
Respectfully Submitted by:


Christine Branson, Clerk
December 4, 2014

*Approved as written at the Regular Monthly Meeting of December 18, 2014



First Selectman C. Cope



Selectman B. Ostrosky



Selectman A. O'Connor