



**Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Budget Hearing
March 18, 2015
7:00 pm
Mallory Town Hall**

FINAL

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

Call to Order:

First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00p.m.

Capital Expenditure Plan:

Engineering Consultant: for Taber Road; Geotech study add \$ 9,300.00

Board of Selectman Proposed Budget FY 2015-16

Consultants:

Housatonic Valley Association: membership due, approved funding of \$250.00

General Discussion:

Park & Recreation:

F. Fratinni was present to speak to the 2015-16 Budget request. The BoS made the following recommendations to off-set additional administration hours to P&R. The Town Clerks Office will meet with the P&R Director to discuss conducting the sales of Beach Passes and processing of funds for such sales. The future of the SPARK program needs to be discussed. There has been no feedback from the school as of yet, but the Town is looking at a historical loss of \$4,000.00 annually for several years. The program was designed to break even, and has not done so for several years. The Town recognizes the importance to the working families that use the program, however a change is needed to ramp up the program or perhaps not continue after the end of this school year. Further discussion is anticipated pending a meeting with the Director.

Candlewood Lake Authority:

P. Shaer and F. Fratinni were present to speak to the 2015-16 Budget request. Mrs. Share informed the BoS the original request does not reflect an accurate number. Since the submittal of the budget in February, First Light has backed out of contributing to the CLA. This is a significant loss and will impact what CLA is requesting of the five contributing Towns. The original request was \$ 74,636.00, now without the support of First Light the request will be \$56,000.00. Mrs. Share voiced her concern in regard to not being able to keep the obligatory agreement with the DEEP grass carp program. In addition to the grass carp obligation, the DEEP has required new radios for patrol communications. These radios are approximately \$5000.00 each and they require four radios. The BoS recommended CLA create a five year plan outlining their needs for planning purposes.

School Budget:

The BoS requested the School reduce their supply line by \$ 2,500.00, Also requested was a break out of the Maintenance line.

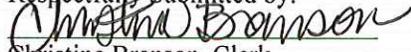
ESF Maintenance :

D. Raines has analyzed the Building Maintenance line and is able to propose a significant cut to approximately 10 to 12 hours monthly. This can be achieved through maintenance schedules and check lists. The Fire Department maintains a portion of the building. The rentals should adhere to a broom clean agreement, cutting down the target areas where the most cleaning is needed. Mr. Raines also recommended collecting a custodial fee from rentals to off-set a portion of the cleaning costs. The BoS agreed to re-visit the rental policy.

Adjournment:

Selectman B. Ostrosky Adjourned the Meeting at 8:30 pm.

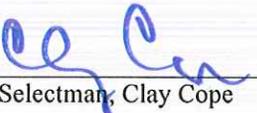
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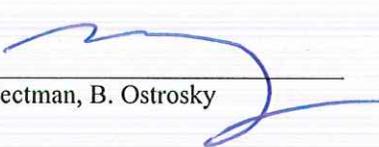


Christine Branson, Clerk

March 19, 2014

APPROVED AS WRITTEN AT THE MARCH 26, 2015 REGULAR MEETING


First Selectman, Clay Cope


Selectman, B. Ostrosky


Selectman, A. O'Connor