



**Town of Sherman  
Board of Selectman  
Special Meeting  
April 8, 2015  
7:00 p.m.  
Mallory Town Hall**

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

**Audience & Invited:** Treasurer, E. Holub, Business Manager, L. LaVia, G. Linkletter, V. Sheer (Citizen News)

**Call to Order:**

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

**FY 2015-16 Proposed Budget Discussion**

The BoS discussed the Draft of the Legal Warning for the Town Meeting. It does not include the suggested proposed ordinance for the annual Town use of funds up to \$10,000.00 in relation to Happy Acres Farm. The BoS has previously discussed adding a question to the referendum vote which would ask if the voter thought the proposed budget for FY 2015-16 were too high or too low. This question was also left out of the warning. Both First Selectman C. Cope and Selectman B. Ostrosky agreed they did not see the benefit to pose that question. Should the Budget be voted down they would be willing to include the question. The BoS reviewed adjustments to the proposed FY 2015-16 Budget that were agreed upon at the last meeting. Additional adjustments were made to the Town Proposed FY 2015-16 Budget, these include:

CCM - original request \$ 2035.00, reduced to \$0.00  
CLA- original request \$ 84,636.00, reduced to \$ 80,000.00  
Library- original request \$ 150,000.00, reduced to \$135,000.00  
Tax Collector- Mileage- original request \$ 1,000.00, reduced to \$ 750.00  
Engineering Consultant- original request \$ 3,000.00, reduced to \$ 2,500.00  
Land-Use Counsel- original request \$ 12,000.00, reduced to \$ 11,000.00  
Capital Non-Recurring-  
Replace/ Repair Docks removed (only) from FY 2015-16 reduced to \$ 0.00

With the above adjustments, the final Proposed FY 2015-16 Budget amount is:

Town Budget \$5,104,012.00 or a 2.96% increase from FY 2014-15

Board of Education Budget \$ 9,298,106 or a 1.986% increase from FY 2014-15

Total Combined Proposed FY 2015-16 Budget amount is: 14,402,118.00

Total increase from FY 2014-15: 2.33%

**Public Comment**

**P. Shear-** spoke on behalf of the Candlewood Lake Authority, thanking the Sherman BoS for their continuing support of the CLA.

**C. Jellen-** asked the BoS of their recent request to the BoE to reflect actual anticipated grant funding in their Budget, did the BoS do the same with their own Budget?

Selectman B. Ostrosky- replied yes, they used the three year model the Treasurer had applied to the BoE Budget and applied the same idea to Town Budget projected Grant Funding.

L. Berger- asked the BoS why they decided not to fund CCM

First Selectman C. Cope replied the Town of Sherman had not funded CCM in over four years, they decided to continue utilizing COST/ HVECO.

G. Linkletter- requested the date of the next meeting.

First Selectman C. Cope- replied the next Board of Selectman Meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup>, at Mallory Town Hall, 6:30 pm.

#### Adjournment

Selectman B. Ostrosky Adjourned the Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

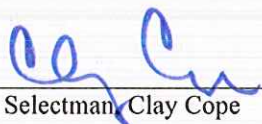
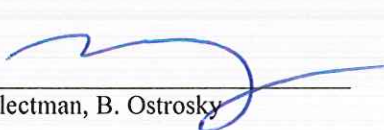
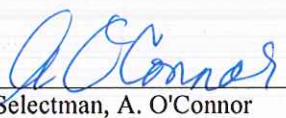
Respectfully Submitted by:



Christine Branson, Clerk

April 15, 2015

APPROVED AS WRITTEN AT THE APRIL 23, 2015 REGULAR MEETING

  
First Selectman, Clay Cope  
Selectman, B. Ostrosky  
Selectman, A. O'Connor