



Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Special Meeting
June 22, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Mallory Town Hall

FINAL

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

Members Absent:

Audience & Invited: A. Mantzaris & E. Motzinger, E. Holub, A. Blake, B. Ireland, G. McRoberts, B. Gamper, S. Moga, R. Gorman, A. Smith

Call to Order:

First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 7:05 p.m.

Purpose: To discuss Happy Acres Farm proposed improvements and procedures

First Selectman Cope invited A. Mantzaris & E. Motzinger of Full Circle Farming to the table. First Selectman Cope reported the shower leak has been fixed. First Selectman Cope and A. Mantzaris met with a local contractor to discuss necessary repairs to the barn. First Selectman Cope has requested quotes from three contractors; Hudson Valley Preservation, Old Mill Builders, and Beatty Construction. Discussion followed regarding changing the purpose of the rear barn which is being used to store equipment currently. Mr. Mantzaris proposed an alternative to the repairs stating the barn cleaner shed enclosure could be left out of the repair. The BoS expressed concerns about altering the façade or rebuilding the side of the barn without the shed to cover the barn cleaner. Full Circle requested the repairs take place next Spring, this will allow winter hay storage in the barn. The BoS discussed additional needed repairs that have been identified. Selectman Ostrosky requested a priority list to assure the items were funded properly when requesting appropriation by a Town Vote. Discussion moved to unused farm equipment. Full Circle informed the BoS there were several pieces of equipment they are not using and suggested possibly selling this equipment to offset the costs of the previously discussed repairs. Doing this would free up space in the rear barn which was pointed out to be a better place to shelter the cows from time to time this coming winter until the repairs to the main barn take place. The BoS discussed concerns regarding frozen pipes in the winter if the cows move to the other barn. The BoS determined they would like to evaluate the list of unneeded equipment as well as prioritize the costs and scope of repairs to the barn. Full Circle discussed fencing that is in need of repair. Additional discussion took place regarding the broken silage loader. Mowing was discussed, Full Circle reported they will be able to maintain a reasonable mowing schedule with the existing equipment on site. They appreciated the use of the Town mower recently, and would like to reserve use of that machine for special events. Discussion followed regarding Town responsibility of repairs and the need to implement selling and billing procedures to put in place.

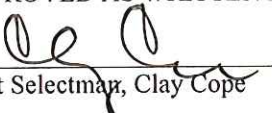
Adjournment:

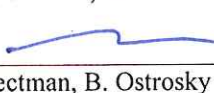
Selectman B. Ostrosky Adjourned the Meeting at 8:02pm.

Christine Branson, Board Clerk

* June 30, 2015

APPROVED AS WRITTEN AT THE JULY 23, 2015 REGULAR MEETING


First Selectman, Clay Cope


Selectman, B. Ostrosky


Selectman, A. O'Connor