



**Town of Sherman  
Board of Selectman  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
April 28, 2016  
7:00 p.m.  
Mallory Town Hall**

**FINAL**

**Members Present:** First Selectman, C. Cope, Selectman B. Ostrosky and Selectman D. Lowe

**Members Absent:** None

**Audience:** S. Randall, A. Van Plachecki, R. Hudson, G. Maletz, S. Greenbaum, and V. Scheer (Citizen News)

**CALL TO ORDER:** First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**S. Randall-** spoke as a Lake Advisory Committee delegate, Candlewood Lake Estates Board Member and as a Connecticut Federation of Lakes Member. Mr. Randall read a report into record. Mr. Scott is seeking advocacy and leadership in regard to protecting the water bodies through better septic management practices. Mr. Scott is requesting BoS's signatures of endorsement of the First Light Candlewood Lake Vegetated Buffer Acceleration Agreement. Additionally Mr. Scott has asked the BoS's consideration to re- present a modified Septic Ordinance to present at a Town Meeting.

**Reorder of the Agenda-**

Selectman D. Lowe Moved to reorder the Agenda to allow the Housing Commission Report to be next on the Agenda.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

**Housing Commission Report-**

Commission Chair, A. Van Plachecki thanked Selectman B. Ostrosky for the assistance he has provided to facilitate the formatting, printing and sending of the Housing Survey. Mr. Van Plachecki was very pleased so far with the number of completed surveys that have been received in the mail, and eagerly awaits the final results once input into the data base. Mr. Van Plachecki stated the results will be carefully considered, and will help define the future of housing needs for the town.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Howd & Ludorf, LLC- Atty. Thomas R. Gerarde-** notifying the Town that CIRMA has retained Atty. Emily E. Holland to defend the Town of Sherman, Planning & Zoning Commission, Board of Selectmen, Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission, Building Inspector, and Zoning Enforcement Officer in the matter of Sam J. Simons and Angela M. Simons v. Town of Sherman, et al.

**Amorosa, Edwina & Don-** letter read into record requesting the BoS take action to limit the types and amount of fertilizers used by the public in an effort to reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus leaching into the lake which contributes to toxic levels of cyanobacteria.

**First Selectman of New Fairfield -S. Chapman-** letter read into record notifying the Town of Sherman their intent to introduce sterile carp to Squantz Pond in an effort to reduce the overgrowth of milfoil. There will be a Public Information Forum held at the Senior Center, date to be determined.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Regular Meeting of March 24, 2016:**

Selectman B. Ostrosky Moved to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 24, 2016, as Amended: page 1 under Public Comment: strike the last sentence of Mr. Beatty's comment. "~~Mr. Beatty stated he feels a Part time position may be better suited to fill the needs of the DPW.~~"

Seconded by: D. Lowe

VOTE: For: Unanimous

**Tax Refunds**

Selectman D. Lowe Moved to Approve a refund of combined property tax and motor vehicle tax in the amount of \$2,683.28.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

VOTE: For: Unanimous

**Appointments:**

First Selectman C. Cope read a letter into record from Commission on Aging Chair, J. Wey requesting appointment of Rick Hudson to the Commission for a three year term.

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Appoint Rick Hudson to serve a three year term on the Commission on Aging.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: 2, Against: 1 (D. Lowe)

**Resignations:**

First Selectman C. Cope read a letter into record dated April 19, 2016 from Sherman Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commissioner Henry Von Ancken submitting his resignation from the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.

**Monthly Financial Summary Review:**

Business Administrator, L. LaVia provided a report, dated 03/17/16. Most lines are tracking as they should at this time in the Fiscal Year, approximately at 82%. Discussion followed regarding Public Safety Supplies from the Trooper line which continue to track high but will be reimbursed by a grant.

**Financial Controls:**

**Purchasing Policy**

Selectman B. Ostrosky received feedback from the Auditor as was discussed at the last meeting.

**Parks & Recreation Director Bonus Payment:**

Business Administrator, L. LaVia requested this item be placed on the Agenda for clarification. In FY 2015-16 an extra \$1,530.00 was added to the Director's line to cover the cost of an employee, if the Director were to go on vacation. This funding was previously in a separate line under Assistant Director Salary. Ms. LaVia is asking if the amount has been agreed upon to be paid and if so, when. First Selectman C. Cope stated he would have to review the minutes when this was discussed. Selectman B. Ostrosky stated the Director's salary looks like it already reflects the increase added to that line. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting, once more information is obtained.

## **INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Progress Report on Town Projects**

#### **Public Works Wash Station:**

First Selectman C. Cope stated the metal building will be ordered May 1, 2016 which will be considered "breaking ground". The anticipated completion date is August 15, 2016.

#### **Water Issue Regarding Elevated Sodium Content**

First Selectman C. Cope reported a meeting with State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Drinking Water Section Public Health Section Chief, Lori Mathieu, Sanitary Engineer Vicky Carrier, and Regulatory Health Branch, Environmental Analyst Patricia Bisacky along with Sherman Sanitarian Tim Simpkins to discuss identifying a cause and working toward a solution to remediate the sodium issues. At the meeting the State recommended reaching out to Marc Cohen of Atlantic States Rural Water and Waste Water Association. The USDA funds the work Mr. Cohen will conduct. Additionally the State will request DoT not use salt in identified areas which are vulnerable to contamination.

#### **Sherman Boiler Project**

First Selectman C. Cope stated he is still waiting on final billing.

#### **Sherman School K-Wing**

First Selectman C. Cope stated he is anticipating an inspection report of environmental testing from Engineer T. Iadarola.

#### **Happy Acres Farm Report**

First Selectman C. Cope read an email into record from John Motsinger of Full Circle Farming, LLC dated April 26, 2016. Mr. Motsinger reports that as of June 1, 2016 Adam Mantzaris will no longer be involved in the daily operation and management of Happy Acres nor an active member of Full Circle Farming, LLC. John Motsinger will assume all responsibility for managing the farm and implementing the vision FCF laid out in their initial proposal. Also included was a herd inventory report dated April 1, 2016, showing the official count at 48.

#### **Residents for Reliable Cell Service in Sherman**

Gale Maletz spoke on behalf of the group. Ms. Maletz stated the Lease is in the hands of the landowner for review. Homeland Towers remains optimistic. Ms. Maletz additionally reported a recent multi-car motor vehicle accident she and her husband encountered where responders had not yet arrived. Other motorists were pulled over and were helping those involved in the accident. Ms. Maletz reminded the BoS it has been three years since AT&T approached the Town about putting a Tower at Coote Hill, and again asks the BoS to make improving cellular communications for the town a priority. First Selectman C. Cope stated he will reach out to Bridgewater's Selectman Mark Lyon for contact information.

#### **Communications and Website**

Nothing new was reported.

**Inter-Town Capital Equipment (ICE) Purchase Incentive Program Grant for CLA Patrol Boat**

First Selectman C. Cope reported the agreement is circulating through the area Towns for signatures.

**New Senior Van Update**

First Selectman C. Cope reported the contract was signed on March 30, 2016 and the anticipated completion will take approximately 180 days.

**Fox Run Detention Basin**

Linda Berger had requested information regarding progress. First Selectman C. Cope reported he has reached out to DEEP regarding grant funding and will keep this item on the Agenda.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Selectman B. Ostrosky-** requesting a policy regarding correspondence that is read into record.

**Selectman D. Lowe-** would like to discuss re-drafting the septic ordinance

**First Selectman C. Cope-** stated he will add this item to the Agenda for discussion at the next Meeting.

**Selectman D. Lowe-** requested videotaping also be added for discussion at the next Meeting.

**First Selectman C. Cope-** replied he will add it to next months' agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**V. Scheer-** requested a list of Vacancies on the various Boards and Commissions in the Town.

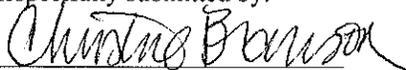
**S. Randall-** requesting signatures on the previously submitted First Light Candlewood Lake Vegetated Buffer Acceleration Agreement.

**S. Greenbaum-** stated the Housing Survey was not easy to find on the town website. Also commented that the Town Engineer position was never published.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted by:



Christine Branson, Board Clerk

May 5, 2016

\*APPROVED AS WRITTEN AT THE MAY 26, 2016 RMM