



**Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 17, 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. Maletz, S. Randall, W. Knaak, G. Linkletter, A. Mastrocinque

Video Taping: N. Mastrocinque

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

S. Randall: provided a handout in reference to a link between blue green algae blooms and zebra mussels. Mr. Randall reported to the BoS that Larry Marsicano has mapped all of the homes with in the watershed and he would share the spreadsheet and map with the BoS. Mr Randall additionally asked for a status update regarding the proposed Septic Ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Schneckenburger- submitting a letter of resignation from the Historic District.

Candlewood Lake Authority- Meeting Minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2016:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to table approval of the minutes from October 27, 2016 until the December meeting.

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

Tax Refunds:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Approve Refund of property taxes in the amount of \$ 29.52.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

Monthly Financial Summary Review:

The BoS discussed the monthly summary and noted the expenditures are tracking at approximately 38.46%. Discussion followed regarding the Senior Center and Land Use Legal Fees tracking higher than anticipated.

Appointments:

Park & Recreation Commission

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Re-appoint Kris Fazzone and Stan Greenbaum to the Park and Recreation Commission of the Town of Sherman.

Seconded By: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

Historic District Commission

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to appoint Jan Desiato to the Historic District Commission of the Town of Sherman.

Seconded By: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Progress report on Town Projects:

Water issue regarding elevated sodium content:

First Selectman C. Cope read an email from CT Dpt. of Public Health, Drinking Water Section, Environmental Analyst Patricia Bisacky in reference to the status of the next steps of action regarding the water protection plan and direction to the DoT. Also read into record was a letter Mr. Cope wrote to the CT Institute of Water Resources in support of UCONN's effort. Mr. Cope stated he is meeting with Professional Water Systems of Ridgefield to tour the Town buildings for quotes for a spot reverse osmosis system.

Housing Commission Report:

Housing Commission Chair, A. Von Plachecki recommended to the BoS if they decide to establish a Housing Authority, look to what other Towns are doing and evaluate whether the group is best as a non-governmental or Town committee. Selectman Ostrosky stated he would like to see what WECOG could provide for information of what other Towns are doing. The BoS briefly discussed examples of communities in the area that offer a diversity of housing as well as finding an ideal location. The BoS discussed holding a public forum to discuss the next steps. It was agreed at a previous meeting that the survey results would be posted on the Town website. A. Von Plachecki stated he will write a column to be published in the newspaper informing the public of the survey, its results and the dates of the forum. Also discussed was a possible update to the tax deferral program to broaden the minimum/ maximum income requirements to allow more people the ability to qualify.

Happy Acres Farm Report:

First Selectman C. Cope reported an email from John Motsinger of Full Circle Farming, LLC. The herd is currently eating hay purchased for the winter. The farm stand will be available by appointment. First Selectman Cope stated he plans to meet with an independent Veterinarian to observe the health of the herd.

Residents for Reliable Cell Service in Sherman:

First Selectman C. Cope reported he will be attending a NWConnect meeting with Sharon's First Selectman Jessica Fowler on January 19th and invited the Residents for Reliable Cell Service in Sherman to also attend. S. Maletz reported an update on behalf of the Residents for Reliable Cell Service in Sherman; R. Vergatti has been working with three property owners in an effort to find a perspective location for telecommunications equipment. Mr. Maletz additionally reported a meeting with an Engineer from Verizon and is hopeful there will be feasibility report with a solution for Southern Sherman in the next few months. Discussion followed regarding small cell technology, the engineer mentioned a possible solution with the installation of "boxes" along the Leach Hollow and Haviland Hollow area. The downside to small cell technology is that it is expensive and would be utilized only by Verizon, and that emergency communication equipment would not benefit from these installations.

Communications and Website:

First Selectman Cope stated he has reached out to WESTCOG to see what companies other Towns are using as well as the Sherman school. Selectman B. Ostrosky reported a representative will be coming to Town Hall for NIXLE training next week.

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

First Selectman Cope reported the boat and trailer has been delivered. The Town Atty. has drafted a letter of revisions which was read into record.

Septic Walkover Program Discussion:

Discussion took place regarding the projected cost as proposed in FY 2015-16 and the realistic cost currently to implement the program since the ordinance has been modified. The BoS would like to meet with the Health Director to discuss the next steps.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The BoS discussed requesting P&R come to the next meeting to discuss the following items; proposed Dog Ordinance; an update regarding the ASP program financial status; and to offer use of the online survey program for public input regarding improvement of services offered.

Selectman Ostrosky stated he will follow up with Health Director T. Simpkins regarding the proposed Septic Walk-over Program. He would like to add this item to the Agenda for the December meeting for further discussion.

Selectman Ostrosky stated he would like to look into options to provide water to the Town garden. First Selectman Cope stated he has reached out to a local contractor to see what would be necessary; the well would most likely need to be 200 feet deep and will require electricity. Discussion followed regarding use of solar energy vs. electricity.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

W. Knaak- spoke in reference to the BoS October 2016 Meeting, under the "Water, Regarding Elevated Sodium Issue" where it was mentioned UCONN Professor G. Robbins would like to dig two wells for "raw water" testing. Mr. Knaak asked if one of the wells could be located at the Town Garden and then kept as a working source of water for the garden.

First Selectman C. Cope- stated in response to Mr. Knaak's inquiry, Professor Robbins has already determined where the well locations would be based on topography.

ADJOURNMENT:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:39pm

Respectfully submitted by:



Christine Branson, Board Clerk

November 24, 2016

APPROVED AS WRITTEN AT THE DECEMBER 15, 2016 RMM