



Town of Sherman
Housing Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 24, 2017, 7:00 PM

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Members Present: B. Hoag, C. Faure, H. Bray, D. Tuck and K. Harrison

Members Absent: None

Audience and Invited: Incoming Clerk, L. Whitney, First Selectman C. Cope, D. Jordan

Call to Order: Chair, B. Hoag Called the Meeting to Order at 7:03 pm

Introduction: From the audience, Dave Jordan was identified as an interested party and potential new member.

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Monthly Meeting of November 21, 2016: Tabled until the May Meeting.

Workshop Meeting of March 20, 2017: Tabled until the May Meeting.

Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

A Look Ahead/What next:

Chairman B. Hoag sent information to the Commission regarding recent updated to Zoning Regulations made to allow detached an Accessory Apartments (750 sq. ft. or under, with 4 acres) and Accessory Dwellings (1,200 sq. ft. or under with 8 acres) that meet certain criteria. The Commission discussed the population trends in Sherman between 2010 to current. Commissioner C. Faure provided a report of elementary school enrollment between 2010 to current which is trending downward. Commissioner K. Harris provided a report of all real estate transactions between 2006 to current, which is trending upward. The Commission discussed the desire to attract young people to the area, which would potentially increase the enrollment at the school. In order to make Sherman a desirable place to relocate to it may require new thinking as far as sub-division Regulations possible recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission asked the First Selectman if he would request advice from WESCOG in reference to how other small towns are planning for the future. The Commission discussed possible amendment to the Tax Abatement / deferment program. Tax Assessor Al Garzi was in attendance at the March workshop meeting to present ideas in reference to a Tax Deferment program First Selectman Cope stated he will be meeting with Mr. Garzi tomorrow evening and anticipates a draft of the program. He will scan and send it to the Commission when he has the draft.

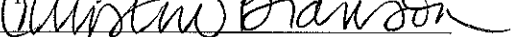
Comments by Commissioners

The Commission spoke to Mr. Jordan about his interest in joining, and agreed unanimously to recommend to the BoS that Dave Jordan be appointed to serve a two year term.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Commissioner H. Bray Adjourned the Meeting at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted by



Christine Branson

May 22, 2017