



**Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 27, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Mallory Town Hall**

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

Members Absent: None

Audience & Invited: S. Greenbaum, C. McDermott and P. Shaer

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 7:01pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

P. Schaer- CLA Director- informing the BoS of a FOI inquiry filed by J. Hodge. The estimated cost of filing over 1,500 pieces of documentation will cost approximately \$5,000.00. Mrs. Schaer is notifying the Town of Sherman that CLA may appeal to the five participating towns for funding to cover the FOI cost.

CORRESPONDENCE:

J. Hopkins, Chair of the Sherman Historic District Commission- submitted a letter of resignation from the Commission, stating she is moving and will no longer be a Sherman resident. Mrs. Hopkins made the recommendation to the BoS to appoint John Taylor to fill her vacancy as Chair.

K. Rettor, Tax Assessor Clerk- notification that the property field cards from 1969 to present have all been scanned and are now available on a server for preservation of records.

S. Randall- wrote in reference to an inquiry regarding the Septic Ordinance on the proposed FY 2017/18 Budget.

CLA- Minutes of April 12, 2017 Meeting and attached P&L report.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Monthly Meeting of January 26, 2017

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of January 26, 2017 as written.

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

Regular Monthly Meeting of February 23, 2017

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of February 23, 2017 as amended, with correction to spelling of "Malsin" and "Ad Hoc".

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

Special Meeting of March 13, 2017

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Approve the Minutes of Special Meeting of March 13, 2017 as written.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

Regular Monthly Meeting of March 23, 2017

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of March 23, 2017 as amended, with correction to spelling of "Handley".

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

Tax Refunds:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Approve Refund of property taxes in the amount of \$ 83.35 and Refund of Motor Vehicle taxes in the amount of \$ 547.10

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

Tax Collector Suspense List:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Accept the Tax Collector Suspense List as presented.

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

Monthly Financial Summary Review:

The BoS discussed the monthly summary and noted expenditures are tracking where they are expected to be.

Financial Controls:

Selectman B. Ostrosky stated that he to meet with Business Manager L. LaVia to work on the Town Asset list. Mr. Ostrosky stated he plans to have the Asset List on the Town website as Public Record which he hopes will create better understanding when it comes time to replace items.

Appointments:

Historic District Commission:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to appoint John Taylor to serve as a Commission Chair and reappointment of Commissioner Jim French to serve on the Sherman Historic District Commission, both for two year terms, set to expire January 1, 2019.

Seconded By: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to re-appoint Commissioner Joel Bruzinski to serve on the Sherman Historic District Commission a five year term, set to expire January 1, 2022

Seconded By: B. Ostrosky

Vote: For: Unanimous

Commission on Aging:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to re-appoint Janet Wey to serve a three year term as Commission Chair, set to expire January 1, 2020. Re-appointment of Commissioners: Arthur Jellen, Jeanne McRoberts to both serve a three year term, set to expire January 1, 2020; and re-appointment of Commissioners Rick Hudson, Ed Hayes, Sheila McMahon, and Juan Garcia to all serve two year terms, set to expire January 1, 2019 on the Sherman Commission on Aging.

Seconded By: B. Ostrosky **Vote: For: Unanimous**

Sherman Land Acquisition Advisory Board:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to appoint William McCann to serve a three year term as Representative of the Conservation Commission on the Sherman Land Acquisition Advisory Board, set to expire January 1, 2020.

Seconded by: D. Lowe **Vote: For: Unanimous**

Sherman Conservation Commission:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to re-appoint Commissioner Joanna Wozniak Brown to serve a two year term on the Sherman Conservation Commission, set to expire January 1, 2019.

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 reported a conference call between State Director of Health, Pat Bisacky, Vicky Carrier from DPH, Marc Cohen from Atlantic States, and Gary Robbins from the University of Connecticut regarding review of the UCONN evaluation on April 7, 2017. They plan on conducting quarterly test sampling moving forward. Most levels of sodium are dropping. The next meeting will be May 26th, 2017.

Fox Run Detention Basin:

First Selectman C. Cope stated the Town Engineer is making further adjustments to simplify the plan and bring costs down.

Tennis Courts at Veterans Field:

First Selectman C. Cope reported demolition has begun. R S Sites & Sports estimates the approximate completion will be the end of June.

Town Roads:

First Selectman C. Cope reported sweeping will begin around the lake communities working outward, catch basin cleaning will start on May 22, 2017. Chip sealing on Chapel Hill, Holiday Point, Mauweehoo Hill, and Partridge Trail are scheduled to begin the third week of May.

Housing Commission Report:

First Selectman C. Cope reported the Commission welcomed new member Katie Harrison. A tax deferment program is being developed to submit to the BoS for consideration. A member of WCCOG has been approached to advise the Commission on possible Zoning Regulation changes to suggest to the BoS and ultimately to Planning and Zoning.

Happy Acres Farm Report:

First Selectman C. Cope received an email from J. Motsinger announcing the spring garden is half planted. Soon the cows will be out in the pastures. The total head count for cattle remains at 48. Soon they will be announcing new plans for the summer season.

Residents for Reliable Cell Service in Sherman:

First Selectman C. Cope read an email from S. Maletz and G. Maletz stating; Verizon continues to prepare to locate their equipment on the Tower Hill site, including all necessary drawings and structural plans necessary for legal documentation. Service is likely to be up and running in the next few months. They are asking if Sherman Town Officials and residents of Sherman that use different cell service carriers contact those companies and encourage them to co-locate on the tower in NY State and owned by the Town of New Fairfield.

Technology & Communications:

First Selectman C. Cope reported he and Selectman Ostrosky met with K. Rettor (Town IT) and viewed a webinar regarding the new Town website. In five weeks the initial design will be available to view, allowing three revisions. Anticipated "live" date will be early July.

DoT paving project on Route 37 status:

First Selectman C. Cope reported that milling of the road surface will begin July 6th, 2017 and paving will begin July 12th, 2017.

LoTCIP functional classification for Wakeman Hill Road:

First Selectman C. Cope reported that WCCOG installed data collectors on Taber Road and Wakeman Hill Road to determine if traffic is greater on Wakeman Hill , which might make it eligible for grant funding for paving, as a collector road.

Memorial Day Parade Committee report:

First Selectman C. Cope announced The Grand Marshalls will be David and Janet Hopkins, former publishers at the Sherman Sentinel. The Sherman School Band will march in the parade this year. Sherman resident, R. Lenihan is coordinating the classic car entries. The parade will be held on Sunday May 28th. Selectmen are asked to meet at Judd's corner at 12:00pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

First Selectman C. Cope: stated he will put CLA as a discussion topic at the next Regular Meeting May 25, 2017.

Selectman D. Lowe: requesting a separate meeting with CLA and delegates.

Selectman B. Ostrosky: stated he will be sending notices on several of the topics that were discussed tonight for follow up meetings and announcements on NIXEL.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. McDermott: requesting a status update of the restrooms at Veteran's Field.

First Selectman C. Cope: stated the existing structures will serve as storage and P&R will install portable toilets.

S. Greenbaum: requested who is supervising the Tennis Court renovations?

First Selectman C. Cope: stated the Town Engineer will be overseeing the renovations of the Tennis Courts.

P. Schaer: stated she appreciates the BoS's efforts to discuss and possibly set a meeting with the five other Candlewood Area Towns. Additionally, Mrs. Schaer announced the CLA Patrol Boat will make an appearance at the Memorial Day Parade.

ADJOURNMENT:

First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:36pm

Respectfully submitted by:



Christine Branson, Board Clerk

May 22, 2017

