

Town of Sherman  
Board of Selectman Special Meeting  
September 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm  
Mallory Town Hall

Member's Present: First Selectman Don Lowe, Selectman Bob Ostrosky, and Selectman Joel Bruzinski

Member's Absent: None

Audience & Invited: Treasurer Eric Holub, Business Manager Liz LaVia, representatives from the Senior Housing Committee Barbara Ackerman and Ted Hollander, Pam Bonner, and members from the community.

Clerk: Margaret Beatty

First Selectman Don Lowe called the special meeting to order at 7:01pm followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1) Discuss the Independent Village Senior Housing project and possibly decide on a referendum date: The Selectman discussed potential dates to hold a referendum. One possible date discussed was Saturday October 1, 2022. Selectman Bob Ostrosky expressed concern, that the date in question, was too soon and some residents might perceive that the Board is looking to ram the item through without enough conversation and knowledge on the topic. Due to the upcoming Midterm Elections, the Selectman also had concerns about hamstringing the Town's Registrar's office and their ability to produce the necessary ballots needed for both the referendum and the election. The Selectman ultimately decided to hold a Town Meeting on Saturday October 1, 2022, at 10 am with the referendum on October 15, 2022, from 8am-8pm.

Motion: Move the referendum question as written with regard to the Independent Senior Housing project to an October 1, 2022, Town Meeting at 10am, which will be moved to an October 15, 2022, referendum from 8am-8pm.

Motioned by: First Selectman Don Lowe

Seconded by: Selectman Joel Bruzinski

All in Favor: Unanimous

Note: The Selectman still have some concerns that the dates motioned may not agree with the Registrar's and Town Clerk.

- 2) Discuss increased costs and possibly bring to Town Meeting with regard to the new playground at the Sherman School: Pam Bonner, who serves on the School Building Committee, explained that in order to ensure the integrity and safety of the playground,

a poured- in-place footing rubber surface was the best direction but would require an additional \$150,000 in funds to complete the project. She stipulated that due to potential weather conditions that can affect the product decisions would need to be made prior to October 15, 2022. Selectman reminded that the committee must have all information ready to be presented to the public during the Town Meeting. The committee must be prepared to plead their case.

Motion: Bring to Town Meeting an amount not to exceed \$150,000 from the Capital Nonrecurring fund to finance the completion of the playground.

Motioned by: First Selectman Don Lowe

Seconded by: Selectman Bob Ostrosky                      All in Favor: Unanimous

The Town Meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2022, at 6 pm in Charter Hall.

3) Discuss an employment situation (Executive Session anticipated):

At 7:22 pm, the BOS moved into Executive Session.

Motion: Move into Executive Session to discuss an employment issue and invite the Town Treasurer Eric Holub and Business Manager Liz LaVia to the session.

Motioned by: First Selectman Don Lowe

Seconded by: Selectman Joel Bruzinski                      All in Favor: Unanimous

The BOS authorized the First Selectman Don Lowe to take the necessary action to resolve a personnel issue.

At 7:50 pm, the BOS came out of Executive Session.

Motion: First Selectman Don Lowe moved to come out of Executive Session.

Motioned by: First Selectman Don Lowe

Seconded by: Selectman Bob Ostrosky                      All in Favor: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Notes respectfully submitted by Margaret Beatty on September 12, 2022.