

Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman Special Meeting
Friday, July 8, 2022, at 6 pm
Mallory Town Hall

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

Member's Absent: None

Audience & Invited: Residents from the community.

Clerk: Margaret Beatty

First Selectman Don Lowe called the meeting to order at 6 pm followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. He then proceeded into the agenda.

- 1) To discuss whether to hold a referendum on the following question: Shall the Town of Sherman lease the property located behind the American Pie restaurant for the purposes of Senior Housing at \$1 per year for 100 years to an entity to be determined by the Board of Selectman based on the need addressed in the Sherman Plan of Conservation and Development?

First Selectman Don Lowe called the meeting to discuss the work and efforts done by the Housing Committee. All Selectman found the wording problematic and can potentially lead the proposed project for failure. The Selectman agree that the efforts of the committee should not go unnoticed but agree most voters may misconstrue what is being proposed. The Selectman reworded the question to read:

Shall the Town of Sherman lease the 15.229-acre parcel of Town property located behind the American Pie restaurant for the purposes of Senior Housing at \$1 per year for 100 years to an entity to be determined by the legislative body of the Town.

Ted Hollander, Housing Committee member, interjected questioning whether a Town Meeting be called rather than a referendum.

Selectman Bob Ostrosky recommended that the idea be more heavily socialized in Town so that more residents have a better understanding of what is being asked. It allows the residents time to react to the question.

Barbara Ackerman noted that the committee hosted multiple forums for residents to participate in and understand what is being proposed. She did agree to provide more flyers advertising, adopting the new verbiage.

The item was tabled until the next BOS monthly meeting, with the adoption of new wording, allowing the Town attorney to review as well as having all parties involved aligned with the question.

Motion: Adopt for consideration the following question: Shall the Town of Sherman lease the 15.229-acre parcel of Town property located behind the American pie restaurant for the purposes of Senior Housing at \$1 per year for 100 years to an entity to be determined by the legislative body of the Town.

Motioned by: First Selectman Don Lowe

Seconded by: Selectman Joel Bruzinski **All in Favor:** Unanimous

Rick Hudson of 20 Crooked Furrows Lane hopes the Town incorporates plot size and number, leaser and lease when describing specifics if an agreement is reached in the future.

The remainder of the agenda items move into executive session. First Selectman Don Lowe invited Ron Copper, the Town Zoning Enforcement Officer and Ryan Peburn, the chair of Zoning Board.

The Executive Session went into session at 6:35 pm.

Motioned by: First Selectman Don Lowe

Seconded by: Selectman Bob Ostrosky **All in Favor:** Unanimous

- 2) To discuss work related transportation for out Zoning Enforcement officer: The Selectman made a decision to let the First Selectman coordinate a vehicle share.

The session ended at 6:52 pm.

The Executive Session went into session at 6:53 pm.

Motioned by: Selectman Bob Ostrosky

Seconded by: First Selectman Don Lowe **All in Favor:** Unanimous

- 3) To discuss personnel changes within our Public Works department: It was an informal discussion on personnel changes at Public Works and no decisions were made.

The session ended at 7:11 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.