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# STC Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2019

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## Call to order

A meeting of the Sherman Telecommunications Committee was called to order at 11:03 am at Mallory Town Hall on June 7, 2019. The STC did not meet in May 2019.

Attendees included Committee members Gail Maletz [GM], Zoe Sochor [ZS], Terri Hahn [TH], Al Zeisler [AZ] and Don Lowe [DL]. Also in attendance was guest Naromi board member Stan Greenbaum.

## Approval of minutes and 2019 meeting dates

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2019 STC meeting was made by GM and seconded by ZS; approved unanimously.

## Correspondence/Public Comment

No comments.

## Old Business

- **Status of emergency equipment installation (DL)**

DL reported that emergency equipment is not going to move forward on Timber Trails. The Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was unable to secure the easement. DL commented that, despite of all the hard work that was done, the easy part was unsuccessful. He also reported that progress is continuing steadily on an alternative location, where the town's emergency equipment could be installed for free.

- **Possible cell tower site per Ray Vergati (DL)** - DL reported that the ground lease with Homeland Towers and an interested landlord was informally agreed upon and is still in progress. GM noted that the next steps in the cell tower construction process would be following the pre-application guidelines as set forth in the Siting Council document before an application can be filed with the CSC.

**T-Mobile installation at Happy Acres per Dan Reid (DL)** – DL reported that T-Mobile completed investigation of the farm's silo structure, and the engineering report is forthcoming. T-Mobile required the report prior to starting construction.

- **NWConneCT / NWCOG (TH)** –TH reported that she attended NWConneCT's April 25 meeting at 4 pm in Goshen, representing Sherman. Frank Copsidas Sherman Charter/Spectrum representative joined her. TH said the meeting was highly informative. A team out of NYC and Westchester made a detailed presentation on setting up fiber in Sharon. Of note were several stats, funding information, e.g. start-up money can be secured from banks and other sources, and

a case studies of other towns that have set up fiber. TH suggested that the presenters attend one of our meetings.

**ACTION:** TH will continue to attend these meetings, ensuring Sherman's representation.

- **Emergency call boxes (AZ)** – AZ reported no information.

**ACTION:** TH to follow up with Frank Copsidas re his March 12 meeting with Spectrum on this issue.

- **Communications (committee)** – Committee discussed if/when any communications are necessary in the approval process for a tower. GM sent filing guides to the team to review.

## New Business

- A. **Nairobi new properties** - TH had introduced to Ray and Stan Greenbaum by email as Homeland Towers remains open to investigating other possible sites.

**ACTION:** Stan to review with Ray and Marge Josephson (former head of the Nairobi board) regarding additional properties acquired by Nairobi since its conversation with Homeland Towers five years ago.

- B. **NWConnect** - SB846 - Municipal Gain – NWConnect's latest meeting discussed a proposed bill in Hartford regarding municipalities being able to use telephone poles for telecommunications

- C. **Chronology/History of Telecommunication Attempts** - Sherman, CT (TH) – TH provided an outline to the group for historic reference.

- D. **Huawei** – Impact (AZ) – AZ briefed the group on Huawei and asked if Ray could provide any information as to its impact on Sherman. The group decided that the question could be posed next time Ray is in contact with us.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM. Next meeting: Friday, August 2 at 11 am, Mallory Town Hall.