

**Town of Sherman
Board of Selectmen Monthly Meeting
Charter Hall and Zoom
November 20, 2025 at 7PM**

Present: First Selectman Don Lowe; Selectman Joel Bruzinski; Selectman Bob Ostrosky; Treasurer Andrea Maloney

Absent: Business Manager Liz LaVia

Invited & Audience: PW Supervisor Kris Fazzone; Jean Robbins; Missy Alexander; David Jellen and Guest

Clerk: Nicole Zegley

Call to Order: First Selectman Don Lowe called the meeting to order at 7:01PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Missy Alexander of 5 Ledgewood Drive spoke on behalf of the Sherman Playhouse as their acting President. The Sherman Playhouse will be entering their centennial year in 2026. The building is currently underpowered. The Sherman Playhouse needs upgrading of the electric to run the lighting and air conditioning and reduce power consumption. A grant has been applied for to help retrofit the lighting for a minimum of \$10,000. With modern standards and trying to host a theater company, it needs to be upgraded. An estimate was received from Deak Electric.

A Motion was made to add to the agenda item A1 - Electrical Upgrade at the Sherman Playhouse.

Motioned By: First Selectman Don Lowe

Seconded By: Selectman Bob Ostrosky

All in Favor: Unanimous

Correspondence: None

Administrative Items:

Approval of October 16, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

Motioned By: First Selectman Don Lowe

Seconded By: Selectman Bob Ostrosky

All in Favor: Unanimous

Approval of October 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motioned By: First Selectman Don Lowe

Seconded By: Selectman Bob Ostrosky

All in Favor: Unanimous

Approval of November 06, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

Motioned By: First Selectman Don Lowe
Seconded By: Selectman Bob Ostrosky
All in Favor: Unanimous

Financial Review: Business Manager Liz LaVia was absent. First Selectman Don Lowe updated the Board that there was nothing major in the cycle to report, and everything is tracking as normal.

Tax Refunds: First Selectman Don Lowe announced tax refunds for approval.

A Motion was made to approve a tax refund of \$1739.47.

Motioned By: Selectman Bob Ostrosky
Seconded By: Selectman Joel Bruzinski
All in Favor: Unanimous

Acknowledgments/Appointments: None

A Motion was made to accept a \$5000 donation for a bench near the pond in Volunteer Park in honor of Anne Bomford.

Motioned By: Selectman Bob Ostrosky
Seconded By: First Selectman Don Lowe
All in Favor: Unanimous

First Selectman Don Lowe read a letter offering the donation.

September 24, 2025

*John Wrenn and To Whom it May Concern
Mallory Town Hall
Parks and Recreation Department
9 Route 39 North
Sherman, CT 06784*

My name is Ann Leavengood Giles and I reside in Tampa, FL. I would like to Honor my dear friend Anne B. Bomford who quietly retired and resided in Sherman for over 20 years. She died in August, 2024. As background the two of us had been friends since 1968. I would like to purchase a park bench in her honor to be installed in the Volunteer Field where she walked her dogs.

The bench should be of similar make, design and meet specification of the rest of benches approved in and for the Town of Sherman.

I would like to see a plaque 4 x 6 to read:

*Anne B. Bomford
1945-2024
From Her Four
Legged Friends*

I have enclosed a \$5000 cashier's check to handle the purchase, installation and plaque to honor my friend. If the cost is less, the money would remain with the Town of Sherman. If this amount is insufficient, I will remit additional funds based upon an invoice. Please advise.

I can be reached at the contacts below.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Tampa, FL 33606

Information & Discussion:

- a. **SVFD:** Fire Chief Chris Fuchs was not present with an update, but First Selectman Don Lowe expressed how busy they had been lately.
- A.1. Sherman Playhouse Electrical Upgrade:** Selectman Bob Ostrosky suggested moving this item to the December meeting. Missy Alexander has an estimate from Deak Electric for \$33,740. Selectman Joel Bruzinski suggested maybe an air conditioner upgrade may be less of a draw on the electrical depending on the age of the unit. Missy Alexander invited the Board to come and do a walk through and evaluate.
- b. **Public Works:** PW Supervisor Kris Fazzone updated the board that tree work is ongoing as they have been working continuously with Eversource and Lewis Tree. They have been working on Hardscrabble. Both Kris and Matt completed a one day course on salt usage and are now Green Snow Pro Certified. Kris, Kyle and Jim completed a class on Fleet Management regarding DOT requirements, fleet maintenance and selling old equipment. All equipment has had its winter service. Kyle has been an amazing addition. There is a surplus of wood in town that Public Works would like to donate to residents. PW Supervisor Kris Fazzone requested a land survey of the PW lot.

A Motion was made to move item i, Electronic Signs: Possible Purchase, to B2.

Motioned By: Selectman Bob Ostrosky

Seconded By: First Selectman Don Lowe

All in Favor: Unanimous

b2. Electronic Signs: Possible Purchase: Public Work Supervisor Kris Fazzone explained that United Rental had two used electronic message signs for \$11,000 each that were 6 years old. He expressed the need to move quickly before they are sold.

Selectman Bob Ostrosky had expressed that he was interested in purchasing new equipment and not used. He believes the town will get a great deal of use out of them

(speed enforcement, tree work) and suggested purchasing two new signs up to \$15,000 each.

First Selectman Don Lowe requested more information and will add further discussions to the December meeting.

- c. **Sherman School Renovation Update:** First Selectman Don Lowe moved the meeting to the renovation update. He was unable to attend the latest meeting. Andrea Maloney attended and confirmed that the project continues to run on schedule with the first day of school slated for September 8, 2026 for teachers and staff and September 14, 2026 for students. The value engineering list was also shared at the meeting.
- d. **Happy Acres Leases: Redrafts to Review:** First Selectman Don Lowe and David Jellen jointly revised the Happy Acres lease.

Selectman Bob Ostrosky added that a clause still needs to be added to protect the town. Terminate within 90 days, up to a year to move out and 5 years salary lump sum.

First Selectman Don Lowe will work on writing up the clause and bring it to the December meeting. A new lease needs to be signed prior to 01/01/2026.

First Selectman Don Lowe moved the meeting to the Lyscynski lease and modifications that were made.

- e. **Proposed Sherman Senior Center Update:** First Selectman Don Lowe updated the board on the informational forum, referendum on December 6, 2025, as well as a mailer that went out funded by "Friends of the Senior Center".
- f. **Taber Road Stone Wall Repairs at Happy Acres:** First Selectman Don Lowe requested permission from the board to get quotes to repair the stone wall that was damaged nearly 20 years ago.

Selectman Bob Ostrosky agreed that it needs to be repaired.

- g. **Sherman School Renovation - Clerk of the Works Progress Report:** First Selectman Don Lowe informed the board that only two applicants have expressed interest. The job posting has been extended for an additional three weeks and the deadline is now 12/2/2025.
- h. **Possible Maintenance Supervisor Position for Town Buildings:** First Selectman Don Lowe explained that the SVFD inquired as to why Sherman doesn't have a building maintenance supervisor. The Sherman School maintenance supervisor, Phil, expressed interest in the position.

Selectman Bob Ostrosky suggested using or expanding public works since PW Supervisor Kris Fazzone has been requesting another employee.

Moved to the December meeting for further discussion.

Andrea Maloney added that the new Senior Center will add an additional building to maintain.

Other Business:

Selectman Bob Ostrosky suggested discussion for a COG grant at the December meeting.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Motioned By: First Selectman Don Lowe

Seconded: Selectman Bob Ostrosky

Time: 7:52pm

Respectfully Submitted By Nicole Zegley