

# Town of Sherman Historic District Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes Monday, July 21, 2025 Mallory Town Hall @ 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Cara Kaufmann (Chair), Jim French (Vice Chair), Karen Angelo

**Members Absent:** Connor McGowan, Brett Pransky, Jan Desiato (Alternate)

Other Attendees: Christine Aruza (Clerk)

Call to Order: Chair C. Kaufmann called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** 

J. French made a motion to approve the June 16, 2025 minutes

**Seconded by:** C. Kaufmann

**Vote:** Unanimous For

#### **Scout House Renovations**

Per C. Kaufmann the totem pole has been repainted. She will reach out to Don Lowe (First Selectman) to obtain a copy of the contract for the work being performed at the Old Center School. Commissioners agreed to conduct a site inspection after the conclusion of the meeting. (See Addendum)

#### **Veterans Wall**

As of the time of the meeting there is no additional information to report. C. Kaufmann will email D. Lowe regarding the wall and intended next steps.

### **Letter Emailed from TRILEAF**

C. Kaufmann, prior to the meeting, emailed members a letter sent to the commission by TRILEAF, a specialized environmental, architecture and engineering firm. The letter is in

reference to 32 Route 37 East (White Silo Farm & Winery) C. Kaufmann read an excerpt from the letter into the record,

"Trileaf Corporation is in the process of completing a Section 106 Review at the referenced property. Our client proposes to install 12 rooftop vents at a top height of 75 feet on a 74 foot silo, with an existing overall height of 75 feet. The project also includes the installation of DAC temperature sensors and controllers within the interior of the silo and an electric supply conduit along existing cable routing. No ground disturbance is proposed. The antenna will be licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Our investigation includes determining if the site is contained in, on or within the viewshed of a building, site, district, structure or object, significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture, that is listed, or eligible for listing on the State or National Registers of Historic Places, or located in or on an Indian Religious Site. Trileaf is requesting information regarding this tower's potential effect on Historic Properties. All information received will be forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) as part of the Section 106 review process. Additionally, this invitation to comment is separate from any local planning/zoning process that may apply to this project."

J. French advised the Historic District Commission has no jurisdiction over the location. He recommended that Planning and Zoning (P&Z) be involved. C. Kaufmann will email P&Z.

# **Any New Business**

No new business at this time.

## Adjournment

J. French made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by: K. Angelo **Vote For:** Unanimous For

C. Kaufmann adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Aruza Next monthly meeting: Monday, August 18, 2025, @ 7:00 p.m., Mallory Town Hall

### **ADDENDUM**

The following are site inspection notes recorded by C. Kaufmann (Chair) on July 21, 2025 of the Center School/Scout House renovations. Also in attendance during the site inspection were Jim French (Vice Chair) and Karen Angelo (Commissioner).

"We went to go look at the progress of the renovations after closing the regular Historic District Commission meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025. Commissioners spoke about the new layer of clapboard, the new overhang for the gutters, and paint. Commissioners also discussed the belfry that was taken off the roof for repair. The belfry used to house the school bell, which is now housed at the Old Store. Commissioners proceeded to walk around the whole building and agreed that the renovations look like they are going well."