

Sherman Senior Community Center Building Committee

Minutes August 12, 2025

Mallory Town Hall

In attendance: Don Lowe, Tim Beatty (arrived (7:10), Carol Sperling, Karen Cardillo, Laura Jagodzinski, Frank Barth, Dave Seegers

Absent: Joan Laucius, JodiAnn Eure

Audience: Jeanne McRoberts, CoA, Kim Thompson, CoA, Suzette Berger, Director Sherman Senior Center.

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

First order of business was to approve minutes of the previous meeting (July 29, 2025). Don motioned to approve the minutes, Laura seconded the motion and all approved.

Discussion and votes on building design, floor plan and cost saving items. Attached document provides details of each item and voting information of each committee member.

Karen Cardillo gave a Communications Committee update. She noted that the FAQ's were being distributed regularly on the Sherman Senior Center Facebook Page and that the Senior Center Community Building Committee landing page on the Sherman Town Website was active. Members of the audience mentioned that it was difficult to navigate the town website to find the SSCBC landing page. We will work on that. Our committee will meet again soon to discuss next steps in getting our messages out to the public. Suzette Berger mentioned that a member of the community said that they like the information that they were receiving through social media or the town website.

Karen Cardillo asked Suzette Berger to create a one year Senior Center Operations Plan to address what would the Senior Center look like after doors open in new building, regarding new programs, volunteers, employees, extended hours, etc. She has also been tasked with devising a monthly maintenance budget for the new building.

Our next meeting August 26, 2025

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cardillo
Chairperson

FEATURE	Estimated Savings	Voting results
EXTERIOR BUILDING		
Remove Dormers	\$25,000	All in favor
Eliminate second traffic lane under portico	\$30,000	All in favor
Change Portico material from Steel to Wood	\$5,000	Tim, Karen, Don, Frank, Dave in favor; Laura, Carol opposed
SITE WORK		
Move building forward	\$19,000	All in favor
Replace retaining wall behind building with grading	\$15,000	All in favor
Replace paved lower parking lot with gravel	\$28,000	All in favor
Include a generator	\$20,000*	All in favor
INTERIOR		
Remove transoms from above the windows	\$26,000	All in favor
Replace built in cabinetry under windows in meeting rooms and office with modular furniture	\$55,000	All in favor
Eliminate wall (flexible or fixed) between Reading Library and Active Space	Not estimated	All in favor
Replace 2 floor to ceiling glass walls (east/west) of the vestibule with fixed glass solid walls	\$20,000*	All in favor of installing as large of piece of glass as possible.
Swap Coffee Station and Bulletin Board locations	None	All in favor
East/West wall needs to accommodate a television for movies	NA	Architect to determine modifications for best location
Add restroom facilities and move staff restroom to office area	?	Already in the plans as requested.