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Lowe said all contracts are signed and the (new) architect planned a meeting with the Senior Center's Director Suzette Berger. He went on to say that the SCBC was in the process of investigating site plans and site work.

Members of Sherman's Conservation Commission were present to address the Board and request that it adopt a policy banning the use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides ("SGARs") on all municipal property. Those members addressing the Board noted that a few other Connecticut towns have adopted such policies. These rodenticides "inhibit the synthesis of vitamin K-dependent clotting factors, leading to internal bleeding. This process can take several days, allowing rodents to consume the bait without immediate suspicion." Members spoke about the risk of secondary poisoning to other forms of wildlife noting that non-targeted predators are becoming infected and dying as well; the local ecosystem is being impacted by the use of these poisons on the rodent population in Sherman. The Commission suggested alternatives such as exclusion sanitation and non-poisonous traps. While there is general support for the concept, the Board raised questions regarding the Town's current usage of these rodenticides and implementation of a possible ban, including the history of rodenticide use on municipal properties, what specific alternative plans would be implemented if a ban were enacted and how would the Town transition to non-poisonous methods effectively. Selectman Bob Ostrosky wants time to conduct due diligence and suggested adding this issue to next month's meeting agenda.

The towns of Winchester and Bethel adopted policies in October to ban all anticoagulant rodenticides on municipal properties. Litchfield adopted a similar policy earlier this month; and, earlier in the year Southbury banned the use of these rodenticides on town-owned properties (May) and Newtown's Board of Selectman unanimously voted to do the same (April). Fairfield stopped using SGARs on municipal property in 2025.

In May 2025, Connecticut passed Senate bill 9, 'An Act Concerning the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Municipal and State Planning, and The Use of Neonicotinoids and Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides.' The bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to classify SCARs as restricted use pesticides; they will only "be allowed to be applied by, or under the supervision of, a certified pesticide applicator. Certification requires an exam and annual registration. Restricting rodenticide use helps prevent secondary poisoning and supports healthier ecosystems". The Governor signed the bill on June 10, 2025.

Other matters discussed included the Sherman Volunteer Fire Department's ("SVFD" or "Department") monthly report, which was emailed to Mr. Lowe by Chief Fuchs in advance of the meeting. To date, the Department has responded to 357 emergency calls, members are "actively training for seasonal incidents, such as chimney fires, motor vehicle accidents and brush fires" and the Sprinter van, purchased with donated funds, was outfitted with search and rescue water rescue equipment, as well as a fire rehab unit. Chief Fuchs noted that SVFD members will spend time becoming familiar with the vehicle before it officially begins responding to emergencies. Quotes are being obtained for the replacement of two broken backflow preventers. The Department's annual Christmas tree sale begins this weekend. Trees are $60, along with wreaths sold by the scouts for $30.

Public Works Supervisor Kris Fazzone provided the Board with a brief update on his department's work during the past month. He said the new sander arrived; plow markers are being put up in advance of the first snowfall and roadside mowing is complete for the year. The auction of surplus town equipment on govbid.com has generated approximately $55,000 to date. Town Business Manager Liz La Via said the Town is "starting to see money come in on the Connectivity grant."

The Board discussed reconsidering its decision not to pay the $2,000 membership dues for the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities ("CCM"). Ms. La Via pointed out the indirect benefits of membership, including for budgeting purposes. Currently, Sherman is the only town, out of 169, that does not have a voice on CCM's board. Mr. Lowe is obtaining quotes for the painting of/at the Sherman Playhouse. Mr. Ostrosky questioned when the playhouse was last painted. La Via noted that the Town has nearly $100,000 available in LOCIP funds. Discussion ensued regarding the school's request to use an old van owned by the Senior Center.

The Board reappointed Mr. Frattini to Park & Rec for a 3-year term beginning January 2027.

The Board adjourned to an Executive Session, which included Ms. La Via and Town Treasurer Andrea Maloney, to discuss a change in the Social Services Director job description.

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17 at 7:00pm.

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF SHERMAN
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE COMMISSION

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Sherman Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission on *November 17, 2026,* the following decisions were made by the Commission.

Jeffrey Rump- 44 Taber Road – Application # 17-26: (Construction of a 5 Car gravel parking lot – install Septic System and construct New Garage with Apartment – install mulched walking paths & install wetlands buffer plantings with the 100' review area all within the established review area).

Accepted and Continued

SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Frank Galasso, Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE
TAX DISTRICT OF CANDLEWOOD ISLE

Notice is hereby given that the second installment of taxes due the Tax District of Candlewood Isle based on the Town of New Fairfield's Grand List of assessment year 2025, is due and payable on January 1, 2027. Interest will be charged on unpaid balances as of February 1, 2027, at a rate of 1 1/2 % per month or fraction thereof, from the due date with a minimum interest charge of $2.00. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of his/her liability for payment of taxes or delinquent charges.

If you have any questions regarding your taxes, please contact Karen Hanley at (203) 746-0220 or office@candlewoodisle.com.

Doreen Crawford-Clerk CITD

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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(26-00508)

The Hon. Martin F. Landgrebe, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Housatonic Probate Court, by decree dated November 9, 2026 ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Emily Grabner, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Jesse Domagala
640 River Road
Southbury CT 06488

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF NEW FAIRFIELD
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the New Fairfield Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing followed by a business session on *Thursday, November 19, 2026.* The following are the results of those hearings:

Application # 09-26: Buffington, 23 Hemlock Trail Circle **- Granted**

Application # 10-26: Bradley and Stroller, 15 Lakeshore Drive North **- Continued**

Application # 11-26: Kant and Prakash, 53 Bogus Hill Road **- Continued**

Joanne Brown, Secretary

Last Week's Teaser Answers

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