

**EAST LYME BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, MAY 14th, 2014**

Members In Attendance: Steve Kelley, Chairman
Lisa Picarazzi, Secretary
Camille Alberti
Steve Carpenteri
Steve Harney
Beth Hogan

FILED IN EAST LYME
CONNECTICUT
May 19, 2014 AT 2:00 AM/PM
Lesley A. Blair
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Also In Attendance: Paul Formica, First Selectman
Anna Johnson, Finance Director
Joseph Smith, Building Official

Absent: No One

A. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Kelley called this Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Finance to order at 7:00 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was observed.

C. Delegations

Mr. Kelley called for Delegations.

Mike Schulz, Lovers Lane said that he had come this evening to thank them for all the work that they put forth in the budget process and for a job well done. He said that he wished that more people had come to the meetings.

D. Approval of Minutes

▪ **Wednesday, April 9, 2014 – Regular Meeting**

Mr. Kelley called for a motion for approval or any changes to the Board of Finance Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2014.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. Carpenteri moved to approve the Board of Finance Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2014 as presented.

Ms. Hogan seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

▪ **Monday, April 14, 2014 – Special Meeting**

Mr. Kelley called for a motion for approval or any changes to the Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2014.

****MOTION (2)**

Ms. Picarazzi moved to approve the Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2014 as presented.

Mr. Harney seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 1. Motion passed.

Abstained: Ms. Alberti

▪ **Monday, April 21, 2014 – Public Hearing**

Mr. Kelley called for a motion for approval or any changes to the Board of Finance Public Hearing Minutes of April 21, 2014.

****MOTION (3)**

Ms. Hogan moved to approve the Board of Finance Public Hearing Minutes of April 21, 2014 as presented.

Mr. Carpenteri seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

▪ **Monday, April 21, 2014 – Special Meeting**

Mr. Kelley called for a motion for approval or any changes to the Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2014.

****MOTION (4)**

Ms. Alberti moved to approve the Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2014 as presented.

Ms. Picarazzi seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

E. Reports

◆ **First Selectman**

Mr. Formica reported that the Regional Water project is winding down and is about to be turned on. As they missed the original window for sending water back and forth prior to the summer season, they are looking to do a side agreement with New London on sending water back and forth on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays. This would also allow for thorough testing of the system. The line has been leak tested and is full of water. The Department of Health has also visited and reviewed it.

He also reported on an Energize CT energy audit for homeowners who would pay \$75 and receive all types of energy savings measures within their homes. He said that there is also a 'per resident' program in conjunction with CL & P that they will be rolling out shortly. This gives credit to the Clean Energy Program and as the points mount up – a rebate is given that can be used within the community.

Ms. Picarazzi asked who conducts the energy audit.

Mr. Formica said that CL & P have authorized contractors that are used.

Mr. Kelley asked if there was an income limit on the \$75 that would get you up to \$700 worth of energy savings measures installed in your home.

Mr. Formica said no. He added that they would also be doing another one with the seniors in mind.

Ms. Picarazzi asked when the boardwalk repairs would start.

Mr. Formica said it would be as soon as Amtrak gives the okay as they have all of the other necessary permitting in place and a contractor who has been vetted and the money appropriated to do the work. Amtrak has all of the information to review and has promised an answer before the May 21, 2014 which is the time frame that the contractor has to hold the pricing. He noted that it is ridiculous that it has gone on for as long as it has now, especially when considering that the Town cooperated to expedite the process for the bridge repairs that Amtrak did. He expects to hear any day now.

◆ **Finance Director**

Ms. Johnson said that they had their packets with all the information and that her monthly report was in their packets. She had also passed out a copy of the Board of Ed budget report to them this evening.

Ms. Picarazzi asked if there was anything that they should be aware of regarding coming up on the end of the year.

Ms. Johnson said that she was working with Mr. Bragaw to get all of the issues resolved with regard to the winter that we had and that she does expect that they will come before the Board asking for \$45,000 to cover the heating costs for the extremely cold winter we had.

F. New Business

a. Building Department Special Appropriation - \$7500

Mr. Formica said that this would be offset by revenues as they have seen more projects than usual coming forward this year. This is for part time inspectors.

Ms. Picarazzi asked if the money would be for this current year.

Mr. Formica said yes.

****MOTION (5)**

Ms. Picarazzi moved to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$7,500.00 to budget account 4-01-01-104-100-212 (Building Official) and revenue account 4-01-05-500-501 (Building Permits) due to increased activity in permitting and inspection activity.

Mr. Carpenteri seconded the motion.

Ms. Alberti said that in moving money to both areas that it is a wash. She asked if the single family home applications were for the Orchards.

Mr. Smith said that it is Town-wide and that some of this comes from knock-downs and rebuilds that typically go on in the beach areas. They really picked up a little from everywhere throughout the Town.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

b. Discussion/Action Tax Collection Suspense List 2002 – 2012 in the amount of \$28,862.05

Mr. McCulloch was not present.

Mr. Formica explained the information that was found on the paperwork that had been submitted, noting that while the items are transferred to the Suspense Tax book that they remain collectible.

Ms. Hogan asked how this would affect the percentage that they collect.

Mr. Harney said that they do not anticipate a 100% collection rate

Ms. Johnson added that as was stated, suspense list items are still deemed collectible.

Mr. Kelley asked if they wanted to act on this or wait until their next meeting when the Tax Collector would be present.

The consensus of the Board was that they could act on this item.

Mr. Kelley called for a motion.

****MOTION (6)**

Mr. Harney moved to accept the Tax Collection Suspense List for 2002 through 2012 in the amount of \$28,862.05.

Mr. Carpenteri seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

c. Meeting Date – To Set the Mill Rate

Mr. Kelley suggested Wednesday May 28, 2014 for this meeting and asked if they would like to have it earlier than their 7 PM start time.

Mr. Formica said that the Referendum on the budget is Thursday May 22, 2014 from 8 AM to 8 PM at the Community Center.

Ms. Picarazzi said that the 7 PM time works well.

****MOTION (7)**

Ms. Picarazzi moved to set May 28, 2014 at 7 PM as the Special Meeting date for the Board of Finance to set the Mill Rate.

Ms. Hogan seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

G. Old Business

There was none.

H. Public Discussion

Mr. Kelley called for Public Discussion.

Mike Schulz, Lovers Lane asked if there wasn't a special Solar presentation scheduled for May 22, 2014 also.

Mr. Formica said yes. He added that it should not interfere with voting as it would be held here at the Town Hall for those interested in attending.

I. Board Comments

Mr. Kelley thanked the Board for their hard work.

J. Adjournment

Mr. Kelley called for a motion to adjourn.

****MOTION (8)**

Ms. Picarazzi moved to adjourn this Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Finance at 7:30 PM.

Ms. Alberti seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary