

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2016
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Marc Salerno, Holly Cheeseman, Rose Ann Hardy,
Dan Cunningham.

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and noted that the Pledge had been observed during the Special Town Meeting. He asked that a moment be taken to acknowledge Darlene Stevens who is getting ready to retire on December 30, 2016, after 27 years of service to the Town of East Lyme. Mrs. Stevens has served under 7 Selectmen, and everyone wishes her well in her retirement. A gathering will be held at Town Hall on Friday, December 30th; all are welcome to come and wish Darlene well.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items
There were none.

1c. Delegations

Ronald Rando of 194 Boston Post Road wished Mrs. Stevens well in her retirement, and noted that she has been an outstanding representative of the Selectman's office and the Town of East Lyme. Mr. Rando then acknowledged the great job that Rick Pape and the Water & Sewer employees did during a recent issue with the sewer system on Boston Post Road. He noted that Rick and his Team were responsive and helpful to his specific needs, and that the issue was resolved and cleaned up quickly. Mr. Rando noted that he would rather see "Merry Christmas" on the electronic sign in front of Town Hall versus "Happy Holidays".

1d. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of December 7, 2016
MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2016 as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

1e. Consent Calendar
MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of December 21, 2016, in the amount of \$6.85.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2a. Appointment of Part time Officer – Paul Holmes
MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery moved to re-appoint Paul Holmes of 9R Center Road, Waterford, Connecticut, to serve as Part time Officer for the Town of East Lyme from January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017.

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Kenneth Talbot, etc
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2b. Review / Discussion of Hazard Mitigation Plan Progress Report

Mr. Nickerson acknowledged the hard work put into this project by Victor Benni and his Team. The Town of East Lyme is a participant in the FEMA Community Rating System program, which entitles its residents to discounts on their flood insurance policies. The Town of East Lyme Engineering Department worked with our FEMA CRS Specialist to increase the Town's rating to a Class 8 CRS community, which entitles residents with flood insurance to get a 10% discount on their premiums. The Town was previously rated as a Class 9 Community, which afforded residents a 5% discount on their flood insurance premiums. Thank you to Victor Benni and the Engineering Department for their efforts in obtaining this higher rating.

2c. Ex-Officio Appointments for 2017

Mr. Nickerson opened discussion on the Ex-Officio Appointments for 2017. The Board discussed their current assignments and suggested changes. Marc Salerno will give up Inland Wetlands and take on the Planning Commission. Mr. Nickerson noted that Ms. Cheeseman will be leaving the Board of Selectman in January to take over her elected position as State Representative, representing East Lyme and Salem. The incoming 6th Selectman will take over the Inland Wetlands and Library ex-officio assignments. Mr. Nickerson also noted that he will take over the January and July Board of Education meetings, and the incoming 6th Selectman will be appointed to the February and August meetings. See Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

2d. Formation / Charge of Finance Purchasing Policy Subcommittee

Mr. Nickerson reported that a subcommittee will be formed for the creation and review of a Finance Purchasing Policy. This Subcommittee will consist of a Finance Department representative, Anna Johnson; two Selectmen, Kevin Seery and Dan Cunningham; and two Board of Finance Members, William Weber and Peter DeRosa. This subcommittee will publish appropriate public meeting announcements, and submit agenda and minutes for the public's review.

3. Unfinished Business

There was none.

4. Communications

There were none.

5. Information and Reports.

There were none.

6a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Salerno reported on Harbor Management and noted that scallop season is open but there does not seem to be a high yield of scallops so far this season. In any event, the public is buying their licenses and out on the water enjoying the season.

Ms. Hardy reported on the Commission on Aging and noted that they are without a Site Manager for the Food Program, but that they are working closely with TVCCA. She reported that

she will be appointing a representative from TVCCA to attend a future Board of Selectmen meeting to give a report.

Mr. Seery reported that the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee met last week and set the fees for the 2017 summer season; noting that there will only be an increase in fees for out-of-town weekend passes.

Ms. Cheeseman had no report but wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming Countdown to Noon on December 31st at the East Lyme Community Center from 10:00am to 2:00pm. This event is possible due to a joint effort of the East Lyme Parks & Recreation Department and the Children's Museum of Southeast Connecticut.

She noted that this will be her last Board of Selectmen meeting, and that she will be sworn in on January 4th as a State Representative for East Lyme and Salem. She thanks everyone that she has worked with over the past 5 years, and noted that it has been a privilege to serve the Town of East Lyme and its residents. She is looking forward to becoming this district's representative in Hartford. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Cunningham congratulated Holly Cheeseman on her appointment as a State Representative and wished her the best.

He noted that he had attended a recent Shellfish Commission meeting, and agreed with Mr. Salerno that the season is open but that it is off to a slow start as far as scallops are concerned. He noted that the licenses are being sold as normal, and that the people that are out there seem to be having a great time.

He reported that the Board of Education is working on their budget, and has expressed a desire to remain transparent throughout this process. Mr. Cunningham wished everyone Happy Holidays.

6b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Nickerson addressed Ms. Holly Cheeseman and thanked her for serving on the Board of Selectmen. He wished Ms. Cheeseman good luck in Hartford!

He noted that the Executive Assistant to the First Selectman, Darlene Stevens, will be retiring after 27 years of service and serving 7 First Selectmen. He commended Darlene for her service to the Town, and invited anyone from within the Town or from the public to please feel free to attend Darlene's reception on Friday, December 30th at Town Hall.

He noted that NBC30 did a very nice report on Tuesday's 6 o'clock news program that outlined how East Lyme may be impacted by EB's recent announcement of adding 14,000 potential jobs in the near future. Our community is preparing for a surge in families moving into East Lyme, and ultimately a surge of school age children entering our school system. Overall our community is preparing for this influx of new residents, and we are ready to welcome them as they join us.

Mr. Nickerson reported that the newly formed Police Commission Board will be meeting on Thursday, December 22nd at 7pm at Town Hall.

He reported that he has been at attendance at the recent meetings of the CCM and COG, both of which are currently working on issues that will affect upcoming budgets.

He reported that Care & Share handed out thousands of gifts last Saturday to families and children in need; and noted that they accept food every Saturday from 11am to 1pm at their Roxbury Road location.

He reported that the recently held Jingle Bell Run was a success despite the cold weather. They had upwards of 780 participants and many spectators downtown to enjoy the event. The annual Light Parade was held that same evening and despite the very cold weather, the event was a success. The participating floats were excellent, the holiday spirit was prevalent, and Main Street and all the businesses downtown were packed.

Mr. Nickerson reported that the investigative portion of the ongoing Schools project is nearing completion. The current plan is to rejuvenate the three (3) existing elementary schools, upgrading items that are necessary. A final plan for review will be presented to the public in the near future. He reports that the re-districting program will begin soon.

7. Public Comment

There were none.

8. Selectman's Response

There was none.

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the December 21, 2016, meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 7:58 p.m.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Anderson, Recording Secretary

EXHIBIT 1

TO: Board of Selectmen

DATE: December 22, 2016

RE: Board of Selectmen Ex-Officio Assignments 2017

Mark Nickerson

Board of Finance 2nd Wed.
Water and Sewer 4th Tues.

Kevin Seery

Youth Services
Parks & Rec 2nd Thurs.
Deputy Chair Water and Sewer 4th Tues.

Dan Cunningham

Smith Harris 4th Wed.
WELSCO 3rd Thurs.

Holly Cheeseman

Inland Wetlands 2nd Mon.
Library 1st Mon.

Marc Salerno

Planning Commission 1st Tues.
Town Building 3rd Thurs.
Harbor Mgt. 3rd Tues.

Rose Ann Hardy

Zoning Commission 1st & 3rd Tues.
Comm. On Aging 2nd Mon.
Comm. Natural Resources 2nd Wed.

Board of Education rotation as follows:

January and July – Nickerson

February and August – 6th Selectman

March and September – Hardy

April and October – Seery

May and November – Salerno

June and December - Cunningham