

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2016
MINUTES

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

EXCUSED: Rose Ann Hardy.

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and led the Pledge.

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

1c. Delegations
There were none.

1d1. Approval of Minutes, Special Meeting of November 2, 2016
MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 2, 2016 as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

1d2. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of November 2, 2016
MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 2, 2016 as submitted.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 5-0.

1e. Consent Calendar
MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of November 16, 2016 in the amount of \$1840.98.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno.

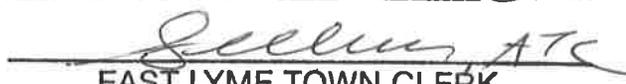
Mr. Nickerson noted he would be abstaining since his wife was listed as receiving a refund.

Motion passed 4-0-1.

2a. Approve \$1000 Expenditure for Open Door Program from Nicholas Parahus Acct.

Mr. Nickerson noted that this program is designed for people with mild to moderate memory loss. A grant request to Senior Resources was submitted and in that grant, this program includes East Lyme residents as those eligible for attendance. The original grant asked for

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approximately \$33,000 and Waterford Senior Services was given \$13,000. That agency asked if we could help support the program and the Commission agreed to provide \$1,000.

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery moved to approve a \$1000 expenditure funded from the Nicholas Parahus Account for the Open Door Program.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 5-0.

2b. Approve up to \$5200 for portable stage for Commission on Aging from Nicholas Parahus Account

Mr. Nickerson noted that at their November meeting, the Commission on Aging Board discussed an expenditure of up to \$5200 for the purchase of a portable stage for use at the Community Center to support various performing arts programs run by the senior center. He said that the Niantic Rotary had also been asked to support this project and they hope that they will contribute some funding.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Seery moved to approve an expenditure of up to \$5200 for a portable stage for the Commission on Aging funded from the Nicholas Parahus account.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno.

Ms. Cheeseman inquired if they knew where they would store the stage when it was not in use.

Motion passed 5-0.

2c. Approve up to \$1396 from Contingency to purchase 4 filing cabinets for Building Dept. Mr. Nickerson noted that he Building Department of the East Lyme Land Use Offices requests contingency funds to purchase four new HON Filing cabinets, at the cost of \$349.00 each, for a total of \$1,396.00. Currently, the "street" files which contain all of the documentation on structures located on parcels of land have outgrown their storage cabinets. There are several boxes of files on the floor in the office, and a large number of files on top of filing cabinets that do not fit in their respective drawers. The State requires that we retain these records for the life of the structure. The State building code changed in February of 2014, resulting in additional documentation being required for certain types of permits, thus enlarging files. The State building code changed again in October of 2016, resulting in even more documentation being required for building permits, and enlarging our files even further. He added that this is an unplanned expense that has come up and falls within the cost of doing business.

MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the use of up to \$1,396 from account number 01-01-120-200-500 (Contingency) for the Building Department to purchase four (4) HON Filing cabinets and

forward to the Board of Finance for approval. This purchase is necessary due to the increased documentation required for building permits as a result of code changes.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

2d. Appointment – Deputy Emergency Management Director

Mr. Nickerson noted that Nick Merola was stepping down after serving the Town for many years.

Mr. Seery thanked Mr. Merola and added that he had run the Millstone Drill this year and had received compliments from Millstone on what a great job he did.

MOTION (7)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint Christopher Taylor of 9 Monticello Drive, East Lyme, CT to serve as Deputy Emergency Management Director through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 5-0.

2e. Sign Call – Special Town Meeting – December 7, 2016

Mr. Nickerson noted that this meeting call had to be redone since the Board of Finance had not met therefore, not approving the item.

MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery moved the following Call:

TOWN OF EAST LYME

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Lyme to be held on December 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (E.S.T.) at the East Lyme Town Hall Upper Meeting Room for the following purposes:

1. To approve an appropriation in the amount \$18,000 CT Green Bank Rewards for Streetlight Fixture Retro-fit with LED Lights.

Dated at East Lyme, CT this 16th day of November, 2016.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

4a. Resignation – Stephen Harney – Board of Finance

Mr. Nickerson noted that Mr. Harney had stepped down as a member and Chair of the Board of Finance due to the fact that he is away a great deal of time due to business. He added that he did a great job on the Board during difficult economic times.

5a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Salerno noted that he attended the Harbor Management meeting and they were still working on updating the Harbor Management Plan. He added that there is a \$5 million dollar grant opportunity available in January that they would like to apply for.

Mr. Salerno added that he attended the Board of Education meeting where redistricting was discussed and that now the updated enrollment figures were up to 960 from 700-800 in grades K-8.

Mr. Seery attended the Parks and Recreation meeting which was quiet. He said in the upcoming month they would be discussing what beach passes would cost for the coming year. He added that he had attended the Veterans Senior Breakfast which was a great event with 56 in attendance. He said that the Sweet Adeline's performed and they would also be performing at the Holiday Stroll. He also attended the Veterans Day ceremony at the Green where Mr. Welsh, a Pear Harbor survivor was present.

Ms. Cheeseman attended the Library Board of Trustees meeting where Executive Director Lisa Timothy presented the preliminary budget. She added that no formal strategic plan had been done for the Library and they were requesting funding from the Library Board to do this. She thanked everyone in East Lyme and Salem who were responsible for her election. She added that she will do her best to serve everyone.

Mr. Cunningham had no report.

5b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Nickerson congratulated everyone on the ballot at the recent election. He said that before the election, the State said that they were \$133 million dollars in the red. Since the election he noted that they have come out and said that we are \$1.3 billion dollars in the red – off by \$1.2 billion dollars.

He spent the last two days at the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities seminar reviewing the latest FOI rulings. He noted the passing of Veterans Day and thanked all who gave so much. This evening he went to Castello's for dinner where they had "Tip a Cop". He said that there were several police officers serving food and all of their tips would be donated to Care and Share. He said that the Holiday Stroll will be on November 26th. He noted The Day article today offering support for the independent police department. He wished everyone a great Thanksgiving adding that we all have so much to be thankful for.

MOTION (9)

Ms. Cheeseman moved to adjourn the November 16, 2016 meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 7:59 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 5-0.



Respectfully submitted,