

East Lyme Police Subcommittee Meeting

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Regular Meeting: September 21, 2016

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Sept 26 20 16 AT 8:25 AM/PM
Kathleen Miller, Clerk
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Gardner at 5:00 p.m.

Role call: Tom Gardner, Mark Powers, Joe Perkins, Steve Rebelowski, Kathy Miller and Steve Kelley

1. A review of old business included discussion of some of the facts the committee has been made aware of since beginning this task. Namely, that the East Lyme Police Officers are currently utilizing two incident reporting systems, their own internal reporting system and another stand-alone system that is required as long as they are under Connecticut State Police (CSP) Supervision.
 - a. An email sent to the committee from ELPD Sgt. Michael Macek indicated that the Town of East Lyme will be charged an additional \$150,000 in 2017 by the State of Connecticut due to another upgrade of the CSP radio system. These costs mandated by the CSP are considered unregulated costs to the Town of East Lyme
 - b. In like manner, the cost of the Resident State Trooper Program that is now 85% billable to the Town, will be increased to 100% + or approximately \$212,000 in FY 2017.
2. The Chairman discussed a State of Connecticut report that outlined the Resident State Trooper program. The report stated that the Resident State Trooper program established goals and objectives, in concert with the First Selectman, and then the Troop Commander would review the plan prior to implementation. At the present time, it appears that this process is not being followed and that communications between the First Selectman and the CSP is marginal at best.
3. The Committee strongly agrees that the ELPD is in desperate need of leadership. The fact that a contract employee is managing a Town department is troublesome and problematic at best. The town has changed from the village of 3,000 or so in 1950 to a projected 19,140 (without the summer population) and the current CSP program is not sustainable.
4. There needs to be an action plan for policing the town of East Lyme.
5. The Chairman announced that the Committee will meet with the Board of Selectmen on October 5, 2016 at which time the Committee's recommendation will be presented for whatever action the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Miller
Recording Secretary