

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2017
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Marc Salerno, Rose Ann Hardy, Dan Cunningham.
Appointed and sworn in during the meeting was Paul Dagle.

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcome to 2017.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery moved to add Agenda Item #2G to purchase a freezer for the Community Center.

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

1c. Delegations

Mr. William Henderson of 49 Laurel Hill Drive, Niantic, Connecticut, addressed the Board and expressed his interest in being considered for the vacancy on the Board of Selectman. Mr. Henderson has been a resident of East Lyme since 1989. He is a father of four children and has six grandchildren. He has served in Waterford on the Board of Selectmen for 6 years, as well as the Chairman of the Board of Finance and RTM for 14 years. He is a Veteran of the U.S. Navy, and is a member of the Lions Club, Sub Vets, the American Legion, and a Deacon for Flanders Baptist Church. Mr. Henderson is honored to have been nominated by the Democratic Town Committee to be considered for this vacancy.

Mr. Paul Dagle of 8 Bobwhite Lane, East Lyme, Connecticut, addressed the Board and expressed his interest in being considered for the vacancy on the Board of Selectman. Mr. Dagle has been employed by Electric Boat since 1988, where he has held the position of Director of Facilities and Construction Support since 2013. In this role he is responsible for management of multi-million dollar annual overhead operating and capital investment budgets, and oversees 380 personnel. Mr. Dagle's civic and community activities have included coaching youth basketball, football and little league, as well as high school football. He is the Co-Founder and Vice President of the Brian T. Dagle Memorial Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization which provides grief support and strives to educate people in the community and beyond on suicide prevention. Mr. Dagle is honored to be considered for this vacancy, and look forward to supporting the community and looking for creative ways to keep taxes down.

1d. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of December 21, 2016

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 21, 2016, as submitted.

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

FILED

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of January 4, 2017, in the amount of \$6.12.

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

2a. Appointment of Selectman Vacancy

Mr. Nickerson acknowledged that the Board had received a 3rd resume from Mr. Robert Wesley Firmin III, who was not in attendance at tonight's meeting. Mr. Nickerson thanked all three gentlemen for their interest in the vacancy, and stated that he would accept nominations at this time, and that the Board would then take a vote.

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint Paul Dagle of 8 Bobwhite Lane, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as a Member of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of East Lyme through December 4, 2017.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno

Mr. Cunningham moved to appoint William Henderson III of 29 Laurel Hill Drive, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of East Lyme through December 4, 2017.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy.

Mr. Nickerson called for a roll call vote. In favor of appointing Mr. Dagle were Mr. Nickerson, Mr. Seery and Mr. Salerno. In favor of appointing Mr. Hendersen were Ms. Hardy and Mr. Cunningham.

Motion passed 3-2 to appoint Mr. Paul Dagle of 8 Bobwhite Lane, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as a Member of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of East Lyme through December 4, 2017.

Mr. Nickerson administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Dagle, and he took his seat with the Board of Selectman and participated in the remainder of the meeting.

2b. Authorize the First Selectman to sign the 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program MOA
MOTION (5)

Mr. Seery moved that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and Further Resolved, that Mark C. Nickerson, as First Selectman of the Town of East Lyme, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

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

2c. Approve a Transfer of Funding for Non-Affiliated Employees

MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery moved to approve a transfer in the amount of \$55,052 from account 01-01-120-100-500 (Town Payroll Pending PR Change) to various budget line items as itemized on the attached worksheet titled, "Town of East Lyme Unaffiliated COLA increases 7/1/16 - 6/30/17 additional Funding Required and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson reported that this transfer, as well as the transfer proposed in Agenda Item #2d, are already in the budget and were previously approved in June 2016; the funds were placed in Contingency until it was appropriate to transfer to the correct account to be utilized.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. In favor; Mr. Salerno, Ms. Hardy, Mr. Seery, Mr. Nickerson and Mr. Cunningham. Opposed; None. Abstained; Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 5-0-1.

2d. Approve a Transfer from Payroll Contingency to Emergency Dispatch Accounts due to timing of budget process and contract negotiations

MOTION (7)

Ms. Hardy moved to transfer \$10,067 from account 01-01-120-100-500 (Contingency Pending PR Change) to account 01-25-224-100-212 (Dispatchers) to fund Local 1303-436, Council 4 AFSCME (Dispatchers) agreement and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. In favor; Mr. Salerno, Ms. Hardy, Mr. Nickerson, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Dagle. Opposed; None. Abstained; Mr. Seery. Motion passed 5-0-1.

2e. Authorize the First Selectman to sign MOU between the Town of East Lyme and the Town of Waterford for the Sharing of Wheelchair Accessible Mini-buses.

Mr. Nickerson reported that this item will be postponed to a future meeting to enable the Town of Waterford more time to review the MOU.

2f. Approve – Twin Haven Partial Tax Abatement

MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery moved that the Town and Twin Haven, Inc. desire to enter into a new tax abatement agreement containing the same terms and conditions which will begin on February 1, 2017 and expire forty years from now, on January 31, 2057. Now, Therefore, the East Lyme Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes the First Selectman to execute and deliver the new agreement as aforesaid, subject to approval as to form by the Town Attorney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson reported that the 40 year tax abatement agreement entered into between the Town of East Lyme and Twin Haven, Inc. in 1977 is due to expire in January. This

agreement has served an important role to these citizens and serves a need in our Town, and he encourages approval of this motion.

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

2g. Authorize the purchase a freezer for the Community Center

Mr. Seery moved to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,500 from the Nicholas Parahus Fund for the purchase of a True T-19F Freezer for the Community Center contingent upon authorization by the Commission on Aging at their January 9th meeting.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Hardy reported that the freezer that has broken has been in use for a very long time and has been cleaned and repaired many times. This is a necessary expenditure that will still need to be approved by the Commission on Aging at their January 9th meeting. There are other appliances that are in need of replacement, and Mr. Nickerson asked that Ms. Wilson work with the appliance company and attempt to get a package deal to replace the needed equipment. In the meantime, they will look for funding to offset the cost of the new equipment.

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

3. Unfinished Business

There was none.

4. Communications

There were none.

5. Information and Reports.

There were none.

6a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Salerno inquired about the upcoming joint meeting of the Board of Education, the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Nickerson reported that the agendas for this meeting will be published separate for each Board, and that they will be filed by the end of the week. The joint meeting is scheduled for January 11th at 6:00pm at Lillie B. Haynes.

Ms. Hardy reported on the Commission on Aging, reiterating that the issue with the appliances has already been discussed. Regarding the Ex-Officio list, she requested that a review be done of all vacancies and be distributed so that Board Members can bring this info to their respective commissions to work on filling the positions. She wished everyone a Happy New Year full of health and prosperity, and stated that we are lucky because we live in a great town with great pride and great resources.

She inquired about when budget meetings will begin, and Mr. Nickerson reported that he has been working with Finance and are holding departmental meetings this week. The budget is scheduled to go before the Board in February. Regarding the State budget cuts, Mr. Nickerson reported that we already have approval on many projects, and that he will gather more information in the next couple of weeks as he attends COST, CCM and COG meetings and report back to the Board.

6b. First Selectman's Report

There was none.

7. Public Comment

Mr. William Henderson III of 29 Laurel Hill Drive, Niantic, Connecticut, thanked the Board for considering him for the vacancy, and congratulated Mr. Dagle on his appointment.

8. Selectman's Response

There was none.

MOTION (9)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the January 4, 2017, meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:14 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra A. Anderson, Recording Secretary