

**EAST LYME BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, MAY 27th, 2015**

FILED IN EAST LYME
CONNECTICUT
June 1, 2015 AT 1:45 AM (PM)
Jessie Alberti
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

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

Also In Attendance: Anna Johnson, Finance Director

Absent: Lisa Picarazzi, Secretary

A. Call Special Meeting to Order

Chairman Harney called this Special Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Finance to order at 6:03 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was observed.

C. Delegations

Mr. Harney called for delegations.
There were no delegations.

D. Approval of Minutes

- o Wednesday May 13, 2105 – Regular Meeting

Mr. Harney called for a motion for approval or any changes to the Board of Finance Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2015.

****MOTION (1)**

Ms. Alberti moved to approve the Board of Finance Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2015 as presented.
Ms. Hogan seconded the motion.
Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

E. New Business

- o Set the Mil Rate for the FY 2015/16 Budget

Mr. Harney noted that the budget had gone to referendum and had passed.

Ms. Johnson said that she had provided them with information previously and again this evening on how this would break out with a .68 mil increase necessary to cover the adopted 2015/16 Town budget. The current mil rate is 24.03. With the .68 mil increase the new rate would be 24.71 mils.

****MOTION (2)**

Mr. Kelley moved to set a Mil Rate of 24.71 for the adopted 2015/16 Town of East Lyme budget.
Mr. Carpenteri seconded the motion.
Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

- o Special Appropriation \$7,600 – 2014 Farm Viability Grant

Mr. Harney said that Nancy Kalal of the Agri-business Subcommittee group was here to provide some information on this.

Nancy Kalal, 80 Grassy Hill Road, explained that the State of CT gave them a Farm Viability Grant with the purpose being to purchase photographs to develop a brochure and website for the Town of East Lyme to promote local and sustainable agriculture in the Town.

****MOTION (3)**

Ms. Hogan moved to approve a Special Appropriation in the amount of \$7,600 for a 2014 Farm viability Grant (budget and revenue accounts to be titled as such) in Special Revenue Fund 18. The purpose of the grant is to promote local and sustainable agriculture in the Town of East Lyme.

Ms. Alberti seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

F. Public Discussion

Mr. Harney called for public discussion.

There was no public discussion.

G. Board Comments

Mr. Harney called for comments from the Board.

Mr. Harney noted that there have been some public comments regarding the Annual Town Meeting protocol and the lack of presence of the entire Board of Finance. He said that he would make sure that the Board was in attendance in the future.

Ms. Hogan asked that the school Superintendent and Business Manager attend their next regular meeting so that they can provide information regarding year end for the BOE.

Ms. Johnson said that she and Mr. Nickerson have met with them many times recently on various items and have discussed them attending these meetings. They will be attending the next meeting as the acquisition program items will be on it. Further, they have made arrangements for the four of them to meet once a month on the second Tuesday of the month so that the most current information can be presented to this Board.

Ms. Hogan said that she still wanted them to attend on a regular basis.

Mr. Harney recalled that during deliberations that they had said that one member of their Board wanted to attend the contract negotiations. Ms. Alberti has indicated that she is interested in attending.

Ms. Johnson said that the Town Hall negotiations are just getting started and cautioned that even she does not speak during them unless she is specifically addressed for information.

Ms. Alberti said that she did not expect to speak but wanted to better understand how this entire process works as it is a very large part of the budget.

H. Adjournment

****MOTION (4)**

Ms. Hogan moved to adjourn this Special Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Finance at 6:17 PM.

Ms. Alberti seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary