

**EAST LYME BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, MAY 26th, 2010**

Members In Attendance: Robert Kleinhans, Chairman
Steve Harney
Raymond Hart
Jeff Langan

Also In Attendance: Paul Formica, First Selectman
Anna Johnson, Finance Director

Absent: Steve Larcen, Secretary, Steve Kelley

A. Call Special Meeting to Order

Chairman Kleinhans called this Special Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Finance to order at 6:30 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was observed.

C. Delegations

Mr. Kleinhans called for delegations.

John McCulloch, Tax Collector said that every July he is required to work in tandem with the Tax Assessor to create abatements for the two AHEPA facilities and Twin Haven, the elderly housing units in Town. The abatement amounts are based on the percentage of the Town budget that is designated to the Board of Education. Last year the percentage was 68.1% which resulted in a collectible tax revenue reduction of \$93,705.86. He said that he should receive Ms. Burdick's calculations from the Board of Ed by early July at which time he would be able to calculate the 2010-2011 decrease due to abatements. He asked that they consider the abatements when they set the anticipated revenue figure for the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Kleinhans asked if any of this was anticipated for in the collections.

Mr. McCulloch said no.

Mr. Kleinhans asked if it would be a shortfall.

Mr. McCulloch said yes.

D. Reports

◆ **First Selectman**

Mr. Formica reported that he held a Stakeholders Regional Water meeting on Tuesday and that there seems to be some good support and that they should be able to receive some financial support for the project. He also asked them to think about the upcoming reval that they have put aside \$200,000 for in the upcoming year and the other \$200,000 in the following year as they are bidding it out in conjunction with Waterford and they are putting all of the money upfront. He said that his question to them is if they want to do a special appropriation on the second \$200,000 and that they think about how they might want to do this.

Mr. Harney asked about the anticipated savings.

Mr. Formica said that he heard from research that Mr. Kleinhans has done that it would be in the 30's/parcel as compared to the 45-50 range. He said that he would have more information on this as it just came about this afternoon and it is still unfolding.

Mr. Kleinhans noted that his figure for reval was based on statewide figures.

Mr. Formica additionally reminded them of the Memorial Day Parade this weekend at 2 PM. He said that they are bringing in a trolley for the weekend and asked that they look for it if they are going to be around Town this weekend.

E. New Business

◆ Discussion/action set the Mill Rate for the 2010-2011 Budget

Mr. Kleinhans said that based upon the collection rate in the budget that the new mill rate should be 19.551 and asked Ms. Johnson if that was correct and if she had something for them to this effect.

Ms. Johnson said that the figure was correct.

Mr. Formica asked if the rate was inclusive of Mr. McCulloch's anticipated decrease.

Ms. Johnson said no and added that she needs the total figure on the property assessments.

Mr. Kleinhans asked if the 19.551 represented a .365 mill increase as they had stated during the budget meetings as he wanted them to stick to that figure.

Ms. Johnson said that it did.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. Hart moved that the mill rate be set at 19.551 for FY2010-2011.

Mr. Harney seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

◆ Discussion/action appropriate "Click It or Ticket" Grant \$2,500

Mr. Kleinhans called for a motion on this item, noting that it is Federal grant money.

****MOTION (2)**

Mr. Langan moved to appropriate the \$2,500 "Click It or Ticket" Grant from the Department of Transportation to account 01-25-216-100-519 (Grant Overtime).

Mr. Hart seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

F. Public Discussion

Mr. Kleinhans called for Public Discussion.

There was no Public Discussion.

G. Board Comments

Mr. Kleinhans called for comments from the Board.

There were none.

H. Adjournment

****MOTION (3)**

Mr. Langan moved to adjourn this Special Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Finance at 6:48 PM.

Mr. Hart seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary