

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2011  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Paul Formica, Mark Nickerson, Rob Wilson, John Birmingham, Jack Hogan.

EXCUSED: Rose Ann Hardy.

Mr. Formica 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.

1d. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of April 6, 2011

MOTION (1)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2011 as submitted.

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

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (2)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of April 20, 2011 in the amount of \$74.21.

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

2a. Sign annual Town Meeting Call and Set Referendum Hours

Mr. Wilson suggested keeping the same hours as last year's budget referendum of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

MOTION (3)

Mr. Nickerson moved the following call:

TOWN OF EAST LYME

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Monday, May 9, 2011 at the East Lyme High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following:

1. To review and discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

2. In accordance with Chapter 7.3 of the Town Charter, the moderator shall adjourn the annual budget meeting to a referendum on the voting machines. The budget resolution will be submitted to the persons qualified to vote in a town meeting by referendum by machine vote, which referendum shall take place on May 19, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the East Lyme Community Center.
3. To adopt a Five Year Capital Plan.
4. Special Appropriation \$18,200 Small Vehicle Purchase – Emergency Management by NSEF Grant
5. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated at East Lyme, CT this 20th day of April, 2011.

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

2b. Budget Re-Allocation – Assessor

Mr. Formica noted that in order to complete the 2011 mandated revaluation, an RFP for five unique properties was sent out. \$50,000 had been budgeted as an estimated cost for these appraisals however; four bids were received, the lowest being \$57,000. He said that there are currently funds available in the current budget account for tax appraisals, pretrial hearings and court preparation and the \$7000 could be taken from this budget line.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the re-allocation of \$7000 from PO # 10-01461 to be used for the remaining balance of the appraisals of unique properties and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval.

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

2c. Discussion – Police Rules and Regulations

Mr. Formica noted that this item would be tabled until next meeting and per the request of Ms. Hardy, an Executive Session would be held.

2d. Appointments (2) Niantic River Watershed

MOTION (6)

Mr. Nickerson moved to appoint Marvin Schutt of 29 N. Edgewood Road, Niantic, CT to serve on the Niantic Watershed Board of Directors through January 2, 2013 and John Jasper of 8 Old Oak Lane, Niantic, CT to serve on the Niantic Watershed Board of Directors through January 6, 2014.

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

3a. Discussion – Fee Schedule – Building, Planning and Zoning Ordinance – ZBA

Mr. Formica said that he had met with Building Official Joe Smith and he was in the process of reviewing his fees, but was not ready to present them to the Board. He suggested that this item be tabled until next meeting.

5a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Hogan had no report.

Mr. Birmingham attended the Harbor Management meeting where they discussed a Memorandum of Understanding about shellfishing in the river and bay. He said that there is a meeting about commercial clamming in the river on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Waterford.

Mr. Nickerson noted that the Youth Services meeting had been cancelled. He said that he attended the Economic Development Commission meeting and that Zoning Chair Mark Salerno was present and there was a good discussion about sign regulations and the village district. He said that no action had been taken at that meeting.

Mr. Wilson said that the Parks and Recreation Commission had all the ball fields operational. He said that they were in the middle of doing a lot of work trying to clean up the graffiti on the boardwalk benches and signs.

5b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Formica said that May 7<sup>th</sup> was shredding day at the Commission on Aging.

He said that the budget would be sent to public hearing by the Board of Finance on April 25<sup>th</sup> and that copies of the budget were available at Town Hall or online.

He had a meeting with the Director of SECHA (Southeastern CT Housing Authority) along with the Town Planner and Zoning Official regarding the affordable housing we have in town.

He hosted the monthly department head meeting where he thanked them for their hard work on the budget and to continue to hold the line on spending.

He said that the Water and Sewer Commission approved service to the Village development.

He said that the water and sewer budget had changed due to the closure of Gates Prison and they were just tightening up the figures.

He said he attended a number of meetings with the Board of Finance and the budget being forwarded to public hearing reflected a reduction in spending from this year. He again reiterated that the public hearing would be on April 25<sup>th</sup>. He added that the Annual Town Meeting would be held at the High School on May 9<sup>th</sup> and the budget referendum would be on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the East Lyme Community Complex from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Formica met with the Comptroller regarding the Resident Trooper issue of the fringe benefits percentage the towns are charged on top of the trooper's salary.

He attended the High School Environmental Club's benefit dinner, proceeds going to Haiti and Japan.

He offered a customer service seminar to the Library staff.

He read a story to a Flanders School kindergarten class.

He said that the Town held their annual health fair and our Human Resource Manager did a great job.

He attended meetings at the Council of Governments and an Executive Committee meeting regarding SEAT (Southeastern Area Transit).

He spoke with Parks and Recreation Director Dave Putnam about the trouble they were having removing the graffiti and added that they may have to paint the benches. He said that the East Lyme Public Trust was offering a \$500 reward.

He added that he met with the Opsail Committee and said that the tall ships and destroyers were coming to New London in July of 2012 and they had asked us to host them over the Friday night. He said they were reviewing the change of date of Celebrate East Lyme to coincide with their visit.

Mr. Nickerson said that he had received notification that the Cooking at McCook's music events would again take place starting in mid July for several weeks.

Mr. Formica said that Parks and Recreation will continue their Saturday night music at the Town Hall pavilion and Pro Tec Auto has their bands on Friday nights noting that East Lyme will be having a very musical summer.

MOTION (7)

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 7:58 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary