

**EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, JANUARY 18th, 2012
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Paul Formica, First Selectman, Mark Nickerson, Holly Cheeseman, Rose Ann Hardy, Kevin Seery

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Putnam, Parks & Recreation Director

EXCUSED: Rob Wilson

Chairman Formica called this Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen to order at 7:40 PM immediately following the previously scheduled Special Meeting.

1.a. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge was observed.

1.b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items

There were none.

1.c. Delegations

Mr. Formica called for Delegations.

There were none.

1d. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of January 9, 2012

Mr. Formica called for any corrections, changes or a motion on the January 9, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2012 as submitted.

Ms. Cheeseman seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

1e. Consent Calendar

****MOTION (2)**

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of January 18, 2012 in the amount of \$1668.52.

Mr. Seery seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2a. Special Appropriation – Field Services Bldg Training Room Furniture

Mr. Formica explained that they have been occupying the new Field Services Building for a good month to six weeks now and they have moved around various pieces of furniture from different areas. Mr. Putnam was instrumental in their receiving a donation of furniture from the Coast Guard Academy and the furniture that is being looked at now is for the combined training and meeting room. Emergency Management purchased the white board for use there in training sessions. The money for the items being requested is in contingency and would leave around \$98,000 in this fund. They are not expecting many more requests for use of money in this fund.

****MOTION (3)**

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the use of \$15,044 from account 2-01-01-120-200-500 (Contingency) for the purpose of Training Room and other miscellaneous items for efficiency purposes at the Field Services Facility and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Mr. Seery seconded the motion.

Ms. Hardy thanked Mr. Putnam for obtaining the donation of furniture from the Coast Guard Academy. She asked if they were also able to get some items for the break room.

Mr. Putnam said no and added that the training room and break room are one and the same room.

Ms. Hardy asked if the tables will have collapsible legs so that they can be moved.

Mr. Putnam said yes.

Ms. Hardy asked if the building is wired for wireless and with TV's and a smart board.

Mr. Formica said that there is wireless there and they have the smart board that Emergency Management purchased for training purposes.

Ms. Hardy said that she noticed the contingency breakdown of funds previously used and that she did not see the withdrawal for the recent salary increases that they approved.

Mr. Formica said that came from the labor contingency account and that this is the other contingency account.

Ms. Hardy noted that with the light winter that they have had so far that they could perhaps transfer some of the unused monies from those storm accounts to this account.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

2b. Appointments – Boards and Commissions

Mr. Formica noted that they would have some appointments for the next meeting.

Ms. Hardy noted that she had two appointments – one for Mr. Sistare as the SEAT representative as he needs to be re-appointed and one for an Alternate for the Conservation of Natural Resources Commission.

****MOTION (4)**

Mr. Formica moved to appoint Kent Sistare of 22 Winchester Road, East Lyme, CT to serve as the SEAT Representative for the Town of East Lyme through January 6, 2014.

Ms. Hardy seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

****MOTION (5)**

Ms. Hardy moved to appoint Laura Ashburn of 31 West Main Street, Niantic, CT to serve as an Alternate on the Conservation of Natural Resources through January 4, 2016.

Mr. Nickerson seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

2c. Budget Review Schedule

Mr. Formica said that they would have the budget books for their next meeting and that he expects that most budgets will be flat. He asked that they come prepared to decide who they might want to see and they will set their schedule of reviews at their next meeting.

Ms. Hardy said that she was thinking that they should put money in for the members to be reimbursed mileage for traveling to events.

3. Unfinished Business

There was none.

4. Communications

There were none.

5. Information and Reports

5a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Formica asked if there were any reports.

Ms. Hardy reported that the Inland Wetlands Agency met and postponed the election of officers as they did not have a full board of people to vote. She also reported that the Natural Resources Commission met the same evening and discussed key sites for open space and the potential for trails in the State Forest. They are talking with Yale to open trails to the outside so that they would have low or no cost recreation for members of the community.

Mr. Nickerson reported that he attended a Youth Services Commission meeting and that they have done exceptionally well under Mr. Putnam's leadership. He reported the following events: The Ski Club has 30 members; they have booked the Flanders Annual 5K Run for April 22, 2012; they now have a drop off service for kids for the day when there are snow events and the school is closed; they are going to partner with the SE CT Children's Museum for TV Turn-off week and they have received a \$3300 grant to help fund alcohol substance abuse services. They are also looking into a juvenile review board for offenders to possibly do community service.

Mr. Seery asked that they also partner that with Salem as the two towns work together.

5b. Committee Reports

There were none.

5c. Selectman's Report

Mr. Formica reported on the following:

- Randall Arendt has offered to conduct a site walk of the recently purchased Darrow Pond property this coming Saturday – January 21st commencing at 9:30 AM. He said that he has invited a number of people to attend such as the Trust for Public Land and that everyone is invited to attend.
- He has attended a number of COG meetings. They are meeting quarterly and trying to work with the DOT on the Route 11 project to get it moving forward.
- He is working with others with Millstone on a possible new evacuation route for Millstone. They are doing studies to see if it would be better to take shelter and then evacuate and are looking into all scenarios as to what would be best to do in the event that there ever is a problem.
- He has been to OpSail 2012 CT meetings and the event will be held from July 6, 2012 to July 9, 2012. East Lyme will have opening ceremonies here at McCook's and Celebrate East Lyme will be held on Friday afternoon July 6, 2012 from 3 PM to 9 PM to be able to take advantage of the ships arrival. This event is in celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 and has a great educational component to it. It is anticipated that it will draw close to 1M people to this area just to see this event.
- They had a ratings presentation with Moody's in anticipation of the refunding on the bonds and received an AA² rating which will help with the refunding to reduce the debt.
- He invited Congressman Courtney for lunch and a meeting recently and they toured the Children's Museum and Boardwalk. He found it to be a magnificent facility that will have an expansive beach. As such, they are looking for satellite parking areas on each end. He asked Congressman Courtney to help them with FEMA to move the process a bit quicker so that they could use the funds to restore the Boardwalk while the contractor is still here. Congressman Courtney pledged his support with this.
- They swore in a new Police Officer – Badge #15 who replaces Ken Mellor who left to take a position in Florida.

- The CIP Committee met today and the Board of Ed has requested that the turf field project be brought forward. This may be considered at the next meeting of this Board as they would like to get through the process for the end of February. The Board of Ed would like to have this done and ready for the next school year this fall.
- He lastly thanked Mr. Nickerson and the Board for covering the last meeting for him.

Ms. Hardy asked the status of the 20/20 Vision Committee.

Mr. Formica said that he believes that there is an upcoming meeting with Mr. Minuitti giving a report on the needs assessment study.

Ms. Hardy said that she would like an interim report that includes the turf activity complex also so that people would have a comprehensive idea of the projects.

Mr. Formica said that could be done.

Ms. Hardy asked for an update on the water connection project and the solar panel park as it is clearly an industrial use in a residential area.

Mr. Formica said that it is a utility substation which is allowed in any zone. He synopsisized that it is a proposal to take 8 back lots amounting to 8 acres of a subdivision and use it for a solar field. The owners of the property would be the owners of the utility. The kilowatts are for sale for 7¢ and while the Town is locked into an account with Trans America, the Board of Ed has four accounts that could use this and the savings could mean some \$19,000 per month to the Board of Ed. They would need to adopt ratification to enter into such an agreement and the project would go before zoning. The solar panels would be 8' or less above ground.

Ms. Hardy said that she is the Ex-Officio to zoning and could get that information and would suggest that others could attend the meeting when that is on the agenda and hear the information also.

Mr. Formica synopsisized that the water interconnection contractor has been chosen and the contract is with him and they are moving forward.

Ms. Hardy said that she noticed that the route is flagged and asked if it has been changed.

Mr. Formica said that they are looking to purchase through the bonding monies a piece of property on Butlertown Road to use as a staging area and for hydrants for fire protection. If they later decided to keep the property they could possibly have a small mixing tank on it – if not – they could sell the property.

Ms. Hardy asked how large the property was.

Mr. Formica said that it is approximately two acres.

6. Public Comment

There was none.

7. Selectman's Response

Mr. Formica thanked everyone for coming.

****MOTION (6)**

Mr. Nickerson moved to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting of January 18, 2012 at 8:39 PM.

Mr. Seery seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Zmitruk

Recording Secretary, Pro-tem