

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF JULY 13, 2011
MINUTES

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

Mr. Formica called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and led the Pledge.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items

MOTION (1)

Mr. Nickerson moved to add Item 2i., Approval of Expenditures from Parahus Account for Commission on Aging to the July 13, 2011 agenda.

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

1c. Delegations

There were none.

1d1. Approval of Minutes – Public Hearing of June 15, 2011

MOTION (2)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of June 15, 2011 as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Birmingham.

Aye: Mr. Formica, Mr. Nickerson, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Birmingham.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Ms. Hardy, Mr. Wilson. Motion passed 4-0-2.

1d2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of June 15, 2011

MOTION (3)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 15, 2011 as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Hogan.

Aye: Mr. Formica, Mr. Nickerson, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Birmingham.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Ms. Hardy, Mr. Wilson. Motion passed 4-0-2.

1d3. Approval of Minutes – Public Hearing of June 27, 2011

MOTION (4)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes of the public hearing of June 27, 2011 as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Hogan.

Aye: Mr. Nickerson, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Birmingham, Mr. Wilson.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Ms. Hardy, Mr. Formica. Motion passed 4-0-2.

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1d4. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of June 27, 2011

MOTION (5)

Mr. Birmingham moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 27, 2011 as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Hogan.

Aye: Mr. Nickerson, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Birmingham, Mr. Wilson.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Ms. Hardy, Mr. Formica. Motion passed 4-0-2.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (6)

Mr. Birmingham moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of July 13, 2011 in the amount of \$1864.46.

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

2a. Discussion – Niantic ½ Marathon

Mr. Formica noted that we would return to this item when Mr. Bysiewicz arrived.

2b. Special Appropriation – Board of Education – Computer Acquisition Program

Mr. Formica noted that this item came up during the discussion with the board of Finance. The funding had been listed in the operating budget and the Board of Finance thought that it would be more appropriate as a capital expense. He added that this was combined with the vehicle acquisition program and we had received a great rate.

MOTION (7)

Mr. Wilson moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, to approve an appropriation

to the Board of Education in the amount of \$177,373 for the purpose of acquiring by way of lease or purchase or a combination thereof, various new computer and smart board equipment for the High School, Middle School, Niantic Center School, Haynes School and Flanders School more particularly described in the East Lyme Public Schools Proposed Year One Computer Replacement Plan 2011/12 for the total amount of \$166,000 plus interest at the rate of 2.42% per annum, payable in monthly installments of \$2,956 over a period of five (5) years and send to the Board of Finance for their approval.

Seconded by Mr. Hogan.

Mr. Wilson inquired if this was put out to bid and asked if this was the same company that we had a problem with last year. He added that it was troublesome to reward a company that we had such a large issue with.

Dr. Lombardo responded that yes, this had gone out to bid and yes, this was the same company that worked with us last year and had the problem with the u drive. He explained that this company

was not totally at fault since recommendations for upgrades had been given but not done and because of that, the school had no back up available when we experienced the problem. He said that they did all they could and tried to recapture whatever they could at their cost. He said that they come highly recommended.

Mr. Nickerson inquired if there were any value to these machines at the end of the five years and if there was a maintenance agreement.

Ms. Hardy inquired if these were new computers, not refurbished, had monitors and how would the monitors be paid for.

It was explained that the school cannibalizes their own computers and that this year the purchase was for desk top models and that they came with warranties. Monitors were not included in this purchase and they would be purchased through the technology budget. It was noted that the computers will have a fire wall, CEN and a Barracuda filter so they are well protected.

Aye: Mr. Formica, Mr. Nickerson, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Birmingham, Mr. Wilson.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Ms. Hardy. She noted she could be benefitting from this action. Motion passed 5-0-1.

2a. Discussion Niantic ½ Marathon

Mr. Bysiewicz noted that the race was scheduled for Sunday September 25th. He said that last year there were 1045 entrants and this year was expected to be even bigger (1200 – 1300).

Mr. Formica noted that all the policies and procedures that had been worked out last year had worked well.

Mr. Hogan agreed noting that with the Police Department and Mr. Bysiewicz's efforts, there had been no complaints last year.

2c. Special Appropriation – Vehicle Acquisition Program

Mr. Formica noted that this was a continuing program to replace the fleet. He said that the Board of Finance had cut this by asking to fund it by January 1st. He said they have decided to advance fund it and defer our first payment until January 1st. He added that this is in the capital plan.

Mr. Wilson said that with all the snow we received last year, without this plan in place, we never could have kept up with what happened.

MOTION (8)

Mr. Nickerson moved the following:

RESOLVED, to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$293,501 for the purpose of acquiring by way of lease or purchase various vehicles more particularly described in the Town's FY 2011/2012 Equipment Acquisition Plan, as evidenced by one or more agreements for the acquisition of said vehicles by lease or purchase or a combination thereof, for a total price of \$274,681 plus interest at the rate of 2.42% per annum, payable in annual installments of \$58,700 (\$4,892/month) over a period of five (5) years. The First Selectman is authorized, in the name and

on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver any documents that may be required in connection with said transactions and send to the Board of Finance for approval.

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

2d. Special Appropriation – CNRE / 2011-2012 Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Formica noted that Public Works was not included on the carpeting since it had been done not too long ago and that it would be steam cleaned.

Ms. Hardy noted that she had viewed the area and there were some stains on it and if they could not remove the stains to re-carpet the bad areas at the same time since it would be more economical.

It was noted that the word launch should be added to the Grand Street Boat Repair.

MOTION (9)

Mr. Nickerson moved to appropriate the following projects in CNRE Fund 32 which are consistent with the 2011/12 Capital Improvement Plan as listed and totaling \$310,000 and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

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

2e. End of Year Budget Transfers

MOTION (10)

Mr. Wilson moved to ratify departmental transfers in the amount of \$58,724.49 processed for fiscal year end June 30, 2011 and to forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

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

2f. Historic Grant Resolution – Town Clerk – Preservation of Land Records \$3500

MOTION (11)

Mr. Hogan moved the following resolution:

Resolved that First Selectman Paul M. Formica of the Town of East Lyme is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

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

2g. Resolution – \$105,272.10 Reimbursement to Town of East Lyme for Phone System at High School, Flanders and Central Office

Mr. Formica noted that the Boards of Selectmen and Finance had previously acted on this and Town Meeting had approved this in the budget. He said that the work had been scheduled for a November 2010 installation and had not been signed off until May of 2011. He added that the bank had closed the credit line before this project had been signed off and the vendor needed to be paid. He said that he authorized payment to the vendor and the new lease company had this amount included and would allow it to be reimbursed to the town.

MOTION (12)

Mr. Nickerson moved the following:

The Town of East Lyme hereby declares its official intent to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the financing approved hereby for \$105,272.10 of the corresponding principal amount as set forth in the Project Schedule for the Phone System at the High School, Flanders School and the Central Office, the invoicing therefore having occurred no earlier than sixty days prior to the adoption of this Resolution. All reimbursed expenditures obligations will be capital expenditures as defined in Section 1.150-1(b) of the Federal Income Tax Regulations.

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

2h. Sign Call – Special Town Meeting – August 3, 2011

Mr. Formica noted that the Board of Finance meets on July 20th and pending approval of the items, the Selectmen will set a town meeting, contingent upon Board of Finance's approval.

MOTION (13)

Mr. Nickerson moved the following Call:

TOWN OF EAST LYME
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a Special Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Lyme Town Hall Upper Meeting Room to act upon the following:

Special Appropriation \$310,000 CNRE for various projects consistent with Capital Improvement Program

Special Appropriation \$293,501 for the FY 2011/2012 Equipment Acquisition Plan

Special Appropriation \$177,373 2011 / 2012 BOE Computer Acquisition Plan

Dated at East Lyme, CT this 13th day of July, 2011.

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

2i. Expenditures – Parahus Account for Commission on Aging

MOTION (14)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve an expenditure to Sign Craft not to exceed \$300 to create the photo collage of the annual Celebrate 90+ Tea and an expenditure to Hubert not to exceed \$500.00 to purchase kitchen supplies to support the programs at the Senior Center from the Nicholas Parahus Account.

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

5a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Hogan noted that he had attended the Agriculture Commission meeting and they had discussed their participation in Celebrate East Lyme. He said that on Sunday after CEL, there would be an open farm day and brochures would be available at the Agricultural Commission booth. There are ongoing discussions about a farmers market.

Mr. Formica noted that he had offered the back of the Town Hall and pavilion for a farmers market.

Mr. Wilson said that Parks and Recreation reviewed all aspects of Celebrate East Lyme. He said that the weather would be great and it should be a wonderful event.

Mr. Birmingham attended a Harbor Management meeting on June 21st where they discussed moorings and on July 6th there had been a joint meeting in Waterford to draft a new MOU for shell fishing. He attended a Smith Harris meeting and this Saturday they are hosting a Civil War Garden Party from 12-4 which is free. He noted he attended a wake for David Goff and added he will be sorely missed by many.

Ms. Hardy had no report.

Mr. Nickerson said that he has been busy coaching his 15 year old's all star team. He sent Kudos to the Parks and Recreation department for getting Vets field ready for tournament play.

5b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Formica noted that he had attended the CCM and Attawan Beach Annual meetings.

-He attended the High School and Middle School graduations.

-He is still working with the Police Sergeants on implementing their Rules and Regulations.

-He is working on the Culinary Lab for the High School and he believes the project will be coming in under budget. He said it should be done around August 25th.

-He is in continuing negotiations with the Police on their contract and the Fire Fighters for a wage reopener.

-He said that the Rotary Club gave him a check for \$15,000 towards the playscape at McCooks.

-He is still in discussions about regionalizing dispatch and policing services with Waterford.

-A design firm has been chosen for the regional water interconnection program and he will meet with them (Tighe & Bond) this week.

-He had a meeting with the department heads and discussed budget issues and will start reviewing strategic thinking issues for the next five years.

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-He met with the Commander from Troop E of the State Police regarding the Resident Trooper Program. He said that in this new budget, we are responsible for 100% of their overtime costs and the State Statutes call for a 70 / 30 split.

-He has been meeting with the group for Opsail 2012 which will be on July 7/8 of next year. Opsail has asked that East Lyme host the tall ships in the bay on Saturday night and reminded the Board that this is how Celebrate East Lyme started. He said next year, the plan is to move CEL from the 29th Saturday to Friday, July 6th, 2012.

-A bond sale was held and we received a 1/3% interest rate.

-He accepted the resignation of Missy O'Brien as Director of Youth Services. He has assigned her duties to Dave Putnam of Parks and Recreation.

-He noted that Celebrate East Lyme was this Saturday, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. He said that Main Street would be closed as of 1:00 p.m. and the vendors would be checking in at the Town Hall in the morning to get their assignments. He added that he would be in the dunk tank at 5:00 p.m. He mentioned the Mike Di Mauro article in The Day – where Mike challenged everyone to come to the dunk tank to dunk him. He said all proceeds will go to Walking Hearts for Donna.

-He attended a retirement breakfast honoring Pearl Rathbun who is retiring as Emergency Management Director.

6. Public Discussion

There was none.

MOTION (15)

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn the July 13, 2011 meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:46 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary