

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2013
MINUTES

FILED IN EAST LYME
CONNECTICUT
June 20 2013 AT 9:50 (AM/PM)
Brianna D. Brown ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Present: Mr. Formica, Mr. Nickerson, Ms. Cheeseman, Ms. Hardy, Mr. Wilson.

Also Present: Finance Director Anna Johnson.

Mr. Formica called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m. and led the Pledge.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items

Mr. Formica noted that there were no additional agenda items however; the Board had decided to table Item 2c. Unaffiliated COLA to the July 17, 2013 meeting and to move Item 2b., Approval – Collective Bargaining Agreement – IAFF to the end of the agenda which would permit them to re-enter Executive Session and hold further discussions.

1c. Delegations

Joe Mingo of 397 Boston Post Road said that there is a lack of handicapped parking spaces in town pointing out that Mitchell's has none. He said that there is supposed to be one handicapped space for every 30 spaces and the handicapped spaces are to be as close to the door as possible.

Ed Riozzi of 22 North Pine Street commended the Board on the completion of the railroad bridge, added that the beach was fabulous and the parking lot was great. He noted that there was still a lack of signage on the bridge and said that in the Niantic River, marker #10 is missing and that marker #24 has broken free and the mooring is gone. He offered some suggestions for a town dinghy dock and offered a rendering.

Ron Rando of 194 Boston Post Road stated that he believe what went on at the Town Meeting was illegal. He said that you cannot increase the bottom line of a budget once a budget amount had been voted on at referendum. He said that he was concerned about the town trying to get funding from FEMA for Storm Sandy and said he believed that it had been ruined before we received that storm.

Karen Rak of 27 Black Point Road said that she had spoken to the First Selectman during the break in the meetings and asked him, when we start the budget process in the fall, where will the budget be. She said he responded that the budget will be increased. She added that the curator position for the Smith Harris House should be funded by the Friends, not the Town.

1d1. Approval of Minutes, Special Meeting of June 5, 2013

MOTION (1)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 5, 2013 as submitted.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 5-0.

1d2. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting of June 5, 2013 as submitted.

MOTION (2)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 5, 2013 as submitted.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 5-0.

1e. Consent Calendar

There is none.

2a. Action from Special Meeting -Temporary License Agreement with AMTRAK

Mr. Formica noted that AMTRAK has asked for his signature on a temporary license to utilize the small part of the Cini Park parking that they believe they own. He said the agreement will be temporary, lasting 6 months, enabling research of the deeds.

MOTION (3)

Mr. Nickerson moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign a temporary agreement with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 5-0.

2b. Approval of IAFF Agreement was moved for action later in the meeting.

2c. Unaffiliated COLA

This item was tabled until the July 17th meeting.

2d. Authorize First Selectman to Sign Grants FY 2013/2014

Mr. Formica noted that this action is taken every year and assists in enabling the grant process to move smoothly.

MOTION (4)

Mr. Nickerson moved the following:

RESOLVED, that Paul M. Formica, First Selectman of the Town of East Lyme, CT is hereby authorized and directed to sign all grant applications and execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Lyme for FY 2013/2014 and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including but not limited to executing and delivering all applications contemplated by such documents.

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

2e. Budget Transfers

Mr. Formica stated that various transfers within departmental budgets have been necessary for various reasons. He said the Board had been furnished a list of transfers made for a total amount of \$18,465.32 information presented includes: from account

number, description of the budget line item, amount – to account number, description of the budget line item, amount.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Nickerson moved to ratify departmental transfers in the amount of \$18,465.32 processed for fiscal year end June 30, 2013 and to forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

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

2f.. Special Appropriation \$2790 Historic Preservation Grant

Mr. Formica said that at our October 17, 2012 meeting, you authorized me to apply for a grant of up to \$2,800 on forms prescribed by the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism. As a result of our application, we were awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,790 which we now need to appropriate. The purpose of the grant is to establish a computer indexed database of historic buildings which will be made available for copying to the East Lyme Library Archives. In addition a flash drive copy will be provided to the East Lyme Planning Department for inclusion on its GIS and the creation of its Plan of Conservation and Development maps. The digitalized database format will enable use for public presentations about the town's historic properties. The funds will be used for a consultant to create the database and supplies.

MOTION (6)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve a special appropriation in CNRE Fund 32 in the amount of \$2,790 Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant received from the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop a complete inventory of historic buildings and move to the board of Finance for approval.

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

2.g. Special Appropriation – Smith Harris House – Curator

Mr. Formica noted that the Smith Harris House Commission has been presented with a subsidy by the Friends of Smith Harris to fund the hiring of a Curator during the summer season. In order for the Commission to accept the donation, a special appropriation is needed. In future years, the Commission will include this in its proposed budget with the revenue as an offset.

MOTION (7)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$1,260 in the 2013/14 budget as follows: \$1,170 in department 134 Smith-Harris Commission to an account to be established titled, "Museum Curator" and \$90 to account 01-01-114-100-121 (FICA/Medicare) and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Ms. Cheeseman noted that the funding that would be used for this position was privately raised.

Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION (8)

Mr. Nickerson moved to re-enter Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- Approval of IAFF Agreement
- Unaffiliated COLA

and to invite Finance Director Anna Johnson as appropriate.

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

Mr. Formica and Ms. Johnson left the Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

MOTION (9)

Mr. Nickerson moved to return to regular session at 8:59 p.m. with no action taken during Executive Session.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed 4-0.

2b. Approval – Collective Bargaining Agreement – IAFF

MOTION (10)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of East Lyme and Local 3377, International Association of Fire Fighters for the period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 5-0.

5a. Ex-Officio

Ms. Hardy had no report.

Mr. Wilson had no report.

Ms. Cheeseman attended the Zoning Commission meeting where they voted to deny the modified JAG application because they found the proposed use was not consistent in a LI zone and for health and safety reasons.

Mr. Nickerson attended the Parks and Recreation meeting and noted that there was some distress that the new beach was not dog friendly. He said the Commission will be sectioning off a section for dog owners and it will be marked. He also attended an Eagle Scout ceremony for Baylen Vymola.

5b. First Selectman's Report

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Mr. Formica noted that he attended the Tri Town golf tournament and accepted a \$600 grant to benefit the Graduation Class Party.

He attended a discussion with the Superintendent of Sandy Hook.

He attended the Board of Education meeting on June 10th and discussed their capital plan and the renovation process they are reviewing for the elementary schools.

He met Lt. Thomas of Troop E.

He met with the Old Lyme beach communities for negotiations for them to hook up to our sewer lines.

He spoke at the East Lyme Business Organization meeting about Gateway and the 275 residential homes and the retail aspect, which has been rumored to be Costco.

He attended a meeting with CT DOT on the repaving of I-95 from the Baldwin Bridge to Exit 73.

He attended the Board of Finance meeting, the CCM Annual Meeting and the Attawan Beach Annual Meeting.

He started the 10K race which benefited Youth Services on Friday evening.

6. Public Discussion

Mr. Rando inquired why the IAFF Agreement was for only one year. He also asked if the State planned to close Troop E.

Karen Rak said that she was very glad that the Friends had stepped up and were funding the part time position.

7. Selectmen's Response

Mr. Formica responded that the Fire Fighters requested a one year contract and added that they were investigating the potential on joining the union's health care plan. He said that presently, Troop E may be renovated and the dispatch duties would be moved to Tolland and there were no plans to close it.

MOTION (11)

Mr. Nickerson moved to adjourn the June 19, 2013 meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 9:01 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary