

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF MAY 15, 2013
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mr. Formica, Ms. Cheeseman, Mr. Seery, Ms. Hardy.

Mr. Formica called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items
There were none.

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1c. Delegations

Karen Rak of 27 Black Point Road wanted to speak to the Board about process. She said that it is essential that when a decision is made, it must be done fairly and openly and this promotes confidence in the process. She stressed that process must be open, impartial, unbiased, justifiable and inclusive. She said that when process is lacking as in the health insurance change, Coastal Connections, the MOU between Montville and East Lyme, and the facilities committee there is a lack of transparency and openness. She encouraged the Board of Education and this Board to practice openness.

1d. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of May 1, 2013

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 1, 2013 as submitted.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 4-0.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the Consent Calendar in the amount of \$8,864.98 for the meeting of May 15, 2013.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy.

Aye: Mr. Formica, Ms. Hardy, Mr. Seery.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 3-0-1.

2a. Action – Public Hearing re: Mandatory Water Restrictions

MOTION (3)

MR. Seery moved the following:

Water restrictions will be in effect from 9:00 a.m. on Friday through noon on Monday of each week subject to stream flow conditions.

The following restrictions will apply to all customers of the East Lyme Water System:

- 1) Prohibiting the sprinkling, watering or irrigation of lawns.

- 2) Prohibiting washing of motor vehicles and the outdoor surfaces of all buildings and structures, sidewalks and driveways.
- 3) Prohibiting the filling or cleaning of swimming and wading pools.
- 4) Prohibiting the service of water to customers of public restaurants except at the specific request of customers.

Persons found violating any provision of the restrictions imposed by the Board of Selectmen shall be fined not more than ninety-nine dollars (\$99.00). In the case of a continuing violation, each day's continuance thereof shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense. These restrictions may be imposed by the First Selectman upon recommendation of the Municipal Utility Engineer and upon due publication of a notice in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman.

Ms. Hardy said that the addition of the words "subject to stream flow conditions" is a change from implementing the restrictions on June 28th and asked how this would be monitored and the public informed.

Mr. Formica said that the Utility Engineer Brad Kargl monitors the wells every day and if the restrictions are to be implemented when the stream flow conditions warrant, this information will be on Channel 22, on the website, on our Facebook page and we will publish notice in the paper. He said that this is the normal practice that we have followed in the past.

Ms. Hardy stated that it would be confusing to have the restrictions on some weekends and not on others and she said that we should be consistent.

Mr. Seery said that he understood Ms. Hardy's comments and said that some of the general public does not have access to Channel 22.

Ms. Hardy inquired about the sign that was posted out front saying that we are under water conservation restrictions.

Ms. Cheeseman said that if there is not substantial difference and this is what we have done in the past, she has no problem adding the words.

Motion passed 4-0.

2b. Appointment – Part time Constable – Holmes

MOTION (4)

Ms. Hardy moved the following:

Upon the recommendation of Resident Trooper Sergeant Blanchette I move to appoint Paul T. Holmes of 9R center Road, Waterford, CT to serve as a part time Constable in the Town of East Lyme through December 31, 2013.

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

Mr. Formica noted the letter from the East Lyme Cemetery Association that the members had at the table this evening. He said that they were running out of space in the Union Cemetery and were requesting a strip of land located along the fence / tree line which would provide them with much needed space be donated to them. He added that he wanted to talk with Dr. Lombardo about this request and have this item on the agenda sometime in June. He added that if donated, the Cemetery Association would bear all costs to clean up, etc.

5a. Information and Reports

Mr. Seery said that Judy Deeb should be congratulated along with two 2009 graduates Connor Reagan had been named first team all American goalie division 2 for lacrosse and Matt Cohen has been named division 3 all American at Trinity.

Ms. Hardy said that the Commission on Aging had their Ledge Light inspections of the kitchen and food services and had received a 98% rating. They have experienced problems with their lunch program done with TVCCA – attendance is quite low and they are concerned on how to continue the program. She added that Meals on Wheels is doing very well. She said that the Commission is planning some ambitious programming; pickle ball and indoor bocce. She added that they have a great many trips planned at a variety of prices. She said that we are very fortunate to have a commission and agency so involved and dedicated to our seniors.

Ms. Cheeseman attended the Zoning Commission meeting. She noted that there were a number of coastal management reviews heard due to Storm Sandy and some applications for out door dining.

She attended the Library Board meeting and on July 19th the Library will host a swing dance lesson and dance. She noted that the Board expressed their gratitude that the Board of Finance had restored some of the money cut from their budget.

5b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Formica noted he attended a tax appeal proceeding in Superior Court regarding the Orchards, where the Town settled for significantly less value.

He attended the Friends of Oswegatchie Hills Annual meeting.

He attended a Council of Governments Executive meeting and a regular meeting.

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He attended the Inlands / Wetlands meeting regarding the Gateway project adding that he did not attend last night's meeting. He said that project was passed on to the Zoning Commission.

He chaired a special Water and Sewer meeting regarding their budgets.

He reminded everyone that the referendum would be on May 23rd from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

He chaired a Department Head meeting where there was a discussion of the new insurance plan and noted that there had been a number of insurance meetings with staff to educate them about the change in insurance.

He said that he and Dr. Lombardo jointly hosted a Youth Summit regarding drug and alcohol prevention.

He attended a water main break near Pondcliff condominiums.

Mr. Wilson entered the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Mr. Formica stated that he attended a meeting with Speaker Sharkey regarding the state budget.

He attended the Samuel Smith fundraiser at the Gun Club and noted that Ms. Cheeseman was also in attendance.

He attended the monthly Celebrate East Lyme meeting where the focus this year is on increased security.

He attended the Board of Education meeting last evening where they had discussions about the new insurance package and Coastal Connections and a discussion from an architect about the many potentials for the elementary schools. He said that they hoped to have some direction on what they want to do by June of 2014. He said that the 20 / 20 Facilities Committee has been waiting for the Board of Education to give them their thoughts. He said that no decision has been made as yet and this is just the beginning of the process.

Mr. Wilson had no report.

6. Public Discussion

There was none.

7. Selectmen's Response

Ms. Hardy noted that the Smith Harris Commission has some vacancies and expressed her hopes that appointments could be made in June. She said that the Economic

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Development Commission still has many vacancies. She also asked for an update of the 20/20 Facilities Committee.

Mr. Formica responded that it had been decided at a previous meeting that the Economic Development Commission has not been funded for the next fiscal year and that this will become a subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen. He said there is no need to update the Board presently on the 20/20 Facilities Committee since they have not met because they have been waiting for word from the Board of Education and this has just been received.

He noted that Amtrak would be hosting an opening ceremony on June 7th – the exact time has not been forwarded to us as yet. He said that there is a meeting on 5/22 to finalize plans and he should know more information after that. He said that we are presently reclaiming the Cini Park parking lot.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the May 15, 2013 meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 7:42 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darlene Stevens". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary