

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF MAY 16, 2012
MINUTES

PRESENT: Paul M. Formica, Mark Nickerson, Holly Cheeseman, Rob Wilson.

EXCUSED: Rose Ann Hardy, Kevin Seery.

Mr. Formica called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items

There was none.

1c. Delegations

There was none.

1d. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of May 2, 2012

MOTION (1)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of May 2, 2012 as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson

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

Nay: None.

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

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (2)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of May 16, 2012 in the amount of \$536.08.

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

2a. Action – Public Hearing re: Leases for Town Property to Care and Share and Children's Museum

MOTION (3)

Ms. Cheeseman moved to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a lease with Care and Share as presented and modified as necessary.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson.

Mr. Wilson noted that the Planning Commission had performed an 8-24 review on this request on May 2, 2012 and found it consistent with the Plan of Development.

Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION (4)

Ms. Cheeseman moved to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a lease with the Children's Museum as presented and modified as necessary.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson.

Mr. Wilson noted that the Planning Commission had performed an 8-24 review on April 4, 2012 and found it consistent with the Plan of Development.

Motion passed 4-0.

2b. Appointment – COA – John Whritner

MOTION (5)

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint John Whritner of 4 Blueberry Lane, Niantic, CT to serve on the Commission on Aging through January 2, 2014.

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

3a. Continued Discussion – Samuel Smith House

Mr. Formica noted that Ms. Hardy was travelling with her students and Mr. Seery was out of state. He added that we are still awaiting appraisals and have started negotiating with the owners. He added that this item will be continued on the next Selectmen's agenda.

5a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Wilson had no report.

Ms. Cheeseman had no report.

Mr. Nickerson went to the Economic Development Commission meeting. Chair Steve Santino stepped down and was presented with a plaque by the membership. He added that he was a great leader and wished him well. He said that Ms. Bengston attended her first meeting and that they will be rotating the office of Chair for the next few meetings. He said that they discussed the Visitors Center and the Plan of Development economic development chapter.

5b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Formica said that the regional water connection continues to move forward. He said that he served as a "mystery reader" at LB. Haynes School.

Plans for Opsail continue to move forward for 7/7 and 7/8 and that the opening ceremony will be at McCook's on 7/6 with approximately 10-15 ships in the harbor. He said that we hope to have a street festival that day, but there will be no street closure.

Celebrate East Lyme will be on July 21st.

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He attended two Council of Government meetings and met with CT DEEP regarding traffic concerns at Rocky Neck State Park.

He attended a 90's Tea at the Commission on Aging.

He noted a program slated for August where 2-38 year olds will be invited to participate for a round table discussion on how to keep this age group here in Niantic and in SE CT.

Mr. Formica noted that the Annual Town Meeting was held on May 14th and the 5 Year Capital Plan was approved and that the budget was sent to a referendum vote on May 24, 2012 from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

6. Public Discussion

Mark Christensen of Grassy Hill Road and Co-Chair of Conservation of Natural Resources Commission requested that the First Selectman write a letter to CT Department of Agriculture noting that the Town of East Lyme satisfies the pre-qualifications for the Community Farms Preservation Grant. He added that the letter had to be received by May 31st.

Mr. Wilson noted that Thursday evening there will be an Art and Music Expo from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the High School.

MOTION (6)

Mr. Nickerson moved to adjourn the May 16, 2012 meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 7:51 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary