

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF MAY 2, 2012
MINUTES

PRESENT: Paul Formica, Mark Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Rob Wilson, Rose Ann Hardy.

EXCUSED: Holly Cheeseman.

Mr. Formica called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items

There were none.

1c. Delegations

Joe Mingo of 397 Boston Post Road named several items that were troubling:

1. Flanders Post Office – very unsafe – should be shut down.
2. Right turn on Boston Post Road down Flanders Road should be a dedicated right hand turning lane.
3. Right hand turn lane from Flanders Road to Industrial Park Road should be a dedicated right turning lane.
4. School buses have no business sitting on wetlands and should be moved immediately.
5. There are numerous illegally operating businesses in town.

1d1. Approval of Minutes, Special Meeting of April 18, 2012

MOTION (1)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 18, 2012 as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: Mr. Seery. Motion passed 4-0-1.

1d2. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of April 18, 2012

MOTION (2)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2012 as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: Mr. Seery. Motion passed 4-0-1.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (3)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of May 2, 2012 in the amount of \$6,384.27.

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

2a. Authorize Town Building Committee to represent the Town on the Athletic Field Complex at the High School

Mr. Formica said that this is a multi agency project between the Board of Education and the town. He said that the design portion is complete and was now asking for the Board's support in naming the Town Building Committee as overseer of the project.

MOTION (4)

Mr. Nickerson moved to authorize the Town Building Committee to represent the Town on the Athletic Field Complex at the High School and to assist in administering the construction contract.

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

2b. Insurance Waiver Request – East Lyme Garden Club – Use of Rooms at ELLCC

MOTION (5)

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the insurance waiver request on behalf of the East Lyme Garden Club for use of rooms at the ELLCC.

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

2c. Sign Revised Annual Town Meeting Call

Mr. Formica noted that we were revising the Annual Town Meeting Call in order to add the special appropriations for Emergency Management that had been passed by the Selectmen and Board of Finance.

MOTION (6)

Mr. Nickerson moved to sign the following:

TOWN OF EAST LYME
NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
REVISED CALL

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Monday, May 14, 2012 at the East Lyme High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following:

1. To review and discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 as recommended by the Board of Finance.
- 1.a. In accordance with Chapter 7.3 of the Town Charter, the moderator shall adjourn the annual budget meeting to a referendum on the voting machines.

The budget resolution will be submitted to the persons qualified to vote in a town meeting by referendum by machine vote, which referendum shall take place on May 24, 2012 at the East Lyme Community Center from 6 AM to 8 PM.

2. To adopt a Five Year Capital Plan.
3. Special Appropriations – Emergency Management \$17,250 - Reimbursable
4. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated at East Lyme, CT this 2nd day of May, 2012.

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

5a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Wilson said that the Smith Harris Commission is having several barn events and their June meeting was their annual meeting with the Friends of Smith Harris.

Mr. Seery had no report.

Ms. Hardy attended the Zoning Commission meeting where they approved a new building from Main Street – the first floor will be commercial and the upper floor will house apartments. She said they also reviewed the leases for town property and referred them to Planning and they will be holding a public hearing to prohibit outdoor service bars. She added that they have received an explosion of outdoor dining requests. She also attended the Planning Commission meeting and received a report by a committee member about the Samuel Smith property and Darrow Pond. She added that the discussion about Darrow Pond centered on the difference between active and passive recreation.

Mr. Nickerson attended the Flanders 5K race and noted what a great job Dave Putnam and his staff did.

5b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Formica attended the planting of 150 trees by the Leos at Darrow Pond.

He noted that the budget is to be presented on 5/14 to the town and then the meeting will be adjourned for voting at a referendum on May 24th. He said that the budget reflects a 1.4% increase, which will necessitate an approximate .5 mill increase.

He met with Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety Stebbins regarding regional policing.

He noted that Water and Sewer had a meeting and that the water interconnection project was 30% complete.

He said that Attorney O'Connell is meeting with the Huber's on May 11th and then he would have more information about the Samuel Smith property at the next meeting.

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He said that Celebrate East Lyme will take place on July 21st. He noted that on July 6th Opsail will take place and there will be dinner with the crew members and perhaps a sidewalk festival.

He spoke at the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce meeting along with Dr. Lombardo offering the state of East Lyme.

He attended the Little League opening ceremonies where there were 400+ kids.

He said a few words to the CERT graduates.

He noted that anyone wanting budget information could go to our webpage: www.eltownhall.com, under latest news and find the budget.

5. Public Discussion

Mike Shulz of Lovers Lane said that the purpose of taxes is to fund the town services for the people. He said it was extremely unfair that anyone living on the water has taxes that are much higher than other residents. He said we all have the same services and it is unfair to fund the budget on the backs of those with waterfront property,

MOTION (7)

Mr. Nickerson moved to adjourn the May 2, 2012 meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:12 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary