

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2013
MINUTES

PRESENT: Paul Formica, Mark Nickerson, Holly Cheeseman, Kevin Seery, Rose Ann Hardy.

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

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

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1c. Delegations

John Bialowans of 61 Walnut Hill Road complained of all the truck traffic on Walnut Hill Road due to the construction on the solar farm. He said they are going to ruin the road and also said that they start work at 5:45 a.m. until dusk and some of the trucks are speeding. He read a letter into the record identified as Attachment A.

1d1. Approval of Minutes, Special Meeting of October 2, 2013
MOTION (1)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 2, 2013 as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Seery.

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

Nay: None.

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

1d2. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting of October 2, 2013
MOTION (2)

Ms. Hardy moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2013 as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Seery.

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

Nay: None.

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

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (3)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of October 16, 2013 in the amount of \$1568.06.

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

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2a. Checking of the Indices

Mr. Formica noted the letter from Town Clerk Lesley Blais stating that she had submitted letters with incorrect dates for the last two years when requesting the appointment of Attorney Willetts to check the Indices. He added that an additional motion would be needed to correct these errors.

MOTION (4)

Mr. Nickerson moved to appoint Attorney William Willetts, Jr. of 216 Broad Street, New London, CT to check the indices of the land records for the calendar year 2012 and 2013 in accordance with CGS Section 7-14.

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

2b. Appointments – Parks and Recreation

Mr. Formica noted that two people; John Wilson and Patrick Larkin had come forward hoping to be appointed to this position. Mr. Wilson had been contacted and he had said if there was someone more passionate he would step back from this appointment. Mr. Formica noted that both gentlemen would be excellent candidates.

Patrick Larkin of 14 Oakhill Drive noted that he had been serving on the Youth Services Commission since its inception and believed an appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission would offer an additional asset.

Mr. Formica said that since the Board of Selectmen is serving the last 60 days of their term, Section 4.1.1 of the Town's Charter prohibits them from appointing anyone beyond the first Monday of January of the upcoming year.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Nickerson moved to appoint Patrick Larkin of 14 Oakhill Drive, Niantic, CT to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission through January 6, 2014.

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

Harbor Management:

Mr. Formica noted that Marvin Schutt had resigned from the Harbor Management / Shellfish Commission effective immediately. He noted he would be sending a letter to Mr. Schutt thanking him for his many years of service. He said that prior Harbor Master Joe Hitchery was willing to step in.

MOTION (6)

Mr. Nickerson moved to appoint Joseph Hitchery of 32 Bishop Bay Road, Niantic, CT to serve on the East Lyme Harbor Management / Shellfish Commission through January 6, 2014.

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

Veterans Contact Person:

Mr. Formica noted that he had interviewed two people who were interested in this volunteer position. He said that there is a training session set for October 24th and one in this area after that. He reviewed Ms. Six's resume and said she was a 30 year veteran of the Coast Guard and a resident of East Lyme.

Mr. Wilson entered the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION (7)

Mr. Nickerson moved to appoint Cheryl Six of 31 Sleepy Hollow Road, Niantic, CT to serve as the Town of East Lyme's Veterans Service Contact person through January 6, 2014.

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

2c. Public Safety Committee Discussion – Possible Action

Mr. Formica said that he had been talking with Sgt. San Juan about the potential of setting up a Public Safety Committee to oversee and investigate regional efficiencies for the police department, along with the fire and dispatch services. He noted that Mr. Seery and Mr. Wilson would be excellent members of this Committee due to their police background.

Ms. Hardy noted that years ago, a Public Safety Committee had concerned itself with non negotiable items for the police department and discussed their wants and needs. She suggested that a Board of Finance member be part of this Committee since many of the suggestions would have a financial impact.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Seery both agreed that this would be a good idea and agreed to serve.

Ms. Cheeseman said that it is always useful to have other eyes on any topic and suggested checking with other towns for their best practices.

Mr. Formica said that he would carry this item on the agenda.

5a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Seery attended the Harbor Management meeting, the last that Mr. Schutt would be serving on. He said that there will be no scallop season this year and that there are 267 mooring permits.

Ms. Hardy noted that the Planning Commission meeting had been cancelled. She asked for an update of the Solar Park from the First Selectman.

Mr. Wilson said that he had received notification that the ribbon cutting of the athletic field would be on October 25th.

Ms. Cheeseman attending the Zoning meeting where they had reviewed a number of CAM site plan reviews. She added that the Gala for the Children's Museum on October 5th had been a great success and thanked all those who had helped in that effort.

5b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Formica said that the books are closed for the fiscal year and the Town would be returning \$685,000 and the Board of Education would be returning \$15,000 to the General Fund. He said that \$750,000 had been used as a reserve from the undesignated fund balance since at that time; we were unsure what the State would do. He added that PILOT funding had increased by \$300,000.

Mr. Formica noted that the High School athletic field ribbon cutting would be at 6:00 p.m. on October 25th.

He said that the regional water interconnection was moving forward. He noted that they would soon start directional drilling with no exposed pipes.

He said that the Amtrak beach was open and the Boardwalk design was being worked on.

The Light Parade will be on December 7th at 7:00 p.m.

He noted that he toured the site of the Solar Park and some of the housing area on Walnut Hill Road and listened to the residents' concerns. He hosted an informational meeting with the residents and the developer and most in attendance left feeling better. He said that the trees have been cleared and he talked to Mr. Lombardi about the truck traffic. He said that the next thing that will be done is the replacement of poles along Walnut Hill Road along with some additional tree cutting. On Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. CL&P will have an informational meeting at Town Hall with the residents of Walnut Hill and Grassy Hill Roads.

Mr. Formica said that the Town had hired a new Director of Public Works, Joe Bragaw, who will start on November 4th. Joe has been Public Works Director in Stonington and is happy to be able to work in the same town where he lives and his kids go to school. He extended his thanks to Bill Scheer who has been serving as Director of Public Works and taking on any number of extra tasks, all for no extra money. He said that once Mr. Bragaw is on the job, he will be reorganizing the departments and probably eliminating the field service position, since he will be taking on some of those tasks along with the new Foreman Matt Devore.

Ms. Hardy inquired what the anticipated completion date for the solar park was.

Mr. Formica responded sometime this spring. He said that bids are not out yet for the Boardwalk since we first need the permits from AMTRAK.

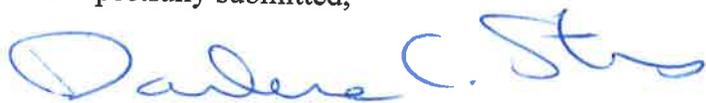
MOTION (8)

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Mr. Nickerson moved to adjourn the October 16, 2013 meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:16 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Darlene C. Stevens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Darlene" being the most prominent part.

Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary

Good Evening

MR. Formica + The Other Board of
Selectmen Members

My name is John Bialowans Jr. of
61 Walnut Hill Road. You haven't heard
anything from me in awhile, since the
paving of Walnut Hill Rd, finally, and I
'did what I said I was going' to do -
be quiet!

Now you have a problem with Walnut
Hill Road again. When this solar farm
was being discussed many people on the
road were worried about the
construction traffic on the new road,
since we waited for ages to get a
descent road and the matter was going
to be looked into.

They have been getting away with
murder up there. There have been
so many violations broken up there:

- ① Starting work at 5:45 am
- ② Working to dusk
- ③ Wetlands violations
- ④ In the beginning of construction
they where using Grassy Hill Road only
now it's Walnut Hill Road.

⑤ When the trailer trucks use Walnut
Hill Road they almost use the whole
road to make their turns.

⑥ Safety concerns: school busses
walkers
cars
speeding

⑦ Grassy Hill Road has less houses on it + less safety concerns.

⑧ In the past the Zoning Official, Bill Mulholand, was enforcing the Town's Zoning Regulation of removing more than 300 yards from a construction site. We said then that you would need a special permit, fee and bond, and inspections of the site.

I wonder if this is another violation they are getting away with.

⑨ These problems are just a few of our concerns.

The Town Board of Selectman and Zoning Dept. have the right to stop this on Walnut Hill Road. The Town has done it before with restrictions on their roads. (Who's going to fix or repair the damage to Walnut Hill Road when this project is done?)

I hope this matter gets your attention, and saves our road.

Sincerely,

John Bialowans Jr.