

TOWN OF EAST LYME

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JULY 2, 2014

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Members Present:

Paul Formica, First Selectman

Rob Wilson

Holly Cheeseman

Rose Ann Hardy

Mark Nickerson

Kevin Seery

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July 9, 2014 AT 8:25 AM/PM
Kevin Seery, etc
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Also Present:

Ed O'Connell, Town Attorney

Brad Kargl, Water Department

Mr. Formica called the Public Hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Formica led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Formica stated that they only expect these water conservation measures to be in place for a few weeks.

Brad Kargl stated a significant rain fall may change this. The Regional Inter-Connection is substantially complete. They anticipate three weeks before it is fully operational. Over the next several weeks they have to test communication links, pump valves, there is quite a bit to do. They are raising the pressure in the system on Chesterfield Road. It is an entirely new system. It requires additional monitoring and training of staff. June was a relatively dry month. They had to turn off one of the wells. Another well could have to be turned off. If two wells are off they could lose a million gallons of water a day. They felt it was prudent to discuss the need for conservation water measures.

Mr. Formica stated Mr. Kargl has done a lot of work on this inter-connection.

As Chairman of the Water and Sewer Commission Mr. Formica can suspend the water conservation measures once things get moving or we have the proper rainfall.

The following Public Hearing Notice was read:

Mandatory Water Conservation Measures Imposed For East Lyme

Effective July 4, 2014

Water restrictions will be in effect from 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 4th through noon on Monday of each week until further notice.

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 are effective July 4, 2014 and will remain in effect until further notice.

Fredricka Gunther of 123 Pennsylvania Avenue stated she is new to town, and she feels this would be hard to enforce, but she asked that they think about taking wading pools out of the restrictions.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Miller Galbo
Recording Secretary Pro-Tem