

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FEBRUARY 18, 2015  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Members Present:**

Mark Nickerson, First Selectman  
Holly Cheeseman  
Rose Ann Hardy  
Marc Salerno  
Kevin Seery

FILED IN EAST LYME  
CONNECTICUT  
Feb 24 2015 AT 9:40 AM/PM  
*Rob Wilson*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**Members Absent:**

Rob Wilson

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

**1.A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was previously observed at the prior Special Meeting and at the prior Special Town Meeting.

**B. ADDITIONAL AGENDA & CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

There were no additional Agenda and Consent Calendar items.

Mr. Nickerson noted that an Amended Agenda had been filed with the Town Clerk to add Item 2c.

**C. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2015**

**Motion (1)** Mr. Seery moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 4, 2015.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno.

Motion Passed 5-0.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2015**

**Motion (2)** Mr. Seery moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2015.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman.

Motion Passed 5-0.

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion (3) Mr. Seery moved to approve the Consent Calendar in the amount of \$5,322.55 for the February 18, 2015 meeting as submitted.**

Seconded by Ms. Hardy.

Motion Passed 5-0.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS - HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION**

The Board accepted the resignation of Burt Hobby as a regular member of the Historic Properties Commission.

**B. APPOINTMENTS -**

**HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION REGULAR AND ALTERNATE**

**Motion (4) Mr. Seery moved to appoint Betty Murphy as a full time member of the Historic Properties Commission for a term ending on January 8, 2018.**

Seconded by Mr. Salerno.

Motion Passed 5-0.

**Motion (5) Mr. Seery moved to appoint Burt Hobby as an Alternate Member of the Historic Properties Commission for a term ending on January 8, 2018.**

Seconded by Mr. Salerno.

Motion Passed 5-0.

**NIANTIC RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE ALTERNATE**

**Motion (6) Mr. Seery moved to appoint Ralph Bates as an Alternate Member of the Niantic River Watershed Committee for a term ending on January 8, 2018.**

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Mr. Nickerson thanked all of the volunteers.

### **C. REVIEW VARIOUS DEPARTMENT BUDGETS**

The Board discussed which departments they want to review at their next budget review meeting. They will review Public Works, Parks and Recreation/Youth Services, Building, General Government, Harbor Management, and Planning at their meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Hardy stated there was an issue at the animal shelter and the pipes froze. We have to decide what we are going to do with the shelter, it is sub-standard.

Mr. Nickerson agreed. There is ongoing discussion regarding the shelter. The process is slow, but he agrees that there is an immediate need to do something with our present shelter.

Ms. Cheeseman stated the fundraisers aren't happy with the location potentially being in Montville.

Mr. Nickerson stated there is an obvious need for a better facility. The money has been raised without a specific plan. This is important and what happened with the pipes may push this to a higher priority.

Ms. Hardy asked that Mr. Nickerson write a letter to the Governor regarding the Resident State Trooper issue. This could be disastrous for local budgets to have to fund it 100%.

Mr. Seery stated there was a study that said East Lyme was ready for its own department, but the cost is always the concern.

Mr. Nickerson stated he will write the letter, he would like this discussed more at the next meeting and he would like to convene a meeting of the sub-committee for this and for the Police Manual to be reviewed. We cannot go backwards in service.

Ms. Hardy stated the restructuring in the Senior Center turns out to be a wash this year.

Mr. Nickerson stated that is an ever expanding department.

The Board discussed the health insurance budget, workers compensation and unemployment.

Mr. Nickerson stated they are getting bids on workers compensation coverage.

Mr. Nickerson stated the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will end with a budget.

### **3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business

### **4. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**5. INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

**A. EX-OFFICIO**

Ms. Cheeseman stated she attended a Zoning Commission meeting. There was a public hearing on amendments to the Zoning Regulations, and at their Regular Meeting they appointed William Dwyer as a regular member.

Mr. Salerno stated there were two Inland Wetlands Agency meetings scheduled and both of them were cancelled. He also went to the Site Walk and nobody was there. He did not attend Harbor Management, but will speak to the Chairman.

Ms. Hardy stated she attended Conservation of Natural Resources, there were guest speakers on forestry. It was very informative. There will be a Board of Education Public Hearing on their budget.

Mr. Seery stated he attended Youth Services and Parks and Recreation. There was a production of Modern Millie, there has been increase in attendance at the Youth Center. Parks and Recreation discussed the fees for the fields next year. There is a misconception that they are ready to build a field on Roxbury Road. That is a long way off. He attended a fundraiser with Ms. Cheeseman for two sick children in our area. There was a lot of support.

**B. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Nickerson stated there will be a fundraiser at the High School on February 20<sup>th</sup> for Madeleine Guarraia. The community is coming together with a lot of support. He attended a meeting for groups that are trying to put a band shell at McCooks. He attended a SCCOG meeting this morning, and a SEAT Board of Directors meeting. He was in court in Bridgeport on Friday and the lawsuit is officially closed. It was a long chapter. He met at Lawrence and Memorial regarding their paramedics group. He met with CIRMA. He also met with the Towns that share the Probate Court. All of the towns are satisfied and are looking to renew as they are coming to the end of the Agreement. There was a water main break today at the Gateway site in their pump house. It spilled a lot of water and washed out their service road. The Towns Wetlands Officer was on the scene, and Mr. Mulholland and Mr. Morris. There was an armed robbery on Saturday at Citizens Bank and there was an arrest yesterday. He is very proud of all of the people who work with us and for us. He saw firefighters performing cold water training in frigid temperatures. He is very grateful for them.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**8. SELECTMAN'S RESPONSE**

There was no Selectman's response.

**Motion Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:45 p.m..**

**Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman.**

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Miller Galbo".

**Karen Miller Galbo**  
**Recording Secretary Pro-Tem**