

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2014
MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Attorney Tracy Collins, Finance Director Anna Johnson.

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

Sally Cini and Bob Shea of Black Point requested that the Board consider passing an enabling ordinance allowing Black Point Beach area to have golf carts. They have gotten information on Old Saybrook who has allowed golf carts for four years with no accidents. She stressed that the Board of Selectmen's role was to offer services to those in the community and added that there is liability in everything that the town does; parades, playgrounds, beaches, athletic fields. She requested the Board allow the use of golf carts in Black Point. She said that they could decide later if another beach area applied to use their areas.

Mr. Shea said that State Statute 14-300g only allows operation of golf carts in daylight with a horn and a flag, and not in any area where the speed limit is higher than 20 mph, must have a valid CT license with insurance. He said allowing golf carts will assist seniors in the area and the handicapped within beach areas to get to the beach. He offered to share the information he had gathered and requested that the Board support the use of golf carts in Black Point.

Elizabeth Murphy of 30 Saunders Drive stated that she lives in Saunders Point and there are a lot of golf carts there and she wanted to speak in support of this request.

Mr. Formica noted that the Presentation by Eden Works was cancelled due to the weather.

1d. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of January 22, 2014

MOTION (1)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2014 as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Seery.

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

Nay: None.

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

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1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (2)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the Consent Calendar in the amount of \$6335.81 for the meeting of February 5, 2014.

Seconded by Wilson. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Formica noted that Eden Works would not be presenting this evening.

2a. Historic Properties Report

Attorney Collins stated that the town had purchased the Samuel Smith House and the Friends have moved to have it designated an historic property by state statute. She explained that when this is done, two steps are needed: a report has to be accepted (the report is in before the Board) and then a public hearing needs to be held to amend the current ordinance.

MOTION (3)

Accept Report:

Mr. Nickerson moved the following:

RESOLVED, to accept the report of the Historic Properties Commission to designate the Samuel Smith House as an historic property in accordance with CT General Statutes Section 7-147q, et seq. and to give notice of a proposed amendment to the ordinance entitled "Ordinance Designating Historic Properties and Establishing a Historic Properties Commission".

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

Sign Call – Notice of Public Hearing:

MOTION (4)

Mr. Nickerson moved the following

**TOWN OF EAST LYME
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
HISTORIC PROPERTIES ORDINANCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, of a public hearing to be held by the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 7:30 p.m. on February 19, 2014 at the East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut to consider an amendment to the ordinance entitled "Ordinance Designating Historic Properties And Establishing A Historic Properties Commission". Said amendment designates a portion of the property of 82 Plants Dam Road, East Lyme, Connecticut and known as the "Samuel Smith House" property as a "Historic Property" as defined in Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-147q, et seq.

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Copies of the full text of the proposed amendment are on file for public inspection at the office of the East Lyme Town Clerk, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut to which reference may be had. Interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut, on this 5th day of February, 2014.

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

2b. Special Appropriation - \$15,000 Playscape at Bridebrook Park

Mr. Formica stated that at our June 5, 2013 meeting we took the following action:

“Move to approve the re-allocation of \$15,000 in account 01-70-724-700-403 (Town-CIP) from Skateboard Park to replace the old wooden Playscape at Bridebrook Park and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval.” To complete the authorization process, the Board of Finance approved this at their June 12, 2013 meeting and the Town Meeting approved this on June 19, 2013. It was intended for the Parks and Recreation Department to encumber a purchase order by fiscal year end June 30, 2013. This did not occur. In order for Parks and Recreation to be able to make this purchase we will need to go through the authorization process again. This is to replace the old wooden playscape that was removed from service in spring 2013 for safety reasons.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Wilson moved to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from undesignated fund balance for the purchase of a playscape at Samuel Peretz Park at Bridebrook and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

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

Note this will require a town meeting and will be grouped with other items requiring.

2c. Budget Overview

Mr. Formica noted that the Board had received the town budgets this evening and reviewed his budget letter of February 5, 2014 with the Board (identified as Attachment A.)

He noted that the Board will commence reviewing budgets at their February 19th meeting.

2d. Discussion – Golf Carts

Mr. Wilson noted that this should be placed on an upcoming agenda.

Mr. Seery agreed that the Board should consider the request.

Ms. Hardy stated that she was not in favor of passing an ordinance favoring one community over another. She added that the Board was just starting to review budgets and this item would be better if left until after the budget was sent on to the Board of Finance.

Mr. Nickerson stated that he liked separating the areas and reviewing small bits might make it more palatable.

Mr. Formica noted that he would continue the Golf Cart item for further discussion on a future agenda.

3a. Public Safety Committee

Mr. Seery noted that Sgt. Joe San Juan's letter offered a different intent for the committee he had requested. He was suggesting a committee made up of officers, department heads and Selectmen to get input on purchases. If Board members were present when an item was discussed for purchase, the Selectmen would be aware of the need of the request when they reviewed budgets.

It was suggested that Mr. Wilson, Mr. Seery and Mr. Formica meet and talk about the intent of the committee in the following week.

4a. Resignations -- E. Hafner and C. Bodenhofer from Inland Wetlands

Mr. Formica noted their resignations and noted he would send a letter thanking them for their service.

5a. Ex-officio

Mr. Seery noted that Harbor Management had no meeting.

Ms. Hardy noted that Planning had been cancelled for the last three meetings. She noted the resignations of Ed Hafner and Candace Bodenhofer from the Inland Wetlands Commission and noted that they had provided a valuable service to the Town and it would be hard to find replacements with their background.

Mr. Wilson had no report.

Mr. Nickerson noted he had chaired the Water and Sewer Commission meeting and would be attending Parks and Recreation on Thursday.

5b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Formica noted that CIRMA had recognized our Health and Safety Committee with their Risk Achievement Award.

He added that an Oyster Festival is being proposed by Niantic Main Street involving Guinness for September.

The Flanders Fire Department annual banquet is on March 8th and Mr. Seery and Mr. Wilson have agreed to attend.

Mr. Formica noted that he attended Mr. Lombardo's father's wake.

He attended the EB Breakfast and the outlook from 2020 on is good.

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He attended CCM and COG meetings and a Board of Finance meeting.

Mr. Formica said he spoke to the Rotary and offered the state of the Town.

He attended a Council of Governments meeting regarding Southeastern CT housing initiatives in an attempt to keep our young people in the area.

He went to Nashville for a health care seminar to establish our own health clinic. He noted he would be presenting more information in the future.

He hosted a pension committee meeting.

Mr. Formica noted that the Police contract renewal is coming up.

He noted that he met Joe Legg who has replaced Bob DeSanto as President of the East Lyme Public Trust.

He announced that the Army Corps of Engineers and DEEP have approved the permit for the re-construction of our half of the boardwalk. He said that bids are due by February 21st and this item will be on our February 26th Special Meeting so that we can approve the funds and send the item to the Board of Finance for their March 12th meeting. We will host a Town meeting on March 19th.

6. Public Discussion

Ms. Cini commented that she was suggesting that the Board start with Black Point to approve the use of golf carts. She said that she is not looking to be unfair and that their local community backs this idea along with their Board of Governors. She said that they would like this acted on soon since they want it decided before the summer season commences.

MOTION (6)

Mr. Nickerson moved to adjourn the February 5, 2014 meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:56 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary