

TOWN OF EAST LYME
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 20, 2016

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8:30 AM Lesley A. Blais
East Lyme Town Clerk

Moderator, Eugene Cushman, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the East Lyme Town Hall. Ron Stevens led the reciting of the pledge. Town Clerk, Lesley Blais, read the call of the meeting, stating it had been signed by the Board of Selectmen, posted on the signpost, published in The Day newspaper and filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Moderator read the rules of the meeting citing CGS Statute 7-6, eligibility to vote at a town meeting, stating that registered voters or taxpayers who are US citizens and whose names appear on the Grand List of October 1, 2015 and have a minimum assessment of \$1000 are eligible. He also cited CGS 9-360 dealing with penalties for voting if not franchised.

Item 1 of the Call: Special Appropriation of \$54,984.37 to revenue account 01-04-400-406 from FEMA Storm Grant to purchase a 2014 Volvo Mini Excavator.

Motion was made by Ron Stevens and seconded by Holly Cheeseman to adopt the item.

Mark Nickerson stated this item is needed. We have rented this particular excavator in the past. The FEMA Storm Grant gives us a great opportunity to buy this utilizing FEMA funds and not operating expenses. This will be used by three different departments in town; Water & Sewer, Public Works and Parks & Recreation.

Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works, stated last winter a snow storm that left us with twenty-eight inches of snow was declared a Federal Emergency so that we were eligible for FEMA funds. He agreed this is a much needed item and a great opportunity for the three departments to share one piece of equipment. Chuck Holyfield, Highway Superintendent, looked around for the best pricing. The amount that this excavator was rented for last winter was taken off of our purchase price.

Hearing no comments on this item, moderator called for a vote. Item #1 of the call was adopted.

Item 2 of the Call: Appropriate and Transfer up to \$16,005 from CNRE Fund 32 Account 32-70-300-500-999 for Fire Services Assessment by JLN Associates.

Motion was made by Holly Cheeseman and seconded by Kevin Seery to adopt the item.

Mark Nickerson explained we need an independent fire study to take a look at the equipment we have, how to organize our personnel and to decide what is needed in this Town. This study will help us to base our decisions for the next ten to twenty years. This item went out to bid and there were four bids received. JLN Associates is a local organization and comes highly recommended and John Nickerson's scope of work comes very well documented. Mark Nickerson stated that John Nickerson of JLN Associates bears no relation to him.

Hearing no comments on this item, moderator called for a vote. Item #2 of the call was adopted.

There being no further business, Moderator Cushman then called for a motion to adjourn. Holly Cheeseman made the motion and Darlene Stevens seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Lesley A Blais
Town Clerk