

**TOWN OF EAST LYME  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 3, 2016**

Moderator, Gene Cushman, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Assistant Town Clerk, Karen Galbo, read the call of the meeting, stating it had been posted on the signpost, published in The Day newspaper, and recorded in the Town Clerk's office.

Moderator stated the rules of the Special Town Meeting, saying that only registered voters or taxpayers with a minimum assessment of \$1,000 on the last completed Grand List were eligible to vote and that there are penalties for anyone doing otherwise.

- 1. TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF EAST LYME, CONNECTICUT AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND SCHEDULES THERETO FOR THE ACQUISITION, PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$969,436.00 PLUS FINANCING COSTS; FINANCING AND LEASING OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS RESOLUTION.**

**Motion (1) Kevin Seery Moved To Approve the Resolution.**

**Seconded by Marc Salerno.**

Mr. Nickerson stated all three of the items tonight have been vetted through the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. The Department Heads are here to answer any questions.

Joe Bragaw stated they are not asking for money, this is to pay as we go. After 7 years we will save \$160,000 to \$170,000. New London has done this, and Montville is in the process of doing it.

**Item 1 passed unanimously.**

- 2. TO APPROVE A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 IN CNRE FUND 32 FOR MCCOOK'S AMPITHEATER TO AN ACCOUNT TO BE ESTABLISHED TITLED, "MCCOOKS BAND SHELL" FOR DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM EAST LYME LION'S CLUB, ROTARY CLUB AND PUBLIC TRUST.**

**Motion (2) Holly Cheeseman Moved To Approve Item 2.**

**Seconded by Kevin Seery.**

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East Lyme Town Clerk

Mr. Nickerson stated this is just to accept the donations made by the Lion's Club, Rotary Club and the Public Trust. They each donated \$20,000. The \$15,000 the Town will contribute is not on the Agenda because it was already approved in the budget.

Dave Putnam, 20 Huntley Court, Niantic, Park and Recreation Director stated each organization worked very hard to raise the funds. Each organization has donated \$20,000. The Amphitheater will be at McCooks adjacent to the pavilion.

Warren Hall, 37 Park Place, Niantic commended the organizations who donated money. He thinks they should hold the money until there is a decent plan. The present plan is lacking. He would like it to represent the scallop shell. He thinks the money should be put toward that design and raise more money for construction.

Ron Rando, 194 Boston Post Road, East Lyme stated he is not for or against this project. He hopes it doesn't end up like the tennis courts at the High School. They should build it right, get a good plan.

**Item 2 Passed (1-Nay)**

- 3. TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF FINANCE WITH RESPECT TO A RESOLUTION ENTITLED "RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$480,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION AND PURCHASE OF A FULL SIZE CLASS A FIRE ENGINE PUMPER APPARATUS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE".**

**The Assistant Town Clerk confirmed that the communication was received.**

- 4. TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$480,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A FULL SIZE CLASS A FIRE ENGINE PUMPER APPARATUS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$480,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE.**

**Motion (3) Kevin Seery Moved to Approve Item 4.**

**Seconded by Jamie Barr Shelburn.**

Mr. Nickerson introduced Bill Rix, of the Flanders Fire Department.

William Rix, 140 Roxbury Road, Niantic stated the truck they are replacing is from 1993. The company that made it is no longer in business. It is currently out of service. There are \$20,000 of repairs needed on it, which is more than the worth of the apparatus. It is 23 years old. The NFPA recommends replacement every 20 years. The new model they are discussing tonight is a 2016 model, which carries 1250 gallons of water.

Mr. Rando asked if they had looked into replacing the chassis of the present one.

Mr. Rix stated they had not.

Mr. Rando asked if the present one had a cracked frame.

Mr. Rix stated he did not say that.

Mr. Rando asked about a dual axle.

Mr. Rix stated that would not fit in their fire house.

Mr. Rando stated we keep bonding more and more. He is strictly against this purchase. They can't afford it and they don't need it. It is time to start thinking about the taxpayers. The town is stagnant. We need buildings in town to help the taxpayers.

**Item 4 Passed (1-Nay)**

**Motion (4) Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:25 p.m.**

**Seconded by Holly Cheeseman.**

**Motion Passed.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Karen Miller Galbo  
Assistant Town Clerk**