

TOWN OF EAST LYME
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2016
EAST LYME TOWN HALL

Recorded Dec 22 2016
10:40 ^(AM) PM Lesley A. Blais
East Lyme Town Clerk

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

Darlene Stevens led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karen Galbo, Assistant Town Clerk read the Call of the Meeting

Mr. Cushman reviewed the rules of the Special Town Meeting per Connecticut General Statute Section 7-6 and Section 9-360.

Mr. Cushman submitted a letter from Paul Dunphy for the record (Attached).

1. **Special Appropriation \$13,350 for the 2016/2017 FY – Connecticut Department of Transportation Comprehensive DUI Grant**

Motion (1) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item 1.

Seconded by Holly Cheeseman.

Mr. Nickerson stated this is a Grant we receive every year. It puts extra police on our street and is an important part of the operation. He urged everyone's support.

Item 1 Passed.

2. **Special Appropriation \$398,444 for the Planning and Design for Modifications and Upgrades to the East Lyme Well 1A and Well 6 Water Treatment Plant Project and Authorizing the Issuance of \$398,444 Bonds of the Town to meet said Appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for such purpose**

Motion (2) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item 2.

Seconded by Holly Cheeseman.

Mr. Nickerson stated that Joe Bragaw and Brad Kargl were here tonight to answer any questions. He stated that the Town issues bonds, and the Water and Sewer Department cannot. Water and Sewer asks the Town to issue the bonds and the Town will issue them if it is passed. He also stated this is something the ratepayers will pay.

Brad Kargl, Utilities Engineer, East Lyme Water & Sewer, stated he is a not a resident and he has no ability to vote at this meeting. He stated Well 1A is one of seven Wells we have. 5 of our 7 are already treated for iron and manganese removal. 1A and 2A are the last wells that need to be set up for treatment. They would have started this 10 years ago, but quantity of water was more of an issue at the time. This was always a project that needed to be done. The proposal is to pipe 1A over to the Well 6

treatment plant and expand that building to handle the additional treatment. This is necessary to improve the water quality.

Ron Rando, 194 Boston Post Road, East Lyme stated we are giving more debt to our kids and to their kids. What happened to the New London deal? We have bigger problems than this. There are water meters that are 30 years old. We are probably losing money right and left with those. That is more important and he doesn't think this needs to be done right away.

Paul Mock, 41 Whiting Farms Lane, Niantic asked if both 1A and 2A don't have treatment now why aren't they doing both for this project. He also asked if the \$398,444 included construction.

Mr. Kargl stated the initial study did include 1A and 2A, but they can't afford to do both at this time. Well 1A serves 1/3 of our water system. Well 2A serves only a fraction of that. They can work this into their debt structure, if they added Well 2A in they couldn't do it. The \$398,444 is for design and planning of the facilities to get to a point for bids. Construction would be beyond that.

Mr. Cushman asked about Well 6, which is referenced on the Call of the Meeting.

Mr. Kargl stated Well 6 is part of the solution. Rather than an entirely new treatment plant for Well 1A, they can just upgrade the Well 6 treatment plan to handle additional flow.

Mr. Rando stated if we wait to do Well 2A it would double the cost of what we would pay now to do it.

Mr. Nickerson stated there are dozens of projects that need to be done. This is a top priority.

Mr. Rando asked if they have an estimate to finish Well 1A.

Diane Hyland-Aubin, 114 North Bride Brook Road, Niantic stated they have had to replace their shower heads and water flow is an issue. The Water Department has been very responsive when she has called them. She wholeheartedly supports this expenditure.

Item 2 Passed.

Motion (3) Holly Cheeseman moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Seconded by Esther Williams.

Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Karen Miller Galbo
Assistant Town Clerk**

Karen Galbo

From: Paul Dunphy [pdunphy59@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 4:20 PM
To: Karen Galbo
Subject: meeting Dec. 21th re. water purity

Town Clerks Office: Attn: Karen Galbo

Hello Karen: Marilyn or I cannot attend tonights meeting, so I request that you make our opinion known. We are located at 4 Thistledown Lane, (Chapman Woods), Niantic Ct. It has been since 2013 that we have had to have a water purification system installed, to help to modify the resulting staining of our shower area, too much manganese in the water. This is an expense, of \$35/month, which we do not need as an additional cost of living, when we already pay the town for purified water, and would expect it not to stain our property.

I have been in touch with Bradford C. Kargl on several occasions and he should have all the details of our predicament. Incidentally, we have been treated with respect and cooperation on the occasions we have communicated our misfortune with Mr. Kargl.

Please pass the necessary funding to cure the contaminated water problem.

Sincerely,

Paul