

TOWN OF EAST LYME
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 15, 2016

Recorded June 17 2016
9:00 ^(AM) PM 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. After Holly Cheeseman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, 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 \$1000.00 are eligible. He also cited CGS 9-360 dealing with penalties for voting if not franchised.

Item #1 of the Call: To approve an appropriation in the amount of \$643,696.26 for the purpose of acquiring by way of lease or purchase various vehicles and equipment more particularly described in the Town's FY 2016/2017 Equipment Acquisition Plan, as evidenced by one or more agreements for the acquisition of said vehicles by lease or purchase or a combination thereof, for a total price of \$619,500 plus interest at the rate of 1.57% per annum, payable in annual installments of \$128,739.22 (\$10,728.27/month) over a period of five (5) years. The First Selectman is authorized, in the name and on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver any documents that may be required in connection with said transactions.

Motion was made by Kevin Seery and seconded by Tim Hagen to adopt the item.

Mark Nickerson thanked everyone for coming to this meeting. He explained that all the items being considered tonight were in the budget in the Capital Plan. In the first item we will be purchasing a dump truck, recycle truck, a utility body pickup truck replacing a 1999 Chevy, a patrol vehicle, and one tractor for the Parks and Recreation for \$65,000.

Ron Rando asked what our bonding debt is at this time and Financial Director, Anna Johnson, explained it is now at \$2,000,000.00 and this item would increase it by \$643,696.26. He also asked what was going to happen to the old equipment.

Chuck Holyfield, Fleet Manager and Highway Supervisor stated the pickup truck will be sold off at auction, the garbage truck will be traded in at time of purchase, the tractor being replaced for Parks and Recreation will be traded at auction and the dump truck will either be traded or sold at auction.

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

Item #2 of the Call: To approve an appropriation to the Board of Education in amount of \$223,438.97 for the purpose of acquiring by way of lease or purchase or a combination thereof, various new computer and smart board equipment for the High School, Middle School, Niantic Center School, Lillie B. Haynes, Flanders School, Coastal Connections and the Central Office more particularly described in the East Lyme Public Schools Proposed Year One Computer Replacement Plan 2016/17, the total amount of \$215,040

plus interest at the rate of 1.57% per annum, payable in annual installments of \$44,687.78 (\$3,723.98/month) over a period of five (5) years.

Motion was made by Holly Cheeseman and seconded by Marc Salerno to adopt the item.

Jeffrey Newton, Superintendent of Schools, explained this is a continuation of replacement of old computer equipment.

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

Item #3 of the Call: To approve a Special Appropriation of \$235,000 from the CNRE for various projects consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan:

Town Projects (Roofs)	25,000
HVAC Replacement Town-wide	10,000
Sidewalk Repair – Town-wide	25,000
Town Projects – Various	75,000
Replacing Cooling Tower ELCC	20,000
Revaluation	<u>80,000</u>
TOTAL	235,000

Motion was made by Kevin Seery and seconded by Dan Cunningham to adopt the item.

Mark Nickerson stated all these items are in our budget. They are in our budget almost every year. The Cooling Tower is a new item that is coming up with a need to replace it in about five years. Traditionally all these items that are listed are funded at double the amount but we are in a tight budget year so we are scaling back these accounts this year in order to save some money. This is a revaluation year, required by the State, so we are putting \$80,000 towards this item.

Moderator moved the question to a vote. Item # 3 of the call was adopted.

Item #4 of the Call: To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount of \$900,000 For The Rehabilitation Of Various Town Roads And Authorizing The Issuance of \$900,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose."

The Town Clerk stated such communications were received.

Item #5 of the Call: To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount of \$900,000 For The Rehabilitation Of Various Town Roads And Authorizing The Issuance of \$900,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose."

The resolution was made by Ed O'Connell and seconded by Holly Cheeseman to consider and act on this item.

Attorney Ed O'Connell explained that these resolutions are prepared by the Town's bond council and the council has advised that as long as copies of the resolutions are available to the public at this meeting (which they are) and copies were posted in the Town Clerk's Office (which they were), then he can introduce them by way of a summary of the first paragraph and a portion of the second. Mr. O'Connell read the summary into the record.

Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works, explained what would be done as follows: Approximately \$50,000 will be spent on crack sealing throughout the Town, \$340,000 for cape sealing roads which includes the Corey Lane area, Patrick Place, Roxbury Court, South Cobblers Court, Damon Heights, Cheryl Court, Naomi and Wilbur Lane, Filosi, Wagonwheel and Nelson Drive, Village Drive and Village Court. He stated, we are also looking to overlay Gurley Road and Riverhead in the Golden Spur area. This summer the plan is to mill and pave Society Road from Rte. 161 past Lillie B. Haynes School to Riverview Road. Then, Latimer and Cavaasin Roads in the northern section of Town.

Hearing no further comments, moderator called for a vote. Item # 5 of the call was adopted.

Item #6 of the Call: To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with request to a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$720,000 For The Reconstruction Of Town Roads In The Bush Hill Neighborhood and Authorizing the Issuance of \$720,000 Bonds Of the Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose."

The Town Clerk stated she had received such communications.

Item #7 of the Call: To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$720,000 For The Reconstruction Of Town Roads In The Bush Hill Neighborhood and Authorizing the Issuance of \$720,000 Bonds Of the Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose."

The resolution was made by Ed O'Connell and seconded by Jaime Barr Shelburn to consider and act upon this item.

Attorney Ed O'Connell again explained the reason for and read into the record the summary of this resolution.

After a brief discussion, moderator called for a vote. Item #7 of the call was adopted.

Mark Nickerson wished to recognize and thank Victoria Chong, an East Lyme High School student who was here volunteering her time to help run the audio/video portion of this meeting.

Being no further business, Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Holly Cheeseman made the motion and Marc Salerno seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Lesley A. Blais
Town Clerk