

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2017  
MINUTES

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Marc Salerno, Rose Ann Hardy, Paul Dagle and Dan Cunningham

ALSO PRESENT: Anna Johnson, Finance Director; Jeffrey Newton, Superintendent of Schools; Joseph Bragaw, Director of Public Works; and Gary Goeschel, Director of Planning.

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items

Mr. Seery stated that Agenda Items #2O and #2P should be switched in the order of business.

1c. Delegations

Mr. Ron Rando, 194 Boston Post Road, addressed the Board and spoke on several items; including the budget and tax increases, which both passed at Referendums, and he asked for an explanation of Agenda Item #2D2.

1d1. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting of May 17, 2017

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 17, 2017, as amended.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Hardy asked for clarification on Agenda Item #6b, page 5. It was agreed that the sentence should include that the State of East Lyme is presented yearly by the CT Chamber of Commerce.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 4-0-2. Abstained; Mr. Dagle and Ms. Hardy.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of June 7, 2017, in the amount of \$2,630.14.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

2a. Review and authorize the First Selectman to enter into the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of East Lyme and UPSEU

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery moved to authorize the First Selectman to enter into the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of East Lyme and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU), upon ratification at next week's meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Nickerson stated that the Board of Selectman had reviewed and discussed this agreement in Executive Session, and that this agreement is in lieu of binding arbitration; which is a good choice at this time of uncertainty in our State with the budget. This document is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion Passed 6-0.

2b. Transfer funds from Payroll Contingency for UPSEU contract

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery moved to transfer funds from Payroll Contingency for the UPSEU contract.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that this money has already been put aside in Payroll Contingency in anticipation of an agreement.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2c. Review and authorize the First Selectman to enter into the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of East Lyme and Police Union Local #2852, Council 15, AFSCME, AFL-CIO

MOTION (5)

Mr. Seery moved to authorize the First Selectman to enter into the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of East Lyme and Police Union Local #2852, Council 15, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that it was decided and agreed upon to extend this contract out for one year to allow for the transition to an Independent Police Force.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2d1. Special appropriation for the Board of Education from CNRE Fund 32: \$31,855 for the purchase of a school van

MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery moved to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$31,855 from CNRE Fund 32 to account 32-99-400-700-701 (BoE Vehicles) and forward to the Board of Finance for approval. These funds are available from Learn rental fees. This purchase is consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan. This item requires a Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Jeffrey Newton reported that this vehicle will replace the existing 2000 Chevy Astro Van, which needs to be retired from use. It is becoming increasingly difficult to keep it maintained, and is beginning to pose possible safety issues in transporting students. The funds for this purchase will come from the LEARN rental fees that are received.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0-1. Abstained; Ms. Hardy

2d2. Special appropriation for the Board of Education from CNRE Fund 32: \$34,405 for the purchase of ELHS dust collection system

MOTION (7)

Mr. Seery moved to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$34,405 from CNRE Fund 32 to account to be established titled, "ELHS Dust Collection System" and forward to the Board of Finance for approval. The source of funds is Learn Rental Fees. This purchase is consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan. This item requires a Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Newton explained that this Dust Collection System is needed in the shop room. Currently there is an air handling system that moves air around but does not remove air or dust. With the enhancement of technical equipment in this classroom, and the adjoining computer lab, it is imperative not only for the health and safety of the students but also to protect the integrity of the technical equipment from dust. Mr. Seery noted that the last time that enhancements were made in this area was in 1997/1998; Ms. Hardy agreed and stated that the enhancements in all of the updated equipment has made the existing air handling system inadequate.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 5-0-1. Abstained; Ms. Hardy

2e1. Bonding Resolutions: \$990,000 for road rehabilitation and various projects

MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery moved to resolve that the resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$990,000 For The Rehabilitation Of Various Town Roads, Sidewalks And A Parking Lot And The Replacement Of A Crossing Light And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$990,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the Board of Finance and the legal voters of the Town at Town Meeting. This item requires a Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bragaw stated that normally this amount does not exceed \$900,000; however this year they need an additional \$50,000 for paving the roadway between the upper and lower parking lots at McCook's. The other projects are LED crosswalks at the High School, which have to comply with DOT specs; sidewalks to be placed between the Middle School and Lillie B. Haynes; and paving the roads on the eastern side of Pennsylvania Avenue in the fall. Mr. Nickerson stated that the sidewalk between the Middle School and Lillie B. Haynes is very important as it is a safety issue for the children, who now walk in the street. Mr. Bragaw noted that the work to be done on the LED crosswalks is slated to be in conjunction with the State doing paving on that road.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

2e2. Bonding Resolutions: \$150,000 for various CIP projects

MOTION (9)

Mr. Seery moved to Resolve that the resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Aggregate Amount Of \$150,000 For The Planning, Design, Construction And Improvement Of A Basketball Court At Peretz Park And Boathouse Rowing Docks And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$150,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the Board of Finance and the legal voters of the Town at Town Meeting. This item requires a Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson reported that the basketball courts are in desperate need of repair, and if this project does not pass the alternative may have to be closing them as they it has become a safety issue for our citizens. As far as the rowing docks, Mr. Nickerson explained that we have a very unique relationship with the State as they allow the High School Crew team to utilize the boathouse at the State launch on Pattagansett Lake. He stated that the Crew program is very active and uses the docks on a daily basis for most of the year except a couple of months in the winter. This is a viable sport and the condition of the existing dock is a hazard and a safety issue to both the students and the citizens who utilize the docks for fishing. Ms. Hardy stated that she went out to see the condition of the basketball courts, and although she noted that this is not a great time budget-wise, she agrees that if the courts are fixed we should close them down. Mr. Dagle also agreed that work on both of these projects is necessary for the safety of our citizens. Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

2f1. Police 2017/2018 Vehicle Acquisition Program: \$81,726.35 re-allocate prior year vehicle acquisition funds

MOTION (10)

Mr. Seery moved to approve a special appropriation in the amount of up to \$81,726.35 from the remaining balance of the 2016/17 Vehicle Acquisition Program to purchase two Police vehicles

with related equipment and forward to the Board of Finance for approval. This item requires a Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that these funds are already allocated to purchase Police vehicles, and just needs to be moved into this year's account. There are leftover funds because we only purchased one new vehicle last year, and we were also able to get great deals on previous purchases which has allowed for the leftover funds to be used. Mr. Seery noted that there are a couple of cars in our fleet that are in desperate need of being replaced as they are a safety issue for our officers.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2f2. Police 2017/2018 Vehicle Acquisition Program: \$28,313.88 CNRE

MOTION (11)

Mr. Seery moved to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$28,313.88 in account 32-25-200-700-472 (PS-Police Patrol Vehicle Equipment) as follows: re-allocation of \$21,813.88 in account 32-25-200-700-472 (PS-Police Patrol Vehicle Equipment), transfer and re-allocation of \$3,172.13 from account 32-30-400-700-711 (Paint Vehicles), \$1,490.00 from account 32-30-400-700-712 (PWD – Stainless Sander) and \$275.75 from account 32-30-400-700-713 (PWD – P/U Truck Equipment) and appropriate and transfer \$1,562.12 from account 32-60-120-100-002 (Proceeds from the Sale of Vehicles) and forward to the Board of Finance for approval. This item requires a Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that these funds are being moved around within budgets, and is not an additional cost to taxpayers. It was discussed that the vehicles are not simply removed from service, but sometimes traded in, sometimes swapped out either within the police department or other departments and the oldest vehicle in the fleet is then either removed from service, moved to another department for use or parts. When sold, the funds go into a "sale of vehicle" account.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2g. Transfer \$8,233 from Contingency for Niantic Fire Department overtime

MOTION (12)

Mr. Seery moved to approve a transfer in the amount of \$8,233 from account 01-01-120-200-500 (Contingency) to account 01-25-217-100-614 (Overtime) and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that all of our department budgets are as tight as we can get them, so when there is a problem such as a fire fighter getting injured, the department will have to come and request funds to cover overtime expenses incurred because of this absence. With the budget as tight as it is, it makes more sense to have them go through this process and come and request the funds rather than pad the budgets in anticipation of a possible problem.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2h. Transfer \$74,445 from Contingency for the Resident State Trooper

MOTION (13)

Mr. Seery moved to approve a transfer in the amount of \$74,445 from account 01-01-120-300-500 (Contingency) to account 01-25-216-100-115 (Resident Trooper) and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that as previously discussed, the first year of the Independent Police Department will be a double cost for the Town because the Resident State Trooper is paid out of this year's budget for last year's services. Once we get through what

appears to be a double salary next year, just the Chief's salary will be in the budget and will be less than what we pay for the Resident State Trooper.  
Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2i. Ratify budget transfers of \$120,867.94 within department  
MOTION (14)

Mr. Seery moved to ratify departmental transfers in the amount of \$120,867.94 processed for fiscal year end June 30, 2017 and to forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that because of tight budgets, we were able to move funds around within departments to get everything taken care of.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2j. Special appropriation of \$163,389 for CNRE Projects  
MOTION (15)

Mr. Seery moved to approve a special appropriation for the following projects in CNRE Fund 32 which are consistent with the 2017/18 Capital Improvement Plan and forward to the Board of Finance for approval. This item requires a Town Meeting:

CNRE - Municipal Project	Amount
Town Projects (Roofs)	\$10,000
HVAC Replacement Town-wide	10,000
Replace Cooling Tower ELCC	20,000
Sidewalk Repair - Town-wide	25,000
Town Projects - Various	43,389
Town-wide Servers	5,000
Revaluation	50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$163,389</b>

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson noted that the above amounts are less than they should be, but with the tight budget we need to keep these numbers down. Putting these funds aside on a yearly basis allows us to build the funds over time in order to pay for the projects instead of having to come up with the funds all at once.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

2k. LoCIP carryover of \$165,434.74  
MOTION (16)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the carry-over of the remaining balance of \$165,434.74 in account 01-30-317-500-100 (LoCIP) and corresponding revenue account 01-03-300-320 from the 2016/17 budget to the 2017/18 fiscal year and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that there is money unspent in the current fiscal year LoCIP fund that needs to be carried over to the upcoming fiscal year budget. These are funds that have already been approved and earmarked for us by the State, but currently because of the budget situation, these LoCIP projects are on hold awaiting confirmation from the State that the money has been released.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

2l. Approve a special appropriation of \$50,000 CNRE - CIRCA Grant  
MOTION (17)

Mr. Seery moved to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 in CNRE Fund 32 to revenue and expenditure accounts titled, "CIRCA Grant" (Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation) and forward to the Board of Finance for approval. This item requires a Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Goeschel stated that this Grant is for the Town to get a better handle on the changing ecosystem and to begin updating our flood zones and regulations to take into consideration issues like sea level rise. CIRCA is an organization created and run by UConn where they receive the grant money from the federal government and dole it out appropriately based on each Town's application and needs. Mr. Goeschel stated that with this type of grant, we would do the work and then be reimbursed through the program after the work is complete.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

2m. Transfer \$17,266 from Contingency to PT Dispatchers  
MOTION (18)

Mr. Seery Move to approve a transfer in the amount of \$17,266 from account 01-01-120-300-500 (Contingency) to account 01-25-224-100-213 (PT Dispatchers) and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that this is a shortfall in the budget, and that an attempt was made to move funds around to cover the shortfall but the budget is just too tight right now.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0-1. Abstained; Mr. Seery.

2n. Appoint members to a board/commission

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that the two people being appointed as regular voting members have been alternates on the commission for some time and are both involved and attend meetings. The proposed person to move into an alternate spot is a good choice after reviewing his resume and specific knowledge in the Inland Wetlands arena.

MOTION (19)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint Inland Wetlands Agency Alternate Member Kim Kalajainen, 6 Catbird Lane, as a full voting member of the Inland Wetlands Agency, with a term to expire January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (20)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint Inland Wetlands Agency Alternate Member John Chomicz Jr., 265 Roxbury Road, as a full voting member of the Inland Wetlands Agency, with a term to expire January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (21)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint Jesse Baldwin, 166 Chesterfield Road, as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands Agency, with a term to expire on January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2o. Sign Call – Public Hearing June 21, 2017

MOTION (22)

Mr. Seery moved that notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the East Lyme Board of Selectmen on June 21, 2017 at the East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut immediately following the Town Meeting to be held on said date and place, scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m., to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE  
FOR ALTERATIONS AND UPGRADES TO THE  
EAST LYME ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

There is constituted a nine-member School Building Committee for alterations and upgrades to the Niantic Center School, Lillie B. Haynes School and Flanders Elementary School. Said School Building Committee shall consist of the seven-member Town Building Committee and two members of the Board of Education appointed to the School Building Committee by the Board of Selectmen.

The Superintendent of Schools and the Elementary School Principals for each of the schools shall be ex-officio members of the Committee without vote, and shall not be counted in determining a quorum.

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication. Interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut, on this 7th day of June, 2017. EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2p. Sign Call – Town Meeting June 21, 2017

MOTION (23)

Mr. Seery moved that NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Lyme to be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. (E.D.T.) at the East Lyme Town Hall Upper Meeting Room for the following purposes:

1. 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 Aggregate Amount Of \$150,000 For The Planning, Design, Construction And Improvement Of A Basketball Court At Peretz Park And Boathouse Rowing Docks And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$150,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”.

2. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled “Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Aggregate Amount Of \$150,000 For The Planning, Design, Construction And Improvement Of A Basketball Court At Peretz Park And Boathouse Rowing Docks And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$150,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”.

3. 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 \$990,000 For The Rehabilitation Of Various Town Roads, Sidewalks And A Parking Lot And

The Replacement Of A Crossing Light And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$990,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”.

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5. To approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$31,855 from CNRE Fund 32 to account 32-99-400-700-701 (BoE Vehicles).

6. To approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$34,405 from CNRE Fund 32 to account to be established titled, “ELHS Dust Collection System”.

7. To approve a special appropriation in the amount of up to \$81,726.35 from the remaining balance of the 2016/17 Vehicle Acquisition Program to purchase two Police vehicles with related equipment.

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10. To approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 in CNRE Fund 32 to revenue and expenditure accounts titled, “Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) Grant”.

11. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Copies of the proposed bond resolutions are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk. Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut, this 7th day of June 2017. EAST LYME

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Old Business

There was none.

4. Communications

There was none.

5. Information and Reports.

There was none.

6a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Salerno reported that the Board of Education primarily discussed the proposed project to get all schools hooked up to natural gas. Redistricting was discussed, but it has been decided to hold off on moving forward until the construction on the elementary schools has begun. The Building Committee met to begin discussions on the upcoming project; they are building a timeline and it will be communicated soon. He congratulated East Lyme Middle School and the students for a great presentation on their winning presentation "Race to Space"; he also noted that they have been invited to Washington DC to present there.

Ms. Hardy congratulated her students on winning second place in the CSPAN's video competition on the environment. There is a second presentation that she would like to share at an upcoming Board of Selectman meeting, and she will consult with the students and look to present at the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Seery stated that the ad hoc dog park committee met and report that they have raised \$1,000 so far in their efforts to build a dog park in our town. They continue to look for a viable location for the park; but in the meantime they continue to fundraise and will have a booth set up at the Farmer's Market on Thursdays.

Mr. Cunningham reported that at the last WELLSCO meeting they discussed using oyster propagation to help clean the water in the river naturally. This is still in the early stages of planning and many factors need to be looked at before moving forward. He reported that the Smith Harris House received an Award of Merit for their presentation of Spirit Voices. Upcoming events are the Bike & BBQ, which will be held on October 1, 2017 at the Smith Harris House; and there is a "walk of horror" being planned for around Halloween, and the date will be communicated when set.

6b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Nickerson reported that the Town of East Lyme has lost a great Matriarch recently in the passing of Betty Murphy. Ms. Murphy leaves behind a beautiful family and a legacy of service to the Town of East Lyme. She has been an inspiration to many in our Town through her work at the Police Department and her participation on the many boards and commissions she has tirelessly supported over the years.

He attended a ceremony at the Nautilus Museum at the Groton Submarine base honoring the Battle of Midway and DDay.

He reported that he attended his first Executive Board meeting of SCCOG as Acting Secretary.

The old Mobil station on Main Street is currently being inspected for asbestos, and demolition of the building is tentatively scheduled for next week. Once the structure is removed we will look for any unmarked tanks that might be underground. He stated that there will be a committee formed consisting of Parks & Rec Commission members, Niantic Main Street representatives, as well as two Board of Selectmen, which will plan the details of the Park to be built.

Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> was the ribbon cutting on the new band shell at McCook Point Park. Also at McCook's was the Bright Music Festival put on by the Brian T. Dagle Foundation and the

Jordan Porco Foundation to raise money in an effort to bring support and resources to those struggling with depression and for suicide prevention. He reported that he was a judge for the "Mr. East Lyme" contest, of which the winner is actually from Salem.

He attended the retirement ceremony for Mr. Bruce Cummings from Lawrence & Memorial Hospital; Mr. Cummings retired after 11-1/2 years of service. He attended the pre-school graduation at Ballestrini's and had a great time celebrating with the kids and parents at this fun event. He also attended a presentation of the "history of East Lyme" at the Middle School and had a great time.

He attended the ribbon cutting for the new job center at York Correctional Institute with the Governor and others. This is a great program and the inmates are responding positively toward it, and it now has a list of inmates waiting to get into the program. Their goal is to try to help prevent re-committing of crimes and keep these women off the streets and productive after getting released. The "dress for success" program has significantly assisted these women to get them into business clothing to help them succeed.

Memorial Day events went well; there was a beautiful candlelight vigil at Liberty Green; and although it was cold and windy there was a great turnout. The Memorial Day parade went off great despite the rain, and all had a lot of fun and Main Street was lined with residents who came out to support our armed forces and the town.

On Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> is the community ceremony to swear in the new Chief of Police and officially swear all of our officers into the newly formed Independent Police Force. Everyone from the community is welcome and encouraged to attend this event. Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the ELHS auditorium.

#### 7. Public Comment

Mr. Ron Rando, 194 Boston Post Road, spoke on bonding issues; and inquired as to why there was so much moving around of funds in the budget at the end of the fiscal year.

#### 8. Selectman's Response

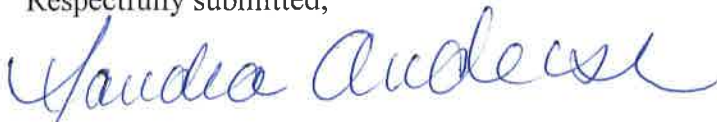
Mr. Nickerson responded to Mr. Rando's inquiry about moving money around within the budget, and stated that this is a clear sign of efficiency in that we are saving money in some areas and putting that money into any deficits that might exist in order to keep the budget as tight as possible and not have to go back to the taxpayers. Mr. Seery agreed that this is a testament to efficiency on the Town's part; and Ms. Hardy also noted that the budget process begins 18 months in advance and that no one can anticipate everything so there are going to be adjustments that will have to be made.

#### MOTION (24)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the June 7, 2017, meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 9:04 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra A. Anderson, Recording Secretary