

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2017
MINUTES

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

Also Present: Finance Director, Anna Johnson; Chief of Police, Mike Finkelstein; and Public Safety Director, Dick Morris.

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and stated that the Pledge of Allegiance was said earlier at the Town Meeting.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items
There was none.

1c. Delegations
There was none.

1di. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting of September 6, 2017
MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the Board of Selectman Regular Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2017, as submitted.

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

1dii. Approval of Minutes, Special Meeting of September 6, 2017
MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the Board of Selectman Special Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2017, as submitted

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

1e. Consent Calendar
MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of September 20, 2017, in the amount of \$4,208.45.

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

2. Old Business
There was none.

FILED

Sept 22 2017 AT 11:45 AM/PM
Cunningham, OR
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

3a. Review and approve the Smoking Policy for all East Lyme Town Buildings

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson noted that the Board had discussed this at a previous meeting, and that the policy had been reviewed and fine tuned to be inclusive of all Town buildings. The smoking receptacles will be placed at least 25' from any doorway, entranceway or portico; and the proper signage will be created and installed appropriately.

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the smoking policy entitled "No Tobacco Use Zone For All East Lyme Town Buildings", as submitted.

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

3b. Review and approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and the East Lyme Police Local Union #2852, Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein stated that this Memorandum of Agreement is a necessary change since the switchover to an independent police department. Under the current contract, if a Sergeant was not available for a shift, the open shift would become available to all officers. Since going independent, it has been agreed that there will be a sergeant on each shift. This MOA changes the language so that there are two separate lists to work from, one for Sergeants and one for Officers. The Chief noted that having a Sergeant on each shift was not a necessity when we were under the Resident State Trooper program because the State Police always had a Sergeant available on each shift. Ms. Hardy pointed out that we have six (6) Sergeants and one (1) Administrative Sergeant, and she inquired if the Administrative Sergeant and the Chief were eligible to be on the call list, and the Chief responded yes to the Administrative Sergeant and no to the Chief, as he is not a member of the Union. The Chief stated that the MOA would go to the Union Executive Board for approval and then will be ratified before coming back for the First Selectman's signature to finalize it. Mr. Nickerson thanked the Chief and noted that he has been doing a great job in our Town since he came on board, and reminded the BOS that they will continue to approve all contracts for the Union, and that this responsibility will not shift to the newly formed Police Commission.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and the East Lyme Police Local Union #2852, Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

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

3c. Approve a special appropriation of \$5,107 for the purchase of equipment for the Emergency Operations Center

DISCUSSION: Mr. Dick Morris stated that this program will be both replacing worn out/outdated equipment and adding new equipment for the Emergency Operations Center; and is being funded by the Nuclear Safety Preparedness Grant.

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

4. Communications

There was none.

5. Information and Reports.

There was none.

6a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Dagle reported that the IWC has received an application for termination by Landmark as they will not require a permit to perform the clearing and related activities as part of their tree farm project. Although no permit is required, they agreed to certain stipulations put forth by the IWC. There were two Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission meetings; at the first one they voted in favor of sending a letter to the Army Corps. Of Engineers supporting the proposed project by Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm. They also announced that they received approval from the State on the Harbor Management Plan. At the subsequent meeting after further discussion, it was decided that because the proposed work is in Waterford waters and not under East Lyme's jurisdiction, not to send the letter.

Mr. Cunningham reported that the Smith Harris House has some events coming up. On October 1st they will host the annual Bike & BBQ event, which supports the Smith Harris House, the Samuel Smith House and the Lee House. On October 27 & 28, they will host a Walk of Horror at the barn at the Smith Harris House.

Mr. Salerno reported that the Public Library Board of Trustees met and are currently looking for the public's feedback on library services. You can share your thoughts by visiting the library on October 4th from 10am – 1pm for a strategic planning session, or you can visit the East Lyme Public Library webpage and filling out the short survey, which you will find under the tab "Strategic Planning".

Ms. Hardy reported that the Board of Education had the architects in who gave an update on the elementary schools project.

Mr. Seery reported that the Dog Park group met and voted 16-3 to choose Mostowy Road / Darrow Pond as the area where the dog park should go. They will now begin fundraising efforts. The Park & Recreation Commission met and reviewed the summer's events. Overall, gate receipts were down \$2,000 from last year, but it was a great summer overall. They are currently reviewing the rates and will consider making adjustments before the summer season next year. On Wednesday, October 25th, the Smith Harris House will host their annual Trick or Trunk event, which is always a lot of fun for kids and adults alike.

6b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Nickerson stated that this is obviously a very tough situation with the budget, and no matter how it ends up some will be unhappy. Under statute if a decision cannot be made by October 1st, the Governor's proposed budget would go into effect.

There are a lot of fun things going on this weekend in town, and the weather is shaping up to be beautiful. On Saturday and Sunday, for the first time we will welcome jet ski races, hosted by East Coast Watercross, in the Niantic Bay. Spectators are encouraged to sit on Cini Beach or anywhere along the Boardwalk to watch this exciting event. On Saturday night at 6:30pm, the Harlem Wizards will be at the East Lyme High School to raise funds for the East Lyme Youth Coalition. This group brings invaluable speakers and information to our Town to speak to our students and residents about many important topics. Berkshire Hathaway is hosting its 8th annual Sunshine Kids 5K at McCook Point on Saturday at 10am; for more information please contact the Berkshire Hathaway office.

On Monday, September 25th at 6:30 p.m. the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education will hear a presentation at the East Lyme High School, Room B101, regarding a proposed micro grid project that will save the Town money by putting numerous Town and BOE buildings together on one grid. The money that would be used to pay for such a project, should it move forward, would come solely from grants.

Mr. Dagle announced The Brian T. Dagle Foundation will be holding its 5th annual Community Forum on Suicide Prevention and Mental Health on September 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the East Lyme High School.

Mr. Nickerson reported that there had been an issue with the water in town today, and that they had made the decision to be overly cautious. As part of daily testing of the water system, it was found that there were traces of E Coli in the raw, untreated water. Subsequent test were done on the treated water and

were found to be clean. The Town was not expecting to hear back from the State Department of Public Health until their final findings until 10am, so the decision was made to inform the schools early in the morning as a precaution. When the final tests came back from the Department of Public Health, the restriction on water use at the schools was lifted. Further testing will continue to try to identify what caused the contamination in the raw water supply.

Ms. Hardy noted that regarding a memorandum sent to the First Selectman from Ms. Cathy Wilson from the Senior Center, she would like to see that memorandum attached to the minutes for the record. The memorandum clarifies the balance in the Parahus account.

MOTION (6)

Ms. Hardy moved to attach a memorandum from Ms. Wilson to the minutes to clarify the actual balance in the Parahus Fund; the memorandum will be attached here to and labeled as Exhibit 1.

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

7. Public Comment

Mr. David Funk, 38 Hope Street, Apartment 1212, addressed the Board with several issues. Regarding the micro grid presentation, Mr. Funk stated that the town has participated in numerous such projects in the past, and he has yet to hear feedback on dollars saved by participating in these programs. Regarding the budget, Mr. Funk stated that it is affecting all Towns in Connecticut. In East Lyme he is wondering why student enrollment is going down but both our BOE and Town budgets are going up. Regarding the dog park being located up at the Darrow Pond site, he stated that this property was purchased as open space and should not be used for the dog park. Regarding the allocation of funds for the BOE vehicle, which was approved at the town meeting this evening, he asked the BOS to review the policy regarding the Capital Non-Recurring Fund to make sure that this was an appropriate place to be using the funds.

8. Selectman's Response

Mr. Nickerson stated that we continuously report in as to how we are saving by utilizing these projects; most recently the street lights, which is a very successful program that is yielding a good deal of savings in electricity costs. Regarding student enrollment, it has actually gone up and is projected to keep increasing in the coming years; and although the budgets have increased slightly each year, it was noted that the BOE has been operating at bare minimum and not added any new programs. Regarding the Darrow Pond land, the Town purchased approximately 300 acres; 200 of which were set aside for conservation and the other 100 acres to be used for town projects. There is a beautiful trail system that connects with the Airline Trail. Regarding the BOE vehicle, the funds are coming from the rent the BOE collects from Project LEARN and not for taxpayer money.

MOTION (7)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the September 20, 2017, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mark Nickerson
CC: Anna Johnson

FROM: Cathy Wilson

DATE: September 11, 2017

RE: Status of the Parahus Account

At the September 6th, 2017 Board of Selectmen meeting, I was asked what the balance is of the Parahus Account. I indicated the balance is around \$28,000. That amount is what is in the Chelsea Groton account and is what I consider liquid. There is another \$75,000 that has been deposited into a Certificate of Deposit to allow for a better interest rate. I don't consider that an account that I readily have access to so I failed to include that amount in my answer.