

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 15, 2017  
EAST LYME TOWN HALL

Deputy Town Meeting Moderator, Pierce Connair, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

1. To approve a special appropriation in the amount of up to \$36,586.48 from the remaining balance of the 2015/16 Vehicle Acquisition Program to purchase a vehicle for the Police Chief and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Recorded March 2017  
AM  
3:00 PM Lesley D. Blais  
East Lyme Town Clerk

Dan Price moved Item 1.

Seconded by Kevin Seery.

Mr. Nickerson stated this is an expense for the Police Chief's car. This is an up-front cost that is coming up earlier than expected. It will be up to the amount stated. They are proposing to do this now because of the looming budget crisis, to keep taxes as low as possible next year. They anticipate hiring the Chief within the next couple weeks. He will need a car.

John Drabik, 18 Drabik Road stated this money is left over from 2015/2016, now they want to use it. Is this a new car or used car?

Mr. Nickerson stated this is a police type vehicle, it is a new vehicle. They anticipate a 7 or 8 year life span of this vehicle.

Mr. Drabik stated we should give the Chief a used vehicle.

Mr. Nickerson stated it was originally presented as a used vehicle. This is a smaller amount than anticipated.

Mr. Drabik stated he is voting against this item. The Chief will not be involved in high speed chases. He asked how many cruisers East Lyme has.

Mr. Nickerson stated we have around 14 plus the detective's cars. By contract this Chief will be a working Chief, they will not be just sitting behind a desk.

Terrence Donovan, 25 Woodbridge Road asked if this price includes the radios and the lights or just the vehicle.

Sergeant Macek stated this includes the lights and radios as well.

**Item 1 Passed. (Mr. Drabik voted Nay)**

**Motion (2) Kevin Seery moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 8:10 p.m.**

**Seconded by Mr. Drabik.**

**Motion Passed.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Miller Galbo, atc".

**Karen Miller Galbo  
Assistant Town Clerk**