

**TOWN OF EAST LYME
DECEMBER 20, 2017
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

Recorded Dec 22 2017
8:20 AM PM Carroll Miller Halloran
East Lyme Town Clerk

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

Mr. Paul Dagle led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Mr. Cushman appointed the Registrar of Voters as tellers and checkers, if the need be.

1. To approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$388,080.60 for the purpose of acquiring by way of lease or purchase various vehicles and equipment more particularly described in the Town's FY 2017/2018 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 \$369,400 plus interest at the rate of 1.98% per annum, payable in annual installments of \$77,616.12 (\$6,468.01/month) over a period of five (5) years.

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

Seconded by Marc Salerno.

Mr. Nickerson, First Selectman, stated this is to replace certain items. The Town has a very organized way of maintaining and replacing our vehicles. This is for a middle sized dump truck; flail mower, pickup truck, and two SCOTT packs for the Fire Departments. This will also be for a portable restroom for Cini Park; this will be an industrial restroom for our specifications. We had received a STEAP Grant to build restrooms but we cannot build them now due to the new FEMA flood regulations. Restrooms were part of the plan down at Cini Park all along.

John Drabik, 18 Drabik Road stated this is a lot of money and he would like to see it reduced, times have changed. He asked about a pay loader at the transfer station that rumor has it cost \$75,000 to repair. He wants to know where that money came from.

Item 1 Passed.

2. To approve a special appropriation to the Board of Education in the amount of \$504,058.80 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, and the Central Office more particularly described in the East Lyme Public Schools Proposed Year One Computer Replacement Plan 2017/18 and for partial funding of the ELHS Pool Dehumidification System for the total amount

of \$480,735 plus interest at the rate of 1.98% per annum, payable in annual installments of \$100,811.76 (\$8,400.98/month) over a period of five (5) years.

Motion (2) Ray O'Connor moved to approve Item 2.

Seconded by Tim Hagen.

Jeffrey Newton, Superintendent of Schools stated they have a technology acquisition plan due to the growing use of technology. The current pool facility is 19 years old. The current air system is taking a toll on the roof; this will dry out the area, control air temperature, and provide better circulation.

John Drabik asked how many people use that pool. It should be self funding. They can't keep hitting the taxpayers up. He thinks they need a better plan.

Mr. Newton stated the pool revenue that has been collected is offsetting \$100,000 of the dehumidification system. He also said they are saving money on text books by using the technology in the schools

Brett Hammond, 441 Boston Post Road, stated his family goes to the pool. This is preventing further costs to the roof. Also, this is good for the health and quality of the air for the students and participants

Item 2 Passed.

3. To approve a special appropriation and transfer in the amount of \$35,000 from CNRE Fund 32 account 32-70-300-500-100 (Town Project Allocations) and establish an account titled, "Cini Park Restrooms" for partial funding for the purchase of a portable restroom trailer for Cini Park. This purchase is consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion (3) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item 3.

Seconded by Holly Cheeseman.

Mr. Nickerson stated this is the second half of the restroom trailer; The Town's CNRE Account is a savings account for things that come up like this. This is an important project for the Town. This is part of the Capital Improvement Program. Right now we are paying \$7500.00 a year for the porta potties at Cini Park.

Paul Spakowski, 37 Mill Road stated he feels this is frivolous. His road keeps getting worse and worse. They need serious repairs.

Mr. Drabik stated they are hitting taxpayers up for super toilets. What will this do for the Town? We don't get any revenue from the beaches; there are more important things to worry about.

Item 3 Passed.

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

Motion (4) Kevin Seery moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Seconded by Marc Salerno.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Miller Galbo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Karen Miller Galbo
Town Clerk**