

**East Lyme Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting of January 17, 2018  
Minutes**

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

Also Present: Finance Director Anna Johnson, Town Engineer Victor Benni, Attorney Michael McGoldrick

Mr. Nickerson called the Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**1a. Pledge**

Mr. Nickerson led the Pledge during the Special Town Meeting preceding this meeting.

**1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items**

There were none.

**1c. Delegations**

Ron Rando of 194 Boston Post Road came forward to speak about a few items:

- The recording of the last meeting he attended cut out while he was speaking, yet the person before him and after him were heard fine; from now on he's going to have someone check the recordings to make sure he is heard.
- Mr. Rando said it seems a few people have not been re-appointed to their commissions because they don't see eye to eye with Mr. Nickerson.
- In terms of the state budget it looks like we will be 500 million in the red and he thinks it's advisable to cut 1 million from the Board of Ed and 1 million from the Town.

**1d. Approval of Minutes- Regular meeting of January 3, 2018**

**MOTION (1)**

**Mr. Seery Regular Meeting of January 3, 2018 moved to approve the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2018, as submitted.**

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

**1e. Consent Calendar**

**MOTION (2)**

**Mr. Seery moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of January 17, 2018, in the amount of \$584.36.**

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

**FILED**

**2. Old Business**

There was none.

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**3. Executive Session**

**MOTION (3)**

**At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Seery moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, and invited Ms. Johnson and Mr. McGoldrick to join them.**

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

**MOTION (4)**

**At 8:02 p.m. Mr. Seery moved to exit Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.**

**4. New Business**

a. Discussion and possible approval of employee settlement

**MOTION (5)**

**Mr. Seery moved to approve the employee settlement discussed, thanked Mr. Pringle for his service to the Town, and wished him well in his retirement.**

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

**b. Adopt the 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

Town Engineer Victor Benni came forward and shared the following:

- HMP is a 5-year plan that was prepared by Milone & MacBroom, Inc.
- The objective is to identify vulnerability to natural hazards and mitigation measures to reduce loss and damage.
- The current Plan was adopted in 2012 and an update is required every 5 years.
- The Town participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency Community Rating System (FEMA CRS) and this Plan is a required part of the Rating System.
- This is a multi-department Plan by Public safety, Building, Public Works, Planning, Zoning, Flanders Fire, and Niantic Fire.

Ms. Hardy said the Plan was emailed to them yesterday and she did not have sufficient time to review the sixty pages, and is not comfortable voting on something she has not reviewed. She added that she had a few comments on what she was able to review.

1. Page 2-5 details services provided by the resident State Trooper which is no longer relevant.

Mr. Benni explained the Plan was completed in August and went through the state and federal approval process prior to our police force going independent.

Mr. Nickerson and Ms. Hardy suggested removing the Resident Trooper portion of the Plan and Mr. Benni said he would find out if/how changes affect the approval process.

2. Ms. Hardy asked if we don't receive Grants are we still obligated to provide these Services.
3. Ms. Hardy also mentioned some issues with Page 2-6 but thought it might be easier to Meet with Mr. Benni to go over this.

Mr. Nickerson said if we have to table this in order to make amendments, we should do it. Mr. Benni said he will find out if this will affect our CRS recertification.

**MOTION (6)**

**Mr. Seery moved to table the Adoption of the 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update until the next meeting.**

**Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed, 6-0.**

**c. Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

Mr. Burridge came forward to introduce himself and detail his background in the Navy and volunteer work with Veterans. Mr. Nickerson thanked Mr. Burridge for his service to Town and Country.

**MOTION (7)**

**Mr. Seery moved to appoint Brian Burrridge, 476 Boston Post Road, East Lyme to serve as the Veteran's Representative for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2022.**

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

**MOTION (8)**

**Mr. Seery moved to appoint Robert Patterson, 208 Grassy Hill Road, East Lyme to serve as a member of the Smith-Harris House Commission for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 6, 2020.**

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

**MOTION (9)**

**Mr. Seery moved to appoint W. Theodore Koch III, 11 South Ridge Road, Niantic to serve as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands Agency for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 6, 2020.**

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

Mr. Nickerson noted he has a resume for Inland Wetlands which is not the packet, so it can be addressed at the next meeting.

**MOTION (10)**

**Mr. Seery moved to appoint Maryann Salvatore, 132 Boston Post Road, East Lyme to serve as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands Agency for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2022.**

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

**MOTION (11)**

**Mr. Seery moved to appoint Lawrence Fitzgerald, 35 Plum Hill Road, East Lyme to serve as a member of the Planning Commission for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on December 2, 2019.**

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

**MOTION (12)**

**Mr. Seery moved to appoint Joseph Mingo, 397 Boston Post Road, East Lyme to serve as a member of the Water & Sewer Commission for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2022.**

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

**5. Reports**

**a. Ex-Officio**

- Mr. Salerno attended the Library Meeting during which they reviewed their budget, discussed offsets to their funding cut, and approved a harassment policy.
- The Purchasing Policy Subcommittee met last week and made a lot of progress.
- The Town Building Committee meets tomorrow and will vote on a final school plan before it goes out to bid.
- Ms. Hardy said Commission on Aging did not meet due to a lack of quorum.

- She briefly discussed the Commission of Natural Resources and her suggestion that they add public delegations to their agenda, and noted that the Zoning Commission meets tomorrow.
- Mr. Seery briefly discussed the Parks and Recreation Meeting he attended and detailed the new beach pass, tent rental, and pavilion rental rates they adopted.
- Bob Pfanner was re-elected as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Mr. Cunningham had nothing to report.
- Mr. Dagle attended the Inland Wetlands Meeting and has nothing significant to report.
- A mitigation meeting is scheduled on February 1st for the Niantic River Aquifer Program.
- Mr. Salerno asked about the Harbor Management Plan and Mr. Dagle said there is no date yet- the Commission wants to give newly appointed members the opportunity to review it beforehand.
- Mr. Salerno said the Planning Commission met and approved the proposed park at the Mobil Station site, and ruled that the proposed amendment to the Zoning setback is inconsistent; they suggested a subcommittee be formed to review the regulations.

b. **First Selectman's Report**

- Mr. Nickerson said the DOT met today; there is no money, and definitely a sense of panic for the future.
- During that meeting they discussed an additional highway lane in pocket areas.
- He went to the Preservation Potluck on Friday.
- Mr. Nickerson noted we had a major snow storm since their last meeting; one of our machines went down and there was a delay in clearing sidewalks.
- No overtime was authorized since we are at 80% of our snow budget.
- A snow ordinance will be explored to save money.
- The Health and Safety Committee win a \$2,500 Cirma award.
- Budget meetings will need to be scheduled during the next meeting.
- The Board of Education budget meeting is already set for February 21st.

6. **Public Comment**

There was none.

7. **Selectman's Response**

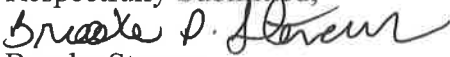
There was none.

**MOTION (13)**

**Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the January 17th, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting at 8:40 p.m.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Brooke Stevens

Substitute Recording Secretary