

**TOWN OF EAST LYME
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2018**

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

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

Karen Galbo, Town Clerk, read the Call of the Meeting and stated that said Notice had been recorded in the Town Clerk's Office, advertised in The Day Newspaper, and posted on the signpost.

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 of \$500,000 STEAP Grant for Cini Park in Fund 57 Capital Projects that includes:**
 - a. **The installation of seasonal water and sewer utilities from Niantic River Transmissions;**
 - b. **The construction of infrastructure necessary to serve a portable restroom trailer;**
 - c. **If funding permits the construction and installation of some or all of a transient dock including an EZ Kayak/Canoe Launch in Cini Park; and**
 - d. **A portion of the construction cost for a Public Park at 224 Main Street.**

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1:35 PM
Karen Galbo
East Lyme Town Clerk

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

Seconded by Marc Salerno.

Mr. Nickerson stated the items tonight will not require new town money. They are either Grant money or money that has already been bonded. This item is to accept the \$500,000 to build bathrooms, launch, docks and whatever is left over would be put toward the park on Main Street. The State gives these STEAP Grants out to improve downtowns, he urged the citizens to approve this item, and it could be the last STEAP Grant for a long time.

Ron Rando, 194 Boston Post Road thinks this is ridiculous; we can put porta potties down there and save some money. They will be trashed in the summertime. He thinks it's ridiculous to run water and sewer down there. He recommended voting against this.

David Godbout, 15 Cardinal Road had issues with the Notice of the meeting. Agenda item 5 is not a proper agenda item. The agenda also doesn't have an address and they shouldn't assume everyone knows where the town hall is.

Item 1 Passed.

2. **To approve the re-allocation of \$70,227.67 STEAP Grant from the Streetscape Phase III for the construction of a public park at 224 Main Street (former Mobil Station Property), Niantic.**

Motion (2) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item 2.

Seconded by Esther Williams.

Mr. Nickerson stated this is leftover money from another STEAP Grant. They called the State and they will allow us to apply it to the Main Street park. This is money we already have.

Mr. Rando asked what this money was originally allocated for.

Bill Scheer, Deputy Director of Public Works stated it was from the streetscape on Pennsylvania Avenue and Hope Street.

Mr. Godbout stated he doesn't think the meeting notice complies with State rules for meeting notices.

Item 2 Passed.

- 3. To receive communication from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$139,522 For Brownfield Remediation and Construction of Park Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$139,522 Bonds of the Town To Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof The Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.**

Town Clerk, Karen Galbo confirmed receipt of the communication from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

- 4. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In the Amount of \$139,522 For Brownfield Remediation and Construction Of Park Improvements and Authorizing The Issuance of \$139,522 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose. Copies of the proposed bond resolution are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.**

Motion (3) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item. 4.

Seconded by John Birmingham.

Mr. Nickerson stated we bought a 1/3 of an acre. It was a dilapidated building that they thought may have had pollution. It was voted on at Referendum in 2010 to purchase it for around \$700,000. They ended up buying the property after several years of negotiations for less than was approved at Referendum. It was approved by 73% of the voters. The Town received the Brownfield Grant to clean it up. A task force met for about 6 months, a landscape architect donated his time and they came up with the best use. This is leftover money from sale of bonds.

Mr. Rando asked about the cleanup of the property.

Mr. Scheer stated there were two small spots with hydrocarbons; they estimate the cleanup will cost around \$4500.00. They are required to monitor it for 2 years. There was a 666 gallon tank that had not leaked. It was very much cleaner than we thought it would be.

Item 4 Passed.

5. 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.

Motion Passed.

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
East Lyme Town Clerk**