

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2018
MINUTES

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

Also present were Finance Director Anna Johnson, Police Chief Finkelstein and Sgt. Mike Macek

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and stated that the pledge of allegiance was performed at the special town meeting.

Mr. Nickerson stated that because of the weather, he sent the Tax Assessor home and agenda item #2a. Discussion and update on Tax Exemptions/Renters Rebate Program will be tabled to the next regular meeting.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items

There were none.

1c. Delegations

There were none.

1di. Approval of Minutes, Public Hearing of February 21, 2018

DISCUSSION: Mr. Dagle noted that the Motion to Adjourn should be as follows: Mr. Seery Moved to Adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Board of Selectmen Public Hearing Minutes of February 21, as amended.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. In Favor: Nickerson, Seery, Cunningham and Dagle. Abstained: Salerno and Hardy. Motion passed 4-0-2.

1dii. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of February 21, 2018

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2018, as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. In Favor: Nickerson, Seery, Cunningham and Dagle. Abstained: Salerno and Hardy. Motion passed 4-0-2.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of March 7, 2018, in the amount of \$26,083.94.

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

2. Old Business

Tabled to the next regular meeting.

FILED IN EAST LYME
CONNECTICUT
Mar 15 2018 AT 8:35 AM/PM
Bridgette J. Fiorini ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

3a. Review and possible action – MOU for Regional Animal Control Facility

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson reported that this memorandum of understanding between the four towns is simply an agreement to open discussions and begin looking for funding. All in attendance were in agreement that this is necessary for many reasons.

MOTION (4)

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statute §7-148cc authorizes two or more municipalities to jointly perform any function that each municipality may perform separately under any provisions of the general statutes or any special act, charter, or home rule ordinance upon entering into an interlocal agreement to such effect with other municipalities;

WHEREAS, C.G.S §7-148cc requires that any such agreement be approved by each participating municipality in the same manner as ordinances are approved or, if no ordinances are approved, in the same manner as the budget is approved;

WHEREAS, the Towns of Waterford, East Lyme and Montville (“Towns”) require a new Animal Control Facility, and the City of New London (“City”) is willing to consider a regional expansion of its existing facility;

WHEREAS, the Chief Executives of all three Towns and the City have discussed regionalizing these services;

WHEREAS, an expanded regional animal facility that will serve the four communities has been proposed to be built on City of New London property at Bates Woods Park, located at 80 Chester Street;

WHEREAS, the municipalities recognize that regionalizing services may result in mutual cost savings, along with mutual assistance at such a facility;

WHEREAS, the municipalities seek to enhance existing regional animal control services and facilities by all City and Town personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT

That the Towns and City shall begin the process of obtaining funding and seeking other requisite approvals from the respective Towns and City, and to enter into an interlocal agreement for a regional animal shelter, which agreement shall address capital expense and expanded construction of the facility, on-going expenses of the facility, personnel, and other such provisions at the location listed above. No financial commitment is required of any Town or City until the interlocal agreement is approved by the requisite authorities in that Town or City.

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

3b. Continued Budget Discussion if necessary / Review and Approve 2018-2019 Budget

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson commended all of the department heads and employees for being as professional and dedicated as they are, and for doing a great job of striving toward a flat budget. Mr. Seery agreed that all budgets came back close to or under, and kudos to all departments for their hard work. Anna reviewed the summary of Board of Selectmen budget adjustments.

MOTION (5)

Mrs. Hardy MOVED to restore \$6,000 to EL Public Library Acct 01-45-420-150-295.

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

MOTION (6)

Mrs. Hardy MOVED to add \$2,274 to Contingency Acct 01-01-120-200-500.

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

MOTION (7)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to accept the budget adjustments as presented and attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

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

MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the proposed 2018/2019 Town Budget in the amount of \$72,033,933, consisting of the following, and to forward to the Board of Finance for approval:

General Government	\$18,094,025
Debt Service	\$ 5,369,986
Capital	\$ 795,186
Board of Education	\$47,774,736

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

3c. Discussion and possible action – Addition of Dispatcher

DISCUSSION: Sgt. Macek reported that they currently have 4.5 full time employees, but that it is necessary to make that part time dispatcher a fifth full time position. This will bring our dispatch services to two full time dispatchers on duty 7am – 3pm Monday through Friday. Mrs. Hardy agreed that this is a necessary request and it is overdue.

MOTION (9)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve a transfer in the amount of \$11,828 effective April 1, 2018 from account 01-25-224-100-211 (Director) to account 01-25-215-100-212 (Dispatchers) to fund a fifth full time dispatcher in the best interest of the Town of East Lyme and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

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

3d. Transfer funds – Dispatcher Overtime

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson reminded everyone that they had discussed this back in June and had anticipated that this might happen due to the transitions that this department has gone through. He is working with the Finance Director to analyze the data over the past few months to help prepare for next year's budget.

MOTION (10)

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

3e. Transfer funds – Niantic Fire Department – Fire Fighter

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that the Board of Finance cut this budget and we need to now put the funds back in to correct it as it should not have been cut.

MOTION (11)

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

3f. Transfer funds – Niantic Fire Department – Overtime

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that this was another budget that was left underfunded after Board of Finance cuts, and the funds need to be put back.

MOTION (12)

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

4. Communications

Mr. Nickerson noted the numerous pieces of communication that have been received, and thanked all those that have served on a board and/or commission and are now stepping, and he also thanked those that are stepping up to contribute in the community.

6a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Dagle reported that at the last Board of Education meeting it was announced that they would be going out to bid on March 13th for the schools renovation project. He also stated that he supports the Board of Education's request for additional funding for a social worker, and he advised them that the entire Board of Selectmen supports this funding.

Mr. Cunningham reported that the Historic Properties Commission is working on creating a sculpture for Cini Park using old gears and other parts from the original bridge.

6b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Nickerson reported that at the next meeting he will give a more thorough report, but because of the weather conditions he will quickly run through what is going on around town. Dick Morris, long time Fire Marshal, has retired; Chris Taylor has been appointed Fire Marshal and Chief Michael Finkelstein has been appointed Emergency Management Director. Also retiring in April are Ron Pringle, fire fighter, and Ramona Wujtecwicz, Assistant Tax Collector. Work has begun on the Main Street park. Bids are being collected for the Cini Park bathroom project.

7. Public Comment

There was none.

8. First Selectman's Response

There was none.

MOTION (13)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the March 7, 2018, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary

Town of East Lyme
 Summary of Board of Selectmen Budget Adjustments
 2018/19 Proposed Budget

Item #	Dept	Account #	Description	Proposed	Change	Net	Cumulative	Notes	Date
		3/7/18							
			First Selectman Prop				72,033,933	Beginning Proposed Budget	
1	101	01-01-101-100-316	Longevity	1,200	(1,200)	-	72,032,733	First Selectman after 8 yrs	
2	103	01-01-103-100-311	Tax Aides	77,116	(1,451)	75,665	72,031,282	Retirement	
		01-01-103-100-316	Longevity	350	(350)	-	72,030,932	Retirement	
3	114	01-01-114-300-245	SE COG/CRED/CCM	35,485	2,665	38,150	72,033,597	Budget Seat full request	
4	215	01-25-215-100-517	Training Payroll	-	5,000	5,000	72,038,597	Reallocate Oper to PR	
		01-25-215-300-243	Training Operating	9,735	(5,000)	4,735	72,033,597	With above	
5	217	01-25-217-100-611	Firefighters NFD	251,098	(8,938)	242,160	72,024,659	Retirement & new hire lower	
6	225	01-25-224-100-211	Director	71,423	16,000	87,423	72,040,659	Reallocate funds from Cont	
		01-01-120-100-500	Payroll Contingency	175,219	(15,000)	160,219	72,025,659	With above	PD/MS
7	420	01-45-420-150-295	EL Public Library	1,177,645	6,000	1,183,645	72,031,659	Motion: RH Second: KS	Pass
7	120	01-01-120-200-500	Contingency	150,930	2,274	153,204	72,033,933	Motion: RH Second: KS	Pass
			Total Operating Reduction		-	-	72,033,933		
	724					-	72,033,933		
						-	72,033,933		
						-	72,033,933		
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			Total Capital Reduction		-	-	72,033,933		
			Total Reduction		-	-	72,033,933		
								BoS Meeting 3/7/2018	

Town of East Lyme
Board of Selectmen - Proposed Budget
2018/2019

	2017/18 Adopted	First Selectman Department Head	3/7/18 BoS	BoS	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
General Government	18,094,025	18,094,025		18,094,025	-	0.00%
Debt Service	5,373,526	5,369,986		5,369,986	(3,540)	-0.07%
Capital	791,646	795,186		795,186	3,540	0.45%
Board of Education	46,568,609	47,774,736		47,774,736	1,206,127	2.59%
TOTAL	70,827,806	72,033,933	-	72,033,933	1,206,127	1.70%