

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2018
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Dan Cunningham and Paul Dagle

EXCUSED: Marc Salerno and Rose Ann Hardy

Also present were Finance Director Anna Johnson and Public Works Director Joe Bragaw

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery MOVED to add Agenda Item #2f to make an appointment to boards and/or commissions.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to change Agenda Item #3a to read: Discussion and possible action regarding the alcohol policy for the Smith-Harris House.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0

1c. Delegations

Josephine Beebe, 9 Dodge Court, Niantic spoke on agenda item #2b regarding installing a street light on Dodge Court. She explained that the Navy lab has recently stopped lighting up the facility in the evenings and Ms. Beebe would feel more comfortable if the road was a little more lit than it is now. She noted that the pole is already in place.

Dawn Griswold, 5 Dodge Court, Niantic also spoke regarding the lighting situation on Dodge Court and noted that there are only three houses on the road; and although she understands Ms. Beebe's request, she stated that both she and the other neighbor feel no need to add any additional lighting to the area. She noted that although the lab does not run their lights 24 hours anymore, they are on a timer and do come on later in the evening.

Holly Cheeseman, State Representative for East Lyme and Salem, addressed the Board and audience to give an update on how things are going in Hartford. She reported that there are three weeks left in the session and deliberations are moving along slowly with many controversial issues yet to be discussed. She assured everyone that she continues to work hard and to do what is in the best interest of residents of East Lyme and Salem. It is her pleasure to represent our communities, and her door is always open should anyone like to reach out to her.

1d. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of April 4, 2018

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2018, as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. In Favor; Nickerson, Seery and Cunningham. Abstained; Dagle. Motion passed 3-0-1.

FILED

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(Signature)

EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of April 18, 2018, in the amount of \$22,824.85.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

2a. Discussion and possible action – Transfer Station Fees

DISCUSSION: Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works, stated that the Town's transfer station fees have not changed in over ten years and it is in the Town's best interest to review this policy. He stated that he researched other town's fees and believes that he has come up with a fair revised fee structure. Mr. Seery noted that these increases will not affect all taxpayers, this is just affect people who choose to dispose of items at the transfer station. Mr. Dagle inquired as to whether or not the Town would offer free disposal of trees and brush after the recent storms that we had. Mr. Bragaw stated that the town does offer this type of free pickup usually at a designated area such as Vet's field, on a storm by storm basis. During the recent storms the Town did offer to waive fees on brush drop off for about a week following those storms. The public should please check the Town webpage for information on a storm by storm basis to see if this is being offered.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the revised fees for the Transfer Station and Commercial Haulers as submitted and to be effective May 1, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

2b. Discussion and possible action – Installation of a street light on Dodge Court

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that we heard some great feedback from a couple of residents on this matter and asked Mr. Bragaw for his thoughts. Mr. Bragaw stated that adding such a light is looked at on a case by case basis and the safety need. He stated that he needs the Board of Selectmen to review this instance as he does not believe there is a safety need for the light to be installed however a resident as requested it. Mr. Nickerson stated that he appreciates the neighbors coming to express their opposing views, and he directed the members of the Board to go and take a look at the area at their leisure and bring back their thoughts on the matter to the next meeting.

2c. Discussion – Tax abatements for volunteer fire fighters

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that there has been a huge drop in volunteer fire fighters and it is time to consider offering an incentive for our volunteers. Many other towns do offer their volunteers incentives; and as a discussion starting point we are considering up to \$1,000.00 tax abatement on real estate/personal property to a volunteer. Mr. Nickerson will direct the Town Attorney to work with the two Chiefs to devise a proposed ordinance and work out all of the details. This matter will be re-addressed at a future meeting.

2d. Discussion and action – Clarification regarding the Non-affiliated wage/benefit package for 2018/19

DISCUSSION: Mr. Seery stated that there is no change to the package that was approved by the Board on April 4, 2018, this is simply a clarification on four specific employees.

MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve as part of the Non-affiliated wage/benefit package for 2018/19, which was approved by the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting of April 4, 2018, that the unaffiliated employees who received a step increase and a 2.5% Gross Wage Increase (GWI) in FY 17/18 that are part of the defined contribution will get no GWI in FY18/19 but will get 2% additional in their 401(k). These

unaffiliated employees are the Finance Director, the Director of Public Works, the Town Engineer, and the Deputy Public Works Director.
Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

2e. Notice of Annual Town Meeting and Budget Referendum
MOTION (7)

Mr. Seery moved the following call:

TOWN OF EAST LYME
NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Monday, May 14, 2018 at the East Lyme High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following:

1. To review and discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

a. In accordance with Chapter 7.3 of the Town Charter, the moderator shall adjourn the annual budget meeting to a referendum on the voting machines. The budget resolution will be submitted to the persons qualified to vote in a Town Meeting by Referendum by machine vote, which referendum shall take place on May 24, 2018 at the East Lyme Community Center from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

2. To adopt a Five Year Capital Plan.

3. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated at East Lyme, CT this 18th day of April, 2018.

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Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

2f. Appointment to Board and/or Commission

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that we have numerous Deputy Fire Marshals appointed to serve in different capacities as needed. Mr. Marr has served our town previously and we are happy to appoint him back into our pool of Deputy Fire Marshals.

MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Donald W. Marr, 29 Mayfield Terrace, East Lyme, as a Deputy Fire Marshal for the Town of East Lyme through January 6, 2020.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

3a. Discussion and possible action regarding the alcohol policy for the Smith-Harris House.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that he is amenable to giving this a trial run. These nonprofit organizations do a lot of fundraising to keep the properties up and running, and this may be a very lucrative way to bring in funds. Mr. Seery did a lot of research on this matter and found that each event is done differently as far as what types of alcoholic beverages are to be served, but that they have come up with a list of specifications that will need to be followed.

MOTION (9)

Mr. Seery MOVED that the Board of Selectmen authorizes the issuance of up to three (3) special permits to serve alcoholic beverages at the Smith-Harris House, located at 33 Society Road, Niantic, Connecticut, for a period of one (1) year commencing May 1, 2018, with the following specifications:

- No more than three (3) events per calendar year.
- Only during a period of time when there are no students on campus at either the East Lyme Middle School or Lillie B. Haynes Elementary School.
- Certificate of Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for the event. Such certificate shall specify liquor liability.
- A signed Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement.

- All alcohol must be served by a private bartender(s) who has completed the Connecticut Responsible Serving Course through the Department of Consumer Protection.
- Attendance is restricted to 100 people or less.

All events will be subject to review by the First Selectman before a special permit is issued to ensure compliance with the aforementioned specifications. Such policy will be subject to annual review by the Board of Selectmen.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Communications.
There was none.

5. Information and Reports
There was none.

6a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Dagle reported that a new application was submitted to the Harbor Management Shellfish Commission and that WELSCO is in the process of reviewing the existing bylaws. The Commission has instructed the applicant to place buoys in the proposed areas as a visual aid to the proposed project. The entire process continues to be under review. The Inland Wetlands Agency reports issuing two cease and desist orders and there is one new application in the north end of town.

Mr. Seery reported that the Youth Services Commission welcomed new member Julie Horner. The Parks & Recreation department is working hard despite and against the weather to start preparing the fields for spring sports and the summer season. A moment of silence was observed in honor and remembrance of Warren "Whitey" Whitehouse, who contributed greatly to the youth in East Lyme. Also remembered was Sal Carpenteri, long time resident and local business owner, who also recently passed.

6b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Nickerson reported that as we all know it has been a very gloomy spring to start, but that Earth Day will go on as planned this Saturday at McCook's Point Park from 10am until 2pm with lots of activities for kids and adults alike. The annual Niantic Boardwalk 5K will be held this Sunday, April 21st; and this year will benefit the Miracle League Field project. On Tuesday night the 17th there was a jazz performance from Stan Kenton at the East Lyme High School, which included participation of our high school band. We have a music program in East Lyme that we should all be very proud of. This year's Rotary Gala will be held on May 5th and will also be benefiting the Miracle League Field project. Mr. Nickerson reported that he has been attending many SCCOG and CCM meetings to keep on top of what is transpiring in Hartford. We are wrapping up the budget process with the Board of Finance Public Hearing scheduled for April 30th at the Middle School. Town Meeting will be held on May 14th at the East Lyme High School, and the Budget Referendum is scheduled for May 24th from 8am until 8pm at the East Lyme Community Center.

7. Public Comment

Ms. Holly Cheeseman, State Representative for East Lyme and Salem, stated that she is supportive of the Board's decision to allow alcoholic beverages at limited events at the Smith-Harris House, and hopes that if all goes well over the trial year period that we might consider making this available to other non-profit organizations and events. She reported that on Monday, April 23rd there will be a Dine Out event at Flanders Fish House to benefit the Brian T. Dagle Foundation; and that on May 1st, also at Flanders Fish House, there will be a benefit dinner to honor Jim Fleishell and Pete Connair, who have both contributed much to both our community and our country. Please contact Holly Cheeseman or Kevin Seery for more information.

8. Selectman's Response
There was none.

MOTION (10)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the April 18, 2018, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:40 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary