

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2018
MINUTES

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

Also present were Town Attorney Ed O'Connell and Finance Director Anna Johnson

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

1b. Additional Agenda Item
There were none.

1c. Delegations
There were none.

1d. Approval of Minutes

FILED
JUNE 22 20 18 AT 11:05 AM/PM
Karen M. [Signature]
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

MOTION (1)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Seery stated that public hearing for the Smith-Harris House Commission name change was "continued" not closed. Also, speaking on behalf of this subject was Mr. Jim Littlefield, not Al as reported in the minutes.

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Board of Selectmen Public Hearing Minutes of June 6, 2018, as amended.

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

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Board of Selectman Regular Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2018, as submitted.

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

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of June 20, 2018, in the amount of \$9,724.20.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

2a. Authorize the First Selectman to enter into a MOA between the Town and Fire Fighters Local 3377 IAFF, AFL-CIO

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that the Board had met earlier in executive session to discuss this MOA, and that this agreement extends the contract that is in place through June 30, 2019.

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of East Lyme and the Fire Fighters Local 3377 IAFF, AFL-CIO effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

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

2b. Tax Abatement Ordinance

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson reported that per the Tax Collector, if a volunteer has back taxes they will not be eligible for this abatement; each volunteer must be in good standing in order to participate in this program. Attorney O'Connell stated that this is an administrative procedure performed by the Tax Collector per Title 12 of the Connecticut General Statutes, so it does not need to be spelled out in the ordinance. Mrs. Hardy noted that there could be an estimated 30 volunteers taking advantage of this abatement, and asked for a timeline for budgeting. Mr. Nickerson stated that the program will start on September 1, 2018 for the first year, with volunteers being able to take advantage of the abatement after August 31, 2019 when their eligibility can be determined. The Tax Collector will then have plenty of time to make the adjustments to his budget based on the number of eligible volunteers and their tax liability is determined. Mr. Nickerson thanked all of the volunteers in our town and stated that they provide a valuable service to our residents. Mrs. Hardy complimented the Chiefs on their recent efforts in advertising to recruit volunteers; she stated that she thinks they are doing a great job.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Seery MOVED to adopt the ordinance entitled "Ordinance Establishing A Tax Abatement Program for Certain Emergency Services Volunteers", as submitted.

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

2c. Smith-Harris Commission Name Change Ordinance

DISCUSSION: Mr. Seery stated that the cooperation and collaboration between the historic commissions is clear and great to see. Mr. Cunningham stated that he is happy that this matter was postponed because it allowed the commissions to come together to collaborate. Mr. Nickerson thanked everyone for their hard work.

MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery MOVED to adopt the ordinance entitled "Ordinance Amending Ordinance Concerning Smith-Harris House Commission", as submitted.

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

2di. Parking Ordinance

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that he is supportive of this ordinance, but thinks that the fine is too low and should be \$50.00. Mr. Dagle asked if that is too much from the \$5.00 it is currently. It was reported that the State fine for parking violations is \$92.00, so \$50 is still lower than the average but high enough so as to encourage parking in the beach lots instead of the street. Although other Town's ordinances are more detailed, Attorney O'Connell stated that reference to the CGS is adequate unless the town will deviate from the statute. It was discussed that towing fees should be included in the ordinance, and Attorney O'Connell stated that he will look into it. A hearing officer will have to be appointed by the First Selectman, and it was suggested that we consider appointing two people so there will always be someone available. It was decided to continue this matter to a future meeting to allow the town attorney time to look into some things and make some adjustments.

2dii. Ordinance to Repeal an Ordinance

This matter was continued to a future meeting, in conjunction with the Parking Ordinance above.

2e. Meeting call – Public Hearing July 11, 2018

This item was not necessary as the above ordinance discussion was continued.

2f. Authorize the First Selectman to enter into a lease agreement with the Niantic Lions Club
MOTION (7)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve and to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a lease agreement with the Niantic Lions Club for the purposes of selling food in connection with the art show on June 30 and July 1, 2018; the Town grants to the LIONS, for the period of 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 29, 2018 through 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 1, 2018, the right to use the land at the Town Hall on Pennsylvania Avenue, which is to be set aside for that purpose by the Town.

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

2g. Authorize the First Selectman to Sign Grant Applications for Fiscal Year 2018/2019
MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery MOVED that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to sign all grant applications and execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Lyme for FY 2018/19, and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including but not limited to executing and delivering all applications contemplated by such documents.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

2h. Appointment to Boards/Commissions
There were none.

3. Old Business
There was none.

4. Communications
There was none.

5. Information and Reports
There were none.

6a. Mr. Salerno reported that Youth Services presented three scholarships of \$1,500 each to three students from funds raised at the annual Jeffrey's Rainbow Run. He reported that at the last Parks and Recreation meeting someone asked for permission to sell merchandise on the boardwalk and they were refused; there is no intention of allowing vendors to sell merchandise on the boardwalk. At planning a 3-lot subdivision was brought forth and continued to a special meeting next week. Inland Wetlands Agency heard the matter of the 23-lot subdivision in Green Valley Lakes. The purchasing plan is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Selectmen in July.

Mr. Dagle reported that both the Walnut Hill and Green Valley Lakes subdivisions were approved by Inland Wetlands, and they also have a matter of unpermitted clearing on Roxbury Road that they heard. The upper river is open for shell fishing. The Harbor Master, Richard Morris, has put in his resignation effective September 1, 2018; this is a government appointed position and we will be prepared to submit three candidates for review. The Harbor Management plan and ordinance is scheduled to go before the Board of Selectmen in July.

6b. Mr. Nickerson reported that he attending a COG meeting and David Putnam joined him and gave a presentation on the Miracle League Field project. The Farmer's Market is in full swing every Thursday afternoon downtown. Because of the July 4th holiday, the next and only meeting in July will be on the 11th. The Bright Music Festival took place at McCook's last weekend and benefits the Brian T. Dagle Foundation. Mr. Nickerson has attended to funerals recently for Ashley Bergeron and Jane Powers; he sends his condolences to the families and is grateful for both women and their contributions to our community. The Main Street Park is scheduled to open on July 21st, the morning of Celebrate East Lyme.

7. Public Comment

There was none.

8. Selectman's Response

There was none.

MOTION (9)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the June 20, 2018, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:41 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary