

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 11, 2018
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Rose Ann Hardy, Dan Cunningham and Paul Dagle. Marc Salerno arrived at 8:15 p.m.

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

EXCUSED: Marc Salerno

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

1b. Additional Agenda Item

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery MOVED to add Agenda Item #8a. to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of real estate.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 5-0.

1c. Delegations

There were none.

1d. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Board of Selectmen Public Hearing Minutes of June 20, 2018, as Submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Board of Selectman Special Town Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2018, as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2018, as amended.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Dagle noted that under Agenda Item #6a ex-officio reports, he stated that the Green Valley Lakes application was a new submittal, not approved.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to make the stated changes to the June 20, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 5-0.

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1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of July 11, 2018, in the amount of \$3,139.56.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 5-0.

2a. Review and possible action – proposed ordinances

DISCUSSION: Attorney O'Connell reported that the previously discussed changes were made to this ordinance. Summary of updates are as follows: section 2b Penalties was amended to \$50.00; section 4 Appeals, the condensed version is being inserted; section 6 Towing, the condensed version Option 2 will be used; added section 5 regarding snow emergencies; and per Chief Finkelstein, we will utilize the CT General Statute for handicap parking consistent with surrounding towns. There was discussion about raising the time limit to 28 days, but it was decided that 14 days was the best choice. All Selectmen were in agreement with this revised document. Mr. Cunningham noted that trash pickup day on Main Street is hectic. Mr. Nickerson noted that Main Street is the only road that the guys get out of the truck to move the cans into place. Although it requires more manpower and time, the Public Works guys do a great job of taking care of it. There was no discussion on the Ordinance to Repeal the Ordinance Establishing Fines for Illegal Parking.

MOTION (7)

Mr. Seery MOVED to accept the changes made to the proposed Parking Ordinance.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 5-0.

3a. Meeting Notice – Public Hearing August 1, 2018

MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery MOVED the August 1, 2018, Public Hearing meeting notice.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 5-0.

3b. Appointments to Boards/Commissions

MOTION (9)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Lisa Pellegrini to serve as a member of the Police Commission for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2022.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that Ms. Pellegrini is highly qualified to sit as a member of the Police Commission; her experience being the First Selectwoman in Somers, which includes the responsibilities of being Police Chief, so she is very familiar with all procedures related to the police department.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION (10)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Joshua Chapps to serve as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 6, 2020.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that Mr. Chapps is currently an alternate member on the ZBA and that he attends all of the meetings and is up to speed on Commission matters and procedures.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION (11)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Michael Quagan to serve as an alternate member of the Planning Commission for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on December 2, 2019.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Communications

Mr. Nickerson acknowledged receipt of resignations from Al Littlefield, Board of Education, and Joanie DiMartino, Smith-Harris House; and thanked both for all of their hard work in their respective roles. He stated that given to each member of the Board in their respective folder is a draft copy of the proposed Purchasing Plan for review; received from the subcommittee through Selectman Salerno.

5. Information and Reports

There were none.

6a. Mrs. Hardy reported on the Commission on Aging, and stated that the focus of their discussion was contemplating the current transportation issues that they face, which is primarily that they have more need for the driving services than they have resources to get everyone where they need to be. Primary need is for additional drivers, but an additional van is also needed; the town may be eligible for another grant in a couple of years. Mr. Nickerson stated that the employees are doing a great job with the limited resources that they currently have to work with.

Mr. Cunningham reported on Historic Properties, and stated that they are doing a lot of advertising and public relations for this year's Bike & BBQ. The current exhibit at the Thomas Lee House is of "The Turtle", considered to be the first attack submarine.

Mr. Dagle reported that the Twin Valley Lakes matter was postponed at one meeting, and that he was not able to attend the second meeting.

6b. Mr. Nickerson reported that Celebrate East Lyme is coming up on Saturday, July 21st beginning at 2pm and ending with fireworks at 9 p.m. At 10:00 a.m. that morning, there will be a ribbon cutting for the Main Street Park, which will then be open and available to the public for Celebrate East Lyme and beyond; it is amazing to see this project finally come to fruition after decades of discussion and planning. Regarding the recent vandalism of some of the benches on the Boardwalk, he reported that there is now a \$2,000.00 reward for any information given that leads to the people who caused this damage. You can contact the police department or the First Selectman's office with information. Also available if a person wishes to remain anonymous is the Tip411 application, but remember if you remain anonymous you will not be able to collect the reward. He reported that a brand new, state of the art camera system is being installed which will allow our dispatch center to monitor from Cini Park, down the boardwalk and as far over as McCook's 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This new system is being generously funded by the East Lyme Public Trust. He stated that if anyone is interested in purchasing a plaque or a memorial bench that they should contact the EL Public Trust directly.

7. Public Comment

Ms. Holly Cheeseman, State Representative stated that she arrived late because she attended a very exciting baseball game between East Lyme and Mystic; Mystic won tonight's game, which was game one of a 3 game series. She reported that Operation Fuel is available to assist residents with their electric bill all year, not just winter time. If you are struggling to pay your electric bill, please contact 2-1-1 for more information and to see if you are eligible for up to \$500 in assistance. Regarding the proposed parking ordinance, she is concerned about the two hour parking limit, specifically in the area of the Children's Museum; two hours is not a lot of time if a parent is inside the museum with children. She will plan to attend the public hearing for further discussion and with possible options.

8. Selectman's Response

Mr. Nickerson stated that the Parking Ordinance only addresses the fees associated with illegal parking. He feels that the concerns that Ms. Cheeseman has for parking in that area can be addressed and resolved with proper signage in that area allowing for more than two hours. Signage issues would be addressed by the Town's traffic authority, which is the Police Commission.

8a. Executive Session

MOTION (12)

Mr. Seery MOVED to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of real estate, and to include Town Attorney Ed O'Connell. It is noted that Mr. Salerno arrived at the meeting at 8:15 pm. Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 6-0.

They entered into executive session at 8:18 p.m.; they returned at 8:55 p.m. and Mr. Seery stated that no formal votes were taken in executive session.

MOTION (13)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the July 11, 2018, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:56 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary