

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2018  
MINUTES

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

Also present was Finance Director Anna Johnson, Police Chief Mike Finkelstein, and Inland Wetlands Officer Gary Goeschel.

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m. and stated that the Pledge of Allegiance had been done at the beginning of the public hearing.

1c. Delegations

Ms. Holly Cheeseman, 16 Mitchell Drive, Niantic, and State Representative for East Lyme and Salem. She reported that there is not a lot going on right now up in Hartford, and that she is expecting that the Governor may call them into special session to review sports betting. She will report back on the progress of the study to put in electronic tolls on the highways. She reported that the zero carbon RFP has been revised to permit Dominion to bid, and that this is very good news for the region and for the state. Thank you to Paul Formica and all those that fought to get Dominion eligible.

1d. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2018, as submitted.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. In Favor; Mrs. Hardy, Mr. Seery, Mr. Nickerson, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Dagle. Abstained; Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0-1.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of August 1, 2018, in the amount of \$4,259.55.

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

2a. Review and possible action – proposed ordinances

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated creating a municipal ordinance to cover handicap parking was considered, and it was decided that utilizing the state statute would be the best option for our Town. Overnight parking in the event of a snow emergency is addressed in Section 5 entitled Snow Emergencies; a person will be allowed to park overnight but must move the vehicle within a certain amount of time or risk being towed and ticketed. He thanked everyone who spoke at the public hearing on this matter. Mr. Seery stated that the ordinance should be amended as discussed by adding the comma after the word “intersection” in Section 1g. Mr. Cunningham noted that painting the curbs might also be a good idea. Chief Finkelstein thanked the Board of Selectmen for moving forward with this ordinance as this will give our officers another option if necessary.

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MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to adopt the ordinance entitled "Parking Ordinance", as amended.  
Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery MOVED to adopt the ordinance entitled "Ordinance To Repeal The Ordinance Establishing Fines For Illegal Parking", as submitted.  
Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

3a. Approve Transfer - Building Maintenance Custodians

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that the town only has three custodians and one back up for all town buildings, and one of them is going out on medical leave shortly and then will be retiring in January of 2019. In the meantime, the plan is to move the backup person into that position to cover the medical leave while we find a permanent replacement to start in January. The backup custodian will start full time on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appropriate and transfer \$12,600 from account 01-01-120-200-500 (Contingency) to account 01-01-113-100-311 Custodians and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.  
Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 6-0.

3b. Approve Special Appropriation - NSEP Grant

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein stated that these funds are part of a yearly nuclear safety grant that the EOC received, and will be used to purchase a laptop for the field and other essential supplies. He confirmed that everything they intend to purchase is approved under the grant and will be moved back to the appropriate account once the grant money is received. Mr. Dagle inquired if the grant has already been approved by the State, and the Chief indicated that it has been approved they are just waiting to receive the money but need the equipment now.

MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$4,718.00 to budget account 01-70-725-224-006 (NSEP Equipment) and revenue account 01-04-400-401 (NSEP Grants) to cover the cost of purchasing computer equipment and office furniture for the EOC, and forward to the Board of Finance for action.

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

3c. Authorize First Selectman to sign the CRCASS Agreement

DISCUSSION: Mr. Goeschel explained that this agreement has already previously been approved by both the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance in November and December of 2017. The town attorney has been reviewing the agreement, as directed by the Town, and has made updates and has given final go head to enter into this agreement and move forward with the project. Mr. Goeschel stated that the project has to be completed by the end of the year, so they will be moving forward quickly. Mr. Nickerson stated that we need to be mindful of keeping the public informed of what is going on especially since the process will be expedited; he suggested extra notices in the paper, on the signpost, etc.

MOTION (7)

Mr. Seery RESOLVED, that Mark C Nickerson, First Selectman of the Town of East Lyme, be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of East Lyme a professional services agreement with Stantec Planning and Landscape Architecture P.C. for a Coastal Resilience, Climate Adaptation and Sustainability

Study (CRCASS) and is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the transaction above contemplated.

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

4a. Harbor Management Plan / Ordinance

Mr. Nickerson stated that the Board received the draft plan, draft plan with markups, and the proposed ordinance for their review in preparation for an official presentation at the September 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting.

4b. Letter of Appreciation from Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Nickerson stated that he is very pleased and proud with the level of communication between our department heads. When we all work together for the greater good of our Town and residents, everyone wins. Having the Superintendent of Schools send a letter of appreciation to the Chief of Police acknowledging the positive and dedicated work of the schools resource officer and the overall support and collaboration between the schools and the police department is a testament to our department heads working together for the better good of the residents.

5. Information and Reports

There were none.

6a. Mr. Dagle reported that Inland Wetlands closed the public hearing for the Green Valley project, and that they are still deliberating. For Harbor Management, there is talk of a new application being put in for area 5 between the marinas and route 156 and he will report back when and if there is something to report.

Mr. Cunningham reported that the Shellfish Commission had a joint meeting with the Waterford Harbor Management Commission to discuss shellfish activities in the river. Discussion included topics such as how water quality would be improved with a shellfish farm in place, and how the hardware associated with such a farm might impede recreation on the river. Brookside Farm Museum met and concentrated on the search for a new curator to replace Joanie DiMartino, who has recently resigned. Plans and preparations are underway for this year's Bike & BBQ event, scheduled to take place on September 29<sup>th</sup>; the event is getting bigger each year and is shaping up to be another fun event.

Mr. Salerno reported that Planning had two special meetings recently; the Walnut Hill 3-lot subdivision matter has been closed, and the Twin Lakes matter remains open and has been continued. They have received a couple of zoning referrals that they are working on. They have filled the vacant full member position on the commission; now they have one alternate position that remains vacant and needs to be filled. Regarding the Building Committee, the schools project is moving along nicely with some small change orders being submitted.

Mrs. Hardy reported that Costco is the main issue being discussed at the next Zoning meeting; she noted that this application and project has already been approved and further discussion will be for proposed changes to the original plan.

6b. Mr. Nickerson reported that the ribbon cutting for the Main Street Park went really well and that he has received a lot of compliments on the park; thank you to everyone that came out to celebrate its opening. Celebrate East Lyme was a success and very uneventful for first responders. The fireworks, put on by Dominion, were fantastic; although not as easy to see now that the trees at McCook's have grown. There may be discussion on setting them off next year from a different location, maybe a barge in the bay. He attended All Shook Up at the high school, and he reports that it was an amazing show. Theatre Under the Shell is also running their show for the season through August 5<sup>th</sup>, Neil Simon's Last of the Red Hot Lovers; Mr. Nickerson stated that he has a walk on part in this show also. Summer music is in full swing at

McCook's with bands on the beach on Wednesday nights and in the band shell on Friday nights through the summer. Movies on the beach will begin in September; please see the Parks and Recreation webpage for more information. The annual triathlon will take place this Sunday downtown; come out and support the participants. Mr. Joe Smith has resigned effective August 10, 2018; Steve Wey our part time building inspector will be taking over full time temporarily until a new full time person is hired. Mr. Nickerson attended Rotary's Service Person of the Month celebration and presented a proclamation to Petty Officer Jeremy Douglas Coleman for his many accomplishments and for his service to his community and country. The final agreement has been entered into with Old Lyme to tie them into our sewer system, as per the orders from the State DEEP. Although an increased burden to our sewer system, East Lyme ratepayers are held harmless in this agreement. The Costco project is back up and running, with possible ground breaking to happen in September. This project was approved a few years ago, and now they are looking at minor site plan adjustments. The Children's Museum annual gala is scheduled to be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the St. Matthias recreation center; tickets are almost sold out. East Lyme's first ever Octoberfest is scheduled to take place on October 6<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Miracle League Field. This will be held at Rogers Field behind St. John's church and is being put on by St. John's, Park & Rec and The Black Sheep and will showcase Niantic Bay oysters. Be on the lookout for more information regarding a sports gala scheduled to take place in November to benefit the Miracle League; they have a couple of big name sports stars lined up. The Farmers Market is up and running every Thursday afternoon on Methodist Street.

7. Public Comment

Ms. Holly Cheeseman, State Representative, reported that absentee ballots for the August 14<sup>th</sup> primary are available at the Town Clerk's office or by going to the Secretary of State webpage. Great job with the Main Street Park, and she is pleased with how well everyone works together to make our community great. She also reported that Niantic Main Street has sponsored an exhibit at the Children's Museum which will run on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to highlight the farmer's market.

Mr. Robert Vancour, 107 South Beechwood Road, Niantic wanted to point out that the only criticism that he has about the town is that Town Hall needs to be spruced up and the lawn and weeds better manicured; he feels it looks overgrown.

8. Selectman's Response

Mr. Nickerson stated that due to budget cuts, some things, such as lawn maintenance, has taken a back seat to other more crucial tasks.

MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the August 1, 2018, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:09 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson  
Recording Secretary