

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
PUBLIC HEARING OF AUGUST 1, 2018  
MINUTES

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

Mr. Nickerson opened the Public Hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance entitled "Parking Ordinance" and an ordinance entitled "Ordinance To Repeal The Ordinance Establishing Fines For Illegal Parking" at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that he caused the Notice of Public Hearing to be posted on the signpost, and that it was published in *The Day* on July 21, 2018.

Mr. Nickerson stated that this ordinance will replace the existing ordinance, which is being repealed, and will give our Police Officers the authority to issue tickets for infractions such as parking to close to a curb cut, parking on a crosswalk, etc. He then asked if anyone from the public would like to speak on this matter.

Mr. Robert Vancour, 107 South Beechwood Road, Niantic, stated that he is a retired Lieutenant from the Glastonbury Police Department and offered some suggestions from how they handled parking tickets. He suggested that it might be easier and more effective to devise a municipal ordinance for handicap parking tickets than following the State statute. He suggested adding a comma after the word "intersection" in Section 1g, and that the Town might want to paint the curbs to emphasize distance where specified by the ordinance. He also suggested that there should be a section to cover overnight parking, in the case of a snow storm, for example; and to make the tickets be envelopes for ease in mailing it back and to give people a receipt.

Ms. Patsy McLaughlin, 6 Irvingdell Place, East Lyme, stated that she would like some clarification regarding the newspaper article in *The Day*. She was concerned that the ordinance directs the public to pay their parking fines directly to the police officer issuing the ticket; and Mr. Nickerson assured her that the police officers will not accept payment on the spot for any tickets. The owner of the vehicle receiving the ticket will be directed to send payment into or stop directly at the police department to pay their ticket, which will be processed by the administrative staff and then forwarded to the Finance Department who will deposit it into a specific fund that will be set up specifically for these funds. The Board of Selectmen will direct the Finance Director to either set up an account or deposit the funds into an account already established. The public will be directed to write checks out to the "Town of East Lyme", not the police department directly. The intent is to use these funds that are collected towards the purchase of police vehicles and equipment. Mr. Cunningham stated that doubling the fine if not paid within two weeks acts as an incentive to pay on time.

Mr. Nickerson stated that the Police Commission will consider the two hour time limit as it affects the businesses on Main Street; this matter will go before that Commission in the near future.

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery moved to close the August 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearings at 7:22 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion Passed 6-0

Respectfully submitted by:



Sandra Anderson,  
Recording Secretary

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