

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
MINUTES

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

EXCUSED: Rose Ann Hardy

Also present was Finance Director Anna Johnson and Board of Finance Members Lisa Picarazzi and Anne Santoro.

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

1c. Delegations

1d. Approval of Minutes

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Sept 13, 20 18 AT 3:28 AM/PM
B. Johnson ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Board of Selectmen Public Hearing Minutes of August 1, 2018, as submitted.

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

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2018, as submitted.

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

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of September 5, 2018, in the amount of \$16,795.98.

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

2. Old Business

There was none.

3a. Presentation of updated Harbor Management Plan and Ordinance

DISCUSSION: Mr. Steve Dinsmore, 57 Chesterfield Road, East Lyme, and member of the Harbor Management Commission and the EL/WTFD Shellfish Commission addressed the Board and stated that he has been working closely with Geoff Steadman on this updated plan. Mr. Steadman addressed the Board and stated that he played a key role in creating the original Plan in 1990; he gave a presentation on the updates to the plan as well as sharing information on the history of the harbor management plan process. Mr. Dagle stated that he is the ex-officio board member for the Harbor Management Commission, and following this process along the way he fully supports the updated plan and recommends approval by the Board of Selectmen and feels that the updated plan will serve the Town well. Attorney Collins stated that they recommend some changes to the ordinance so her suggestion is to postpone approving both the plan

and the ordinance so that they can be approved together. This matter will be heard again at the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

3b. Carryover Funds – Retirement Liability

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the carry-over of the remaining balance of \$51,564 in account 01-01-114-100-128 (Retirement Liability) from the 2017/18 budget to the 2018/19 fiscal year and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval.

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

3c. Purchasing Plan

Mr. Salerno stated that he has been working on this plan with Dan Cunningham, Anne Santoro, Bill Weber and Peter DeRosa. Ms. Lisa Picarazzi, Vice Chairman of the Board of Finance, addressed the Board and recommended that they consider adding a paragraph regarding a Consideration of local bidder option, and suggested that we might want to review and take wording from Wethersfield's plan. Ms. Santoro stated that she does think it is a good idea but feels that we should really consider and take the time to get it right before adding it into the plan. She reminded everyone that this is a good starting point and since it is a plan and not an ordinance, we can modify it if needed. Regarding RFPs, the current threshold is \$50,000 and he feels reducing it to \$25,000 may affect workflow and cause for an additional engineer to be on staff to deal with the RFPs; Mr. Seery also expressed concern with the threshold change, but stated that we will be able to make changes to the plan and policy if needed. It was agreed that the first paragraph of Section 2 would be removed, as well as the first sentence of Section 1, and Mr. Nickerson stated that the plan would be updated and that the Board will review it at the next meeting.

6a. Mr. Salerno reported that he attended the Town Building Committee meeting and main focus was the schools project which is going well. Planning approved a 2 lot subdivision on Walnut Hill, and continued the public hearing for Spring Rock Road awaiting Inland Wetlands decision. As a reminder to the public, service dogs are always allowed on the Boardwalk. He also wanted to thank the Police Department for doing a great job at getting information out to our residents regarding the recent kidnapping scam.

Mr. Seery reported that Parks and Recreation reviewed summer information including revenues, parking stats, etc.

Mr. Cunningham reported that the Historic Properties Commission is working diligently to catalog and organize all of their historic items into an online database. The Bike Hike & BBQ is going to be held on Saturday, September 29th.

Mr. Dagle reported that the Inland Wetlands Agency is working on a 23 lot subdivision on Twin Valley Lakes Road, as well as the second phase, 120 residential units. The Harbor Management Commission submitted three names to the Governor for him to appoint one of them as Harbor Master; the commission has endorsed Mr. Ron Johnson for this position. The Board of Education applied for and has received a \$20,000 grant to be used over a two year period, \$10,000 per year, for programs to education our students on suicide prevention.

6b. Mr. Nickerson reported that all three schools that are under construction are open and the students are doing great. Construction is moving right along under safe conditions for our children. He attended the Senior Center's annual pig roast and had a great time. Miracle League held a waffle ball tournament to raise funds and that went very well and a lot of fun. They will be holding their Gala fundraiser at Mohegan Sun in November. They have raised just under \$200,000 to date. He reported that the plans for Costco are well underway and they are working hard within our departments to get all of the permits and approvals that

they need to start construction, which is anticipated to begin in the next 30 days or so. The concerts on the beach and in the band shell are over for the season, and the Friday night movie nights under the stars at McCook's will continue through September. This year's "I Can Bike" program sponsored by Parks and Recreation was once again a huge success; and as a bonus the gentleman who invented these bikes was in the area and made a special appearance to see the program in action. Please bring a box of cereal to this week's Friday night football game, the first of the season; the high school will be collecting different items each Friday night game to donate to Care and Share so please check on what you can bring. Congratulations to the 9/10 year olds baseball team that went all the way to the National competition; great job kids!

7. Public Comment

There was none.

8. Selectman's Response

There was none.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the September 5, 2018, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 9:42 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary