

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2018
MINUTES

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

Also present were Finance Director Anna Johnson, Superintendent of Schools Jeff Newton, BOE Finance Maryanna Stevens and Board of Finance member Anne Santoro.

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1c. Delegations

There were none.

1d. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Dagle stated that in Section 6a it should read, "... as well as the second phase of the Gateway Development project, 120 residential units".

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2018, as amended.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0-1. Abstained; Mrs. Hardy.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of October 3, 2018, in the amount of \$13,813.36.

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

2a. Purchasing Plan

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that after discussions with the Town Attorney, he feels that the last sentence of the 3rd paragraph of Section 1 of the plan should be deleted; all matters involving policy should go before the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Nickerson stated that he is concerned that the \$25,000 threshold will cost the Town money over time and not save money, and he suggested that the policy be sent to the Town Attorney for review. Mrs. Hardy agrees that the Board of Selectmen are the policy makers so that sentence should come out; and she stated that she agrees also to send the document to the Town Attorney for review before making it policy. Mr. Nickerson stated that although there is a provision for waivers in the document, the Board of Selectmen should not ever get in the habit of making such exceptions. Mr. Seery withdrew his motion and Mr. Salerno withdrew his second; this matter will be forwarded to the Town Attorney for further review. Mr. Salerno asked Mrs. Johnson to provide him with the number of bids over \$25,000 over the past 12 months, which she will provide. Mr. Nickerson asked the Board members to please review the policy again and forward all comments/suggestions to be compiled and reviewed before the next meeting.

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

2b. Harbor Management Plan and Ordinance

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson reported that there are still active discussions going on regarding this plan and ordinance; so this matter, along with scheduling the related public hearing, will be continued to a future meeting.

3a. Appoint Attorney Willetts

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Attorney William Willetts, Jr. to examine the indices of the land records for calendar year 2018 in accordance with CGS Section 7-14 for the sum of \$2,000, and with a thank you for over 30 years of service.

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

3bi. Appropriation – SPED Lawsuit

MOTION (4)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Newton explained that although there is no guarantee as to the total amount that may be due at the end of this process, he would still like to commit funds for this purpose so that we are better prepared.

Mr. Seery MOVED to commit \$193,778 remaining from the Board of Education 2016/2017 budget and \$350,000 from the 2017/2018 budget for a total amount of \$543,778 in fund balance specifically for the payment of the judgment in a pending litigation matter once it is finalized by the court and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0-1. Abstained; Mrs. Hardy.

3bii. Appropriation – CNRE ELHS Turf Field

MOTION (5)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Newton reported that the turf field has been in use for four years now, and that they have raised \$4,000 in donations to put towards the new field when needed, approximately 15 years from now. Mr. Newton would like to take this \$25,000 and move it into a special fund for field replacement, and also combine it with the \$4,000 already raised. Mr. Nickerson noted that maybe this item should go into the capital budget since it will be a necessary item to replace when the time comes. This will be something that the town should work on since there are a few years before it will be needed and there is time to plan. Mrs. Hardy explained that she will not be able to support this motion because she feels that more fundraising needs to be done on the part of the school due to the fact that when this field was being proposed it was in the plan that all the funds needed for upkeep and replacement would be raised through fundraising; she would like to see more effort put into raising funds.

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve a special appropriation to CNRE Fund 32 with remaining funds available from the Board of Education 2017/18 general fund budget in the amount of \$25,000 and establish an account titled, “ELHS Turf Field Replacement” and forward to the Board of Finance for approval. A Town Meeting is needed.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-1. Opposed; Mrs. Hardy.

3biii. Appropriation – Health Insurance

MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$597,544 from the final ECS grant as follows: \$597,544 to revenue account 01-02-200-201 (ECS) and budget accounts \$203,503 to account 01-01-114-100-127 (Health Insurance) and \$394,544 to 01-94-999-000-001 (Board of Education) and forward to the Board of Finance for approval. A Town Meeting is required.

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

3biv. Appropriation – Building Official Vehicle

MOTION (7)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bragaw explained that this vehicle is for the full-time building official to share with the part-time building official; but he noted that all departments share the few town vehicles that we own. It was reported that all of the fees have been collected for the Costco project, so that sentence will be taken out of the motion.

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve a special appropriation for the purchase of a 2019 Ford Escape from Columbia Ford in the amount of \$22,806 from a budget account to be established titled, “Vehicle – Building Official” and revenue account 01-05-500-501 (Building Permits) and forward to the Board of Finance for approval. Vehicle is for the Building Official. A Town Meeting is required.

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

3c. Meeting Call – Special Town Meeting

MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery MOVED the following call:

TOWN OF EAST LYME NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Lyme to be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. (E.D.T.) at the East Lyme Town Hall Upper Meeting Room for the following purposes:

1. To approve a special appropriation to CNRE Fund 32 with remaining funds available from the Board of Education 2017/18 general fund budget in the amount of \$25,000 and establish an account titled, “ELHS Turf Field Replacement”.

2. To approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$597,544 from the final ECS grant as follows: \$597,544 to revenue account 01-02-200-201 (ECS) and budget accounts \$203,503 to account 01-01-114-100-127 (Health Insurance) and \$394,544 to 01-94-999-000-001 (Board of Education).

3. To approve a special appropriation for the purchase of a 2019 Ford Escape from Columbia Ford in the amount of \$22,806 from a budget account to be established titled, “Vehicle – Building Official” and revenue account 01-05-500-501 (Building Permits). Vehicle is for the Building Official.

4. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting

Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut, this 3rd day of October 2018 By East Lyme Board Of Selectmen.

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

6a. Mr. Salerno reported that at the Library meeting it was discussed that the carpets will need to be replaced soon and that it should go into the capital plan. For the Planning Commission, he reported that the public hearing for the Green Valley matter is still open, and a special public hearing is scheduled for a couple of weeks from now. The schools project is moving along nicely; although there have been some minor issues discovered at Lillie B that will need to be addressed

Mr. Seery reported that the Parks & Recreation Commission discussed the hall of fame inductees for this year, which there will be nine people inducted in December. Regarding the Water & Sewer Commission, they discussed the Landmark Sewer capacity issue and he stated that they have put a special policy in place to help ensure that this type of situation does not arise in the future.

Mr. Cunningham reported that this Historic Properties Bike, Hike & BBQ event went great and that the weather was great; excellent day all around. At the Welsco meeting they discussed amending the aquaculture policy, as well as continued discussions regarding the Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm. Mr. Nickerson publicly thanked the members of the Welsco commission for their time and effort and doing their best to be fair and thorough to all of the taxpayers as well as to protect the environment.

Mr. Dagle reported that the Harbor Management Commission appointed two members of their commission to work closely with Welsco going forward. At the Inland Wetlands Agency meeting they approved the Twin Valley 23 lot subdivision.

6b. Mr. Nickerson reported that all of the paperwork/plans and fees were received by the Costco team for their project. The milling work on Route 156 is moving along, but not without causing frustration for drivers and in some cases doing damage to vehicles. He noted that this is a State project and not a town run project so the best we can do is to stay aware and be careful. Paving is scheduled to start the week of October 8th. The Town paving job in the Saunders Point area is behind schedule because of the recent rain, but will be back on track soon. The Niantic Bay Oysterfest is scheduled for this Saturday from noon until 8pm at Rogers Field behind St. John's Church. This event benefits the Miracle League Field this year, and the hope is to have a yearly event where money will be raised for different charities in need.

7. Public Comment

Anne Santoro, 11 Rose Lane, East Lyme and Board of Finance member, addressed the Board and spoke on the Purchasing Policy, which she worked on as part of the subcommittee. She stressed that this is a policy and not an ordinance, so we could adjust items that are not working as we had hoped, as we move forward and utilize the policy.

Tim Londergan, Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm, stated that he has reviewed the proposed updates to the Harbor Management plan and he supports that document. He inquired about the process for leasing the town commercial fishing docks down at Cini Park, which are up for lease renewal at the end of this year. He is excited about the upcoming Oysterfest and supports this event; he noted that the annual oysterfest in Milford this year was the last one, so we may get some interest by advertising down 95 for next year's event.

8. Selectman's Response

Mr. Nickerson reported that for communications, he placed some information in their folders to review. Regarding the Cini Park dock leases, we will be working on what the process will be for fair and equitable renewal of the leases. This will be discussed at an upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting.

MOTION (9)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the October 3, 2018, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 9:02 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary