

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2018
MINUTES

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

Also present was Finance Director Anna Johnson, Police Chief Michael Finkelstein and Fire Chief Bill Rix.

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1b. Add to Agenda

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery MOVED to add agenda item 3f to appoint a member to a board or commission and hear it first under new business.

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

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to add agenda item 3g to approve and sign the 2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program MOA.

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

1c. Public Comment regarding the ACO Interlocal Agreement

There were none.

1d. Public Comment regarding the Non-Emergency Interagency Agreement

There were none.

1e. Delegations

There were none.

1f. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2018, as submitted.

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

1g. Consent Calendar

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of December 19, 2018, in the amount of \$4,956.99.

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

2. Fishing Dock Leases

MOTION (5)

Mr. Cunningham MOVED to table this matter to the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

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

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(Cunningham)
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

3a. Animal Control Officer Interlocal Agreement

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that this agreement will bear no financial burden to East Lyme taxpayers in respect to any construction costs; Waterford is holding the \$212,800.00 that has been collected to-date through fundraising, and Waterford will incur any additional cost to for the construction. East Lyme and Waterford currently share one and a half ACOs and that will not change, and there will be certain operating expenses that will be split between the three towns. New London employs its own ACO. He noted that East Lyme and Waterford have been using the facility in New London since the building in Waterford closed about a year ago.

MOTION (6)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to change the word "Officer" to "Facility".

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

MOTION (7)

Mr. Seery MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the Towns of East Lyme and Waterford and the City of New London for the shared provision of Animal Facility Services.

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

3b. Non-Emergency Interagency Agreement

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein reported that this type of cooperative policing will apply only to the specific officers that have been appointed to the joint narcotics task force, and the specific officers that make up this narcotics task force will be cross sworn in through all the three towns. Town attorneys from all three towns have reviewed this agreement thoroughly. The focus of the task force is specific to narcotics and will not allow these officers full enforcement of all laws.

MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a Non-Emergency Interagency Agreement between the Towns of East Lyme and Waterford and the City of New London.

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

3c. Schedule Town Meeting

MOTION (9)

Mr. Seery MOVED the following call:

Notice is hereby given of a Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Lyme to be held on January 2, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. (E.T.) at the East Lyme Town Hall Upper Meeting Room for the following purposes:

1. To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$4,640,000 For The Construction Of Modifications And Upgrades To The East Lyme Well 1A And Well 6 Water Treatment Plant Project And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$4,640,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

2. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$4,640,000 For The Construction Of Modifications And Upgrades To The East Lyme Well 1A And Well 6 Water Treatment Plant Project And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$4,640,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

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

A copy of the proposed bond resolution is on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut, this 19th day of December, 2018.

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

3d. Agreement between the Town and the East Lyme Ambulance Association to add two overnight fire fighters.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that there is a critical need for having a full time, paid fire fighter during the overnight shifts, and that they have been discussing this possibility for quite some time. Flanders Fire Chief Bill Rix stated that the East Lyme Ambulance Association has agreed to pay the salary for these fire fighters, and the Town will pay for the benefits, for a three year period starting July 1, 2019. After 3 years, for year four and five, the Town will pay the salary and benefits of one of the fire fighters and the Ambulance Association will pay for the second fire fighter. The Ambulance Association has agreed to pay for both salary and benefits for these two fire fighters from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019, pending the signed contract.

3e. Senior Citizen tax relief

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that some taxpayers have asked him to look into a tax relief program for senior citizens in town. Mrs. Hardy reported that this subject has been discussed numerous times throughout the years but that no action has been taken. It was agreed that this matter would be researched and discussed again at a future meeting.

3f. Appointment to Commission

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Hardy stated that she met with Ms. Ostfeld to discuss this appointment, and that she full endorses Ms. Ostfeld's appointment to the Inland Wetlands Agency. Ms. Ostfeld is a 2006 graduate of East Lyme High School, and a Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at Wesleyan University. Mrs. Hardy is pleased to see former students, especially recent graduates, getting involved and giving their time to serve the community.

MOTION (10)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Rosemary Ostfeld as a member of the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term to expire on January 6, 2020.

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

3g. 2018 State Homeland Security Grant

MOTION (11)

Mr. Seery MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of East Lyme and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security regarding use of Federal Fiscal Year 2018 State Homeland Security Grand Funding and Custodial Ownership of Regional Assets in DEMHS Region 4.

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

4a. Ex-Officio Reports

Mr. Salerno reported that he has attended two planning meetings since the last Board of Selectmen meeting. The Green Valley Lakes application was approved. The Commission voted on its officers, and Kirk Scott and Larry Fitzgerald were voted to remain in their current positions. There was an application submitted for new roads in the Orchards with two new lampposts to be installed.

Mr. Dagle reported that at the Harbor Management meeting Steve Dinsmore and Don Landers were voted in as the officers, and they are still working on who has the authority to issue the leases in the harbor. It has been established that WELSCO will not be the regulator of the leases, so it needs to be determined if it will be Harbor Management or the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Seery reported that Parks and Recreation set their fees and that they raised a couple of the fees but most stayed the same.

4b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Nickerson reported that he has been appointed the Vice President of the CT Council of Governments (COG). He has recently sat in on a State DOT meeting to discuss several projects. One of the projects is the project to re-build the bridge over an unnamed brook at Lovers Lane and Heritage. This is going to be a major project that will impact traffic and travel for an extended period of time, but the bridge needs repair and has to be done sooner than later. The bridge on Route 156 around the East Lyme / Old Lyme line over the 4 Mile River will be re-built. It will be raised five feet and be arched top resolve the flooding issues on that river and in that area. There is a concern about the amount of time that the roadway is proposed to be closed, so the DOT is going to look at the plan and the options again and will be back with suggestions. The Niantic River Bridge is scheduled to be repaired and painted in 2019. We are negotiating with the DOT on how much of the Cini Park parking lot that they will be closing off during construction, but it is clear that the bridge will be closed for a period of this construction. The Town has been gifted three Friendship Benches that were built and decorated by our local Girl Scout Troop; be on the lookout for these benches downtown in the spring. These benches will be placed in our community to inspire kindness and friendship. The open house at the police department on Main Street was well attended. There is going to be an open discussion for current board and commission members on January 10th, and then a second public forum at ELHS on January 15th. The annual Breakfast with Santa and EL Rowing Association cookie sale was last weekend and once again a fun and successful event. The upcoming legislative session is about to begin, and he has been attending more CCM meetings in preparation. Please note the court ruling on the Water and Sewer capacity hearing for Landmark. The Water and Sewer Commission will be looking closely at our water capacity and what we have available. The 30th annual light parade was outstanding and a huge success with thousands of people in attendance. Happy New Year everyone!

5. Public Comment

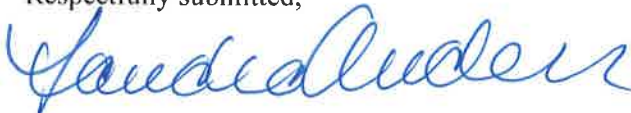
Mr. Mike Schultz, Lovers Lane, addressed the Board and stated that he hopes the bridge projects go better than the one on Route 156 by Upper Pattagansett. He hopes that the Board does approve a tax relief program for senior citizens.

MOTION (12)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the December 19, 2018, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:47 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary