

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

PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Rose Ann Hardy, Paul Dagle and Dan Cunningham
EXCUSED: Marc Salerno
ALSO IN ATTENDANACE: Gary Goeschel, Director of Planning and Bill Mulholland, Zoning Official.

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

1c. Delegations
There were none.

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

1d. Approval of Minutes
MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2018, as submitted.
Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0-1. Abstained; Mrs. Hardy.

1e. Consent Calendar
MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of December 5, 2018, in the amount of \$3,119.35.
Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 5-0.

2a. Fishing Dock Leases

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson reported that seven applications were received for the available fishing docks at Cini Park. It was noted that the current leases expire on December 31, 2018. He explained that there are currently four docks, one of which is locked in for a number of years and will be renewed automatically; and another that will not be re-leased at the moment due to upcoming work scheduled to be performed by the DOT on the bridge. This particular dock's lease will be addressed upon completion of the DOT's project. Mr. Nickerson recommended that he and two more Board members meet to review the applications; Mr. Dagle and Mr. Cunningham volunteered.

3a. Presentation from Land Use regarding the Climate Adaptation & Sustainability Study

DISCUSSION: Mr. Goeschel briefly explained what the Climate Adaptation & Sustainability Study is, and then he introduced Mr. Nels Nelson, Stantec, and Mr. Alex Felson, Ecopolitan Design. They reviewed the Outcome Report of the Coastal Resilience, Climate Adaptation, and Sustainability Study and presented a slide show to the Board of Selectmen. These documents can be reviewed by visiting the Planning Office at East Lyme Town Hall. Mr. Mulholland stated that the Zoning Commission recommends this study and that they have started advising clients of the changes recommended in this study and that they are working with the DEEP to work toward these standards. He reported that Victor Benni has already been working on an outreach program with residents in which they receive a discount on their homeowner's insurance for participating. Another way to begin getting the word out to residents is to have some information posted on our webpage. Regarding future funding; although these policies are not currently the industry standard, they will be over time and the best course of action would be for the Town to be proactive with homeowners and policies so that when the time comes everything will be in place and we will be ready to apply for any funding that might become available. Mr. Cunningham inquired about what to do about the pumping stations that will be in the adjusted flood zones, and it was reported that in Boston they are experimenting with building reinforced storm walls around the structures and raising the power up above the flood line, so there are options that will need to be explored. Regarding funding, it was reported that there should be funding available for municipalities; however, funding for individual homeowners may not be available. There are have been opportunities for homeowners that band together as a group to possibly

qualify for funding, but this will need to be investigated further. It was agreed that as much information as possible should be provided to homeowners in advance of any zone changes in order for everyone to be knowledgeable and prepared for such changes.

3b. Updated 2019 BOS Meeting Schedule
MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the updated 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting schedule.
Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 5-0.

4a. Mr. Cunningham reported that he attended the Board of Education meeting and they discussed possibly moving the Coastal Connections program to Central Office to save some money and for efficiency. The elementary schools project is going well some of the completed areas already have kids in the new classrooms.

4b. Mr. Nickerson reported that a public forum is scheduled for Monday, December 10th at 7pm at the East Lyme High School auditorium to present the proposed public safety complex project to the public. The task force has been working very hard to compile information and answers to many questions that the public has brought forth. If anyone has any questions regarding this proposal, please contact the First Selectman directly, or submit your questions to questions@eltownhall.com. All questions will be answered on the webpage and at upcoming public forums. A public tour of the current police department is being arranged and will be announced at the forum on the 10th. Important to note is that this current building has been properly maintained throughout the years but there are too many issues to make that property work as a long term solution. Mrs. Hardy inquired as to why the matter is coming up on the December 6th Zoning Commission agenda, prior to the public forum. Mr. Nickerson stated that it is important to get approval in advance from such commissions; if approval cannot be granted, then the Town would not pursue the property any further.

Mr. Nickerson stated that the annual Holiday Stroll was a successful event and well attended; great job by the Niantic Main Street Group in organizing another great event for our community and business owners. The annual Jingle Bell 5k will be held this Saturday with 8:30 registration and a 10am race start. This annual event is for a great cause, the Brian T. Dagle Foundation, and will be well attended again this year with 600 registrations already received. Saturday night is the annual Light Parade; this is the 30th year of this event and will begin this year with fireworks donated by Dominion at 6:00pm. On Sunday, the East Lyme Police Department will host its annual Stuff-A-Cruiser event from 1pm to 4pm; please bring your new, unwrapped toys to the Police Department on Main Street to bring some joy to those in need this holiday season. On Sunday night there will be a banquet to induct the fourth group of people into the East Lyme Sports Hall of Fame; please see the Parks & Recreation Department for tickets to this event.

5. Public Comment


Mr. Michael Beebe, 8 Point Road, is a current fishing dock leaseholder and inquired as to the process. It was explained that the applications will be reviewed before the next Board of Selectmen meeting on December 19th, and this matter will be on that agenda for discussion and possible action. If the Selectmen have any questions for the applicants, they will be in contact directly.

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the December 5, 2018, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:35 p.m.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary