

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2019  
MINUTES

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

EXCUSED: Marc Salerno and Rose Ann Hardy

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Finance Director Anna Johnson, Town Clerk Karen Galbo and Public Works Director Joe Bragaw

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in honor of the passing of long time Town Resident and Commission Member, Bill Mountzoures. Mr. Cunningham briefly honored the life and accomplishments of his Father-in-Law, and noted that he was a founding member of the Harbor Management Commission and active on that commission for many years. Mr. Mountzoures will be deeply missed.

1b. Additional Agenda and Consent Items

There were none.

1c. Delegations

There were none.

1d. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2019, as submitted  
Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 3-0-1. Abstained; Mr. Seery

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2019, as submitted  
Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of April 17, 2019, in the amount of \$8,270.04.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

2a. Codification of Ordinances

MOTION (4)

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Galbo stated that she and the Town Attorneys have been working closely with American Legal Publishing to update our book of ordinances and get them digitalized and online. She noted that no ordinances changed, and that the updates were housekeeping/organizational updates only. Added to the book will be a section entitled "General Provisions", which is what is before the Board tonight for approval. Mrs. Galbo explained that two dollars from each land record that is recorded for the Town is put into the budget for this purpose. She confirmed that they went out to bid and received three quotes from which to choose. Mr. Dagle inquired as to if the fees outlined in the General Provisions are in line with

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*Karen Galbo*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

State Statute, and Mrs. Galbo stated that our Town Attorneys reviewed and approved this document, and all legal aspects have been confirmed as valid and acceptable.

Mr. Seery MOVED that WHEREAS, the Town of East Lyme ("Town") publishes a book entitled "Charter, Ordinances and Special Laws" ("Ordinance Book") on a bi-annual basis, with the next edition to be published as of 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Town has contracted with American Legal Publishing ("ALP") to index and organize the 2018 edition, to be entitled the Town of East Lyme "Code of Ordinances" ("Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Code will contain the Charter and all existing Ordinances and special laws currently listed in the Ordinance Book, as well as those adopted or amended through the date the Code is published;

WHEREAS, ALP included in the draft Code a new section entitled "General Provisions," which sets forth definitions, rules of interpretation, and other provisions of general application regarding East Lyme ordinances and special laws; and

WHEREAS, the compilation and publication of the Code of Ordinances is an administrative function of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the "General Provisions" provide that the definitions set forth in particular Ordinances shall remain in effect and that particular provisions in Ordinances shall prevail over provisions contained in the "General Provisions".

IT IS RESOLVED, that the East Lyme Board of Selectmen hereby adopts this Resolution Regarding "General Provisions" of East Lyme Code of Ordinances.  
Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

#### 2b. Transfer Fees

##### MOTION (5)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bragaw stated that currently the Town pays transportation fees to get rid of bulky waste, such as mattresses and appliances; and the fees that the Town has charged residents are low and have not changed in quite a while even though our costs have significantly increased. Also, currently we offer double ground mulch to our residents for no fee, and this is very popular. We will continue to offer the mulch at no fee for residents that come and fill a bucket or their pickup truck bed themselves. If they have the Transfer Station guys use the machinery to load a pickup truck or trailer, they will be charged \$5.00 per load. For larger trucks, the new fee will be \$0.75 per 100 pounds of mulch. Mr. Nickerson made it clear that money collected for these services will go into the General Fund as revenue. These fees will go into effect on Monday, April 22, 2019.

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Transfer Station fees as submitted, to be effective on Monday, April 22, 2019.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

#### 2c. Town Meeting Call

##### MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery MOVED the following:

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at the East Lyme High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following:

1. To review and discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

a. In accordance with Chapter 7.3 of the Town Charter, the moderator shall adjourn the annual budget meeting to a referendum on the voting machines. The budget resolution will be submitted to the persons qualified to vote in a Town Meeting by Referendum by machine vote, which referendum shall take place on May 23, 2019 at the East Lyme Community Center from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

2. To adopt a Five Year Capital Plan.
3. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated at East Lyme, CT this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

3a. Ex-Officio Reports

Mr. Dagle reported that the Public Safety Vision Committee will meet again on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. They anticipate receiving the top five candidates from the RFQ review, and also to receive a status report from the Work Scope subcommittee. He reported that the State has approved the changes to our Harbor Management ordinance, which will be presented at an upcoming meeting for Board review and approval. Mr. Dagle reported that the Harbor Management Commission members are saddened by the passing of one of their founding members, Bill Mountzoures. Mr. Mountzoures dedicated a good deal of his life to supporting this commission and the Town as a whole, and he will be missed.

Mr. Cunningham reported that the Work Scope sub-committee took a tour of the Stonington Police Department, and they are planning a tour of the Ledyard Police Department next week. He stated that having these tours has been very helpful in determining the work scope for our renovation project.

Mr. Seery reported that the RFQ Review sub-committee has met and reviewed all of the RFQs that were received and have gotten the list down to five to present to the Vision Committee. Beach passes are now available from the Parks & Recreation Department. He stated that the fees increased for non-residents, and also a \$5.00 increase for resident passes; he noted that the price did not increase for senior citizens. Mr. Seery reported that the annual Niantic Boardwalk 5k is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>.

3b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Nickerson reported that the schools renovation project is on schedule and should be complete by Labor Day when the kids return to school. He noted that the re-districting is also scheduled to be in place when the kids return in the fall. Renovations to the new public safety building are scheduled to be complete by the end of the year or early into 2020. The Town will begin discussing next steps with Millstone for Brownstone Remediation at the main street property. The Costco project is underway and the plans for additional apartments will move forward. There are four major State DOT projects coming up; Route 1 near Lovers Lane, Exit 74 and bridge work, Niantic River Bridge, and the Four Mile River Bridge on Route 156. Fundraising for the Miracle League field continues, with some fun events coming up. The project to switch out the old water meters for the new digital meters will begin shortly. We have received a grant to study the stretch of road from the south of Industrial Park Road to Gorton Pond; it is hopeful that the road can be straightened to eliminate that dangerous curve, and to also put in sidewalks along this stretch. The bathrooms at Cini Park are in and ready to be installed as soon as the weather permits. Mr. Nickerson sends his condolences to the family and friends of Bill Mountzoures, and stated that Bill was a fine example of a man and he will be missed.

4. Public Comment

Mr. Mike Schulz, Lovers Lane, addressed the Board and asked for confirmation that the current water meters do not have the capability of being read remotely; it was confirmed that the current meters do not have that capability. Mr. Schulz stated that the salary line items in Town budget and the Board of Education budget do not line up and that the BOE employees are receiving much larger salary increases than comparable Town employees. He also reported that he estimates that 40% of our teaching staff have MBAs and are over qualified for these positions, and he feels that hiring teachers that are not over qualified will save money in salaries. Mr. Schulz stated that the Town should hire enough full time fire fighters and police officers so that will cut down on the amount of overtime paid out to these employees.

Mr. Ron Rando, 194 Boston Post Road, addressed the Board and stated that he is very pleased with the replacement of the water meters. He stated that he went walking around the Costco site looking for Indian rocks but could not locate any. Regarding waste management, should the existing plant shut down

he recommends using a local company, such as DW Transport for waste removal. Mr. Rando reported that he has heard that the schools renovation project is out of funds. He stated that all employees of the Town should punch a time clock.

6. Selectmen's Response

Mr. Nickerson stated that there are time clocks in every department and employees do punch in and out. Regarding the schools renovation project, he reports that the work is on time and on budget. There are items on the wish list, but this project will not have the extra funds to check any of those additional wish items off that list. Mr. Nickerson thanked Mr. Schulz for his time and research on the salary report that he gave, and admitted that there is a disparity between academia and municipal salaries, but that we cannot focus on the past but we can work toward a different future. Mr. Nickerson commended the hard work of all of our teachers and admits they do a great job and that we have a great school system.

MOTION (7)

Mr. Seery MOVED to adjourn the April 17, 2019, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 7:57 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson  
Recording Secretary