

TOWN OF EAST LYME
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2019

Gene Cushman, Town Meeting Moderator led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Cushman reviewed the ground rules for the Town Meeting, and assigned the Deputy Registrar of Voters as teller and checker.

Ron Rando, 194 Boston Post Road asked for a point of order stating that the Board of Finance Public Hearing that took place at the Middle School was illegal. There were people that spoke who are not taxpayers or voters. He recommended that the total amount that was cut that night be restored.

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

Mr. Cushman stated there will be no vote tonight on the budget; that we will go to Referendum on May 23rd.

Bill Weber, Chair of the Board of Finance reviewed the budget process, he stated that overall there was an increase of 2.52%, which is estimated at .84 of a mil increase. The Board of Finance decreased the Town's proposed budget by \$162,000, the Capital Expenditures were reduced by \$17,148, and the Board of Education's proposed budget was reduced by \$250,000.

Jeffrey Newton, Superintendent of Schools stated that 96.75% of the Board of Education budget is contractual. Their per pupil cost is \$16,487. Their budget cost drivers are security/safety, technology, special education, certified staff retirement, and health insurance increases.

Mark Nickerson, First Selectman, stated in response to Mr. Rando's point of order, that we got a legal opinion from the Town Attorney that the Charter was followed in regard to the Board of Finance Public Hearing. There were over 700 people at that meeting, and it is the Board of Finance's discretion who they listen to. In regard to a recent opinion piece in the Newspaper, he stated the Board of Finance did their job, we do not issue blank checks in East Lyme, he doesn't always agree with the Board of Finance, but they did their job. We have to strike a balance, they are volunteers and they are doing their very best. Towns are struggling, health insurance is through the roof, he thanked the Board of Finance and the Board of Education.

Mike Schulz, Lovers Lane stated the Board of Education and Board of Finance are doing a great job. Most people don't even know what they do. He stated binding arbitration can be the worst thing that can happen. 97% of the Board of Education budget is fixed. He asked why the Board of Education stipends are so high, he compared the increased of the Board of Education to that of the Town and they are three times as high. He also suggested the Town put the contracts on the website. If people keep wanting more money to go to the Board of Education then they should bifurcate the budget, have separate bills for the Town and the Board of Education.

Mr. Cushman closed discussion on this item.

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.

Motion (1) Kevin Seery moved to adopt Item 2.

Seconded by Marc Salerno.

Mr. Nickerson reviewed the Long Range Capital Plan (attached).

Motion (1) passed.

3. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Motion (2) Bill Weber moved to adjourn the meeting to a Referendum on May 23rd from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno.

Motion (2) Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Karen Miller Galbo
East Lyme Town Clerk**

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102	ASSESSOR												
	Revaluation (Full physical revaluation est cost \$478,925) est commencement date 7/2020	CNRE	2	130,000	130,000	0							\$260,000
				\$130,000	\$130,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$260,000
103	TAX COLLECTOR												
	Folding/Mailing Machine (Coordinate w/W&S)	GF	5		\$13,051	\$13,051	\$13,051	\$13,051					\$52,204
				\$0	\$13,051	\$13,051	\$13,051	\$13,051	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$52,204
105	ENGINEERING												
	CNRE (CAD Software & Survey Equipment) GF to CNRE	CNRE	3	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	\$25,000
	Ford Escape Acquisition Plan - Full Value (repl 2009 from FM)		3,5	23,000			25,000						\$48,000
				\$23,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$73,000
109	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY												
	Computer Equipment												
	Town-wide department replacement of computers	GF	3	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	\$100,000
	Town-wide replacement of servers	CNRE	3	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	\$50,000
	Total			\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$150,000
110	REGISTRARS												
	Laptop Computers for Electronic Voting Check-in	GF	2		8,000								\$8,000
				\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000
113	BUILDING MAINTENANCE												
	ELCC Front Vestibule	LoCIP	5	15,000									\$15,000
	ELCC Reseal and Restripe Parking Lot	LoCIP	3	20,000									\$20,000
	ELPD Station Improvements (if needed)	LoCIP	1	100,000									\$100,000
	Reseal Town Hall Parking Lot	LoCIP	1,3	10,000									\$10,000
	NFD Grand St - Parking Lot & septic system	LoCIP	1,3	65,000									\$65,000
	FFD, NFD, NFD2, OHG Repair/Replace Garage Doors	LoCIP	1,3	30,000									\$30,000
	Replace Flanders Fire Parking Lot	LoCIP	1,3	55,000									\$55,000
	Upgrade lighting at old highway garage	LoCIP	1,3	10,000									\$10,000
	F350 Utility Body Truck Replace EL 81	Acq	1,3				50,000						\$50,000
	HVAC Pump Replacement - Town-wide	CNRE	5	15,000	15,000	20,000	20,000	25,000	25,000	30,000	30,000	35,000	\$250,000
	Various Town-wide Roof Replacement	CNRE	5	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	\$100,000
	Total			\$330,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$80,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$705,000
117	PLANNING												
	GIS Upgrade				55,200								\$55,200
				\$0	\$55,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,200
118	FINANCE DEPARTMENT												
	Accounting Software (see town-wide below)												0
				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
136	HARBOR MANAGEMENT												
	East Lyme Harbor Management Plan												0

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			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
216	POLICE DEPARTMENT												
	Police Station				3,000,000	2,000,000							5,000,000
	Server Replacement												0
	Waterford Boat (Engine Replacement)	CNRE	8,000	8,000	8,000								24,000
	(4) Police Patrol Utility Vehicles & (1) Detective (Funded in CNRE full value - acquisition plan)	CNRE	170,000	135,000	140,000	145,000	150,000	155,000	160,000	165,000	170,000	175,000	1,565,000
													0
			\$178,000	\$143,000	\$3,148,000	\$2,145,000	\$150,000	\$155,000	\$160,000	\$165,000	\$170,000	\$175,000	\$6,589,000
217	NIANTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT												
	1992 Engine 1 (28 years old)	Bond		550,000									550,000
	Turn-out Gear 4 @ \$2,800 each	GF	11,200	11,200	11,200	11,200	11,200	11,200	11,200		11,200	11,200	100,800
	New Station									4,000,000			4,000,000
			\$11,200	\$561,200	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$4,000,000	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$4,650,800
218	FLANDERS FIRE DEPARTMENT												
	Replacement 50 year old building	Bond							3,000,000				3,000,000
	1993 -3D Fire Engine (Engine/Tanker)	Bond		700,000									700,000
	Five (5) SCBA 45 Minute Cylinders (\$1,300 each)	GF		6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	58,500
	Two (2) SCBA Packs	GF						13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	65,000
	Thermal Imaging Camera	GF	8,000							8,000			24,000
	Chiefs Vehicle	Acq	35,000										35,000
	Gear 4-full sets Structural Fire Fighting PPE @ \$2,800 each	GF	11,200	11,200	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,800	12,000	12,000	12,000	119,200
	Two-way radio/battery replacement	GF	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	50,000
	Assorted fire hose/appliance replacement	GF	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000				36,000
			\$65,200	\$728,700	\$29,500	\$29,500	\$29,500	\$36,500	\$3,043,300	\$44,500	\$36,500	\$44,500	\$4,087,700
224	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT												
	Radio System - New Antenna & Simulcast all System Antenn	GF		11,173									11,173
	Vehicle Acquisition Fire Marshal F250 Supercab	Acq	35,000					55,000					90,000
			\$35,000	\$11,173	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$101,173
226	ANIMAL CONTROL (ACO)												
			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
317	PUBLIC WORKS												
	Vehicles/Equipment per plan (full value)	Acq	350,000	360,000	290,000	455,000	170,000	235,000	320,000	500,000	252,000	365,000	3,297,000
	Snow Plows	GF		7,500		8,500		9,000			8,000		33,000
	Sidewalk Construction (Gorton Pond along Route 161)	Bond				1,000,000							1,000,000
	New Scale House, Loader Shed & Drainage Imp @ Trans Station	LoCIP	100,000										100,000
	Improve road infrastructure existing Town roads	Bond	950,000	930,000	750,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	6,830,000
	Maintenance of Town owned Dams (LoCIP)	LoCIP	20,000		10,000		10,000		10,000		10,000		60,000
	Town Owned Bridge/Culvert Repairs	LoCIP	20,000			20,000		20,000		20,000		20,000	100,000
													0

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			\$1,440,000	\$1,297,500	\$1,050,000	\$2,083,500	\$780,000	\$864,000	\$930,000	\$1,120,000	\$870,000	\$985,000	\$11,420,000
418	Commission on Aging Vehicle Replacement Acquisition Program (full value) ELCC Expansion	Grant		128,854			120,000						248,854
			\$0	\$128,854	\$0	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$248,854
420	LIBRARY Carpeting (30 years old) Library Expansion Project	GF	90,000				85,000						85,000
			\$90,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$85,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$175,000
421	PARKS & RECREATION Athletic Field Development/ Roxbury Road Park/Turf Field Re-lamp Athletic Lighting Peretz Park Expansion Maintenance Facility Peretz Park @ Bridebrook Synthetic Turf @ Peretz Park Fencing Replacement (LL Complex, Vets Park, Peretz Park) Picnic Pavilion McCook Addition Large Area Mower (1992 constant repairs) (acquisition) Total full value Acquisition Playscape - McCooks PH III Dog Park - Town Dog Park - Donations	Bond Bond Bond Bond Bond Bond Acq Acq Donations		250,000	150,000 750,000	85,000	150,000	65,000	0	35,000	40,000	25,000	0 250,000 150,000 750,000 150,000 50,000 95,000 789,000 30,000 50,000 0
			\$245,000	\$709,000	\$910,000	\$85,000	\$150,000	\$65,000	\$50,000	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$25,000	\$2,314,000
	Town-wide Projects CNRE Town Projects Town/BoE Accounting Software (maybe additional hardware costs) Dredging - Transient Mooring - Niantic River	CNRE Bond Bond	17,730 502,718	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000		817,730
			\$520,448	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$700,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$1,920,448
	TOTAL, TOWN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS		\$3,082,848	\$3,930,678	\$5,306,751	\$4,592,251	\$2,088,751	\$1,341,700	\$4,349,500	\$5,524,500	\$1,287,700	\$1,305,700	\$32,810,379
999	EDUCATION Telephone Upgrade - Middle School Main Parking Lot Repavement - Middle School Sidewalk Repairs - Middle School/High School Maintenance Vehicle Acquisition High School - (see separate schedule for detail) Middle School - (see separate schedule for detail) Flanders - (see separate schedule for detail) Lillie B. Haynes- (see separate schedule for detail) Niantic Center - (see separate schedule for detail) Pool - (see separate schedule for detail)	CIP/Bond	40,867 30,000 50,000	50,000	645,995 248,700 250,000 300,000	150,000	50,000		50,000	1,250,000		400,000	40,867 30,000 50,000 150,000 1,044,695 1,549,960 400,000 300,000 754,688 135,000
				135,000		754,688							135,000

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Maintenance - (see separate schedule for detail)	GF	Per Schedule			50,000								50,000
Central Office - (see separate schedule for detail)		Per Schedule		150,000									150,000
Districtwide- (see separate schedule for detail)		Per Schedule		238,000	155,000	100,000	100,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000		933,000
2019-2020 Technology Plan			220,000	220,000	220,000	220,000	220,000						1,100,000
Elementary School Proposed Construction (initial bonding)				10,000,000	10,250,000	10,050,000							30,300,000
TOTAL, BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS			\$340,867	\$11,488,955	\$11,473,700	\$11,274,688	\$370,000	\$85,000	\$1,385,000	\$85,000	\$485,000	\$0	\$36,988,210
TOTAL TOWN & EDUCATION REQUESTS			\$3,423,715	\$15,419,633	\$16,780,451	\$15,866,939	\$2,458,751	\$1,426,700	\$5,734,500	\$5,609,500	\$1,772,700	\$1,305,700	\$69,798,589

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FUNDING SOURCES:													
	Town		\$141,400	\$1,134,824	\$63,751	\$72,251	\$148,751	\$66,700	\$64,500	\$54,500	\$65,700	\$65,700	1,878,077
	BOE												
	Grants			128,854			120,000						
	Bonds & Notes		1,682,718	12,430,000	14,900,000	13,650,000	1,200,000	600,000	4,900,000	4,600,000	1,000,000	600,000	55,562,718
	Capital & Nonrecurring Fund		355,730	408,000	283,000	285,000	290,000	300,000	305,000	315,000	320,000	230,000	3,091,730
	Capital & Nonrecurring Fund (LoCIP)		445,000	0	10,000	20,000	10,000	20,000	10,000	20,000	10,000	20,000	565,000
	Other Funds		798,867	1,867,955	1,523,700	1,839,688	690,000	440,000	455,000	620,000	377,000	390,000	9,002,210
	TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED		\$3,423,715	\$15,969,633	\$16,780,451	\$15,866,939	\$2,458,751	\$1,426,700	\$5,734,500	\$5,609,500	\$1,772,700	\$1,305,700	\$70,099,735

Note:

Items to be added
 20/20 Buidling Improvements

Public Works Vehicles:

Hook Truck with rolloff (Department 317)	40,000	\$185,000
F350 w/8'bed & compartments (General Foreman) Dept 724		55,000
F550 w/mech util body & crane (Mechanics) Dept 724		110,000
TOTAL		\$350,000