

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 1, 2019  
MINUTES

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

EXCUSED: Rose Ann Hardy

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Finance Director Anna Johnson and Town Engineer Bill Scheer

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

1b. Additional Agenda and Consent Items

There were none.

1c. Delegations

Mr. Ron Rando, 194 Boston Post Road, stated that people are driving way too fast on Boston Post Road and he would like to see more police presence in the evenings. He requested that the executive session be held at the end of the meeting so as not to hold up any public present. Regarding the Board of Finance Public Hearing on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Rando stated that according to Section 6.1.4 of the Town Charter only qualified voters should be allowed to speak at a public hearing. He feels that allowing the children to speak at this recent public hearing should void the meeting and require another to be held to allow all qualified voters to speak on the budget. He also would like to see time limits enforced.

Mr. John Drabik, 18 Drabik Road, also cited Section 6.1.4 of the Town Charter and stated that the public hearing did not allow actual qualified voters to speak. He also disagrees with the Superintendent's decision to send a letter out to parents requesting that they come to the meeting and speak, and he requested that the Board of Selectmen look into this and also at how the public hearing was run and enforce the charter. Mr. Drabik also spoke against the Costco project and stated that the town should not be spending money it doesn't have at this time. He stated that he had witnessed a Board of Education truck plowing a private driveway, and Mr. Nickerson stated that if someone witnesses something like that, they need to report it immediately and with details.

1d. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that the annual town meeting call needs to be amended with the correct start time of 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Seery MOVED to amend a previously approved meeting call and update the start time for the May 13, 2019, Annual Town Meeting to 7:30 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2019, as amended

Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0-1. Abstained; Mr. Salerno.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of May 1, 2019, in the amount of \$1,571.12.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

FILED IN EAST LYME  
CONNECTICUT  
MAY 2 2019 AT 1:54 AM/PM  
BROOK SALERNO ATC  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

2a. Approve Bonding – Water & Sewer

MOTION (4)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that this project has been in the planning stages for quite a while and it will replace all of the water meters with remote meters. This will enhance billing services, eliminate the need for physical onsite meter reading, and will allow leaks to be detected right away. This project is funded by ratepayers and is already built into their rates.

Mr. Seery MOVED that the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$2,318,492 For The Replacement Of Residential And Commercial Water Meters And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,318,492 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the Board of Finance and the legal voters of the Town at Town Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

2b. Scheduled Town Meeting – Water & Sewer Bonding

MOTION (5)

Mr. Seery MOVED that:

Notice is hereby given of a Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Lyme to be held on May 15, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. (E.T.) at the East Lyme Town Hall Upper Meeting Room for the following purposes:

1. To consider and take action on the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$2,318,492 For The Replacement Of Residential And Commercial Water Meters And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,318,492 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, and
2. 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 1st day of May, 2019. By the EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

2c. Executive Session

It was decided to enter into executive session as the last item under new business.

2e. Ratify Department Transfers - \$53,314.98

MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery MOVED to ratify departmental transfers in the amount of \$53,314.98 processed for fiscal year end June 30, 2019 and to forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

2f. Contingency Transfer to BOF Recording Secretary - \$850

MOTION (7)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appropriate and transfer \$850 from account 01-01-120-200-500 (Contingency) to account 01-01-126-100-413 (PT Clerical Recording Secretary BoF) and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

2g. Contingency Transfer to Debt Service - \$2,033.16

MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appropriate and transfer \$2,033.16 from account 01-01-120-200-500 (Contingency) to account 01-50-522-620-638 (Debt Interest – 12 New GOB) and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

2h. Transfer from Fire Marshal to Dispatch Overtime - \$9,524

MOTION (9)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve a transfer in the amount of \$9,524 from account 01-25-224-100-213 (PT Fire Marshal) to account 01-25-215-100-214 (Dispatch Overtime) and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

2i. Transfer from Fire Marshal to NFD Part-time FF - \$6,000

MOTION (10)

Mr. Seery MOVED to transfer up to \$6,000 from account 01-25-224-100-213 (PT Fire Marshal) to account 01-25-217-100-612 (PT Firefighter) and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

2j. Transfers – Various Depts for Health Insurance - \$211,900

MOTION (11)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve a transfer in the amount of \$211,900 from the accounts noted on purchase order number 19-01732 to account 01-01-114-100-127 (Health/Dental Care) and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

2k. Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals – Mike Foley

MOTION (12)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Mike Foley, 37 Stones Ranch Road, to serve as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of East Lyme through January 3, 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

2c. Executive Session – Police Contract

MOTION (13)

Mr. Seery MOVED that the Board members enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Police contract.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:05 p.m. They returned at 8:28 p.m. and Mr. Seery stated that no formal votes were taken.

2d. Police Contract

MOTION (14)

Mr. Seery MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to enter into the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of East Lyme and the East Lyme Police Local No. 2852, Council 15, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, dated July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION (15)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve a transfer in the amount of \$39,006 from account 01-01-120-100-500 (Town Payroll Pending PR Change) to the following accounts:

01-25-216-100-511	(Police Officers)	\$31,907
01-25-216-100-513	(Foot Patrol/Parade Duty)	518
01-25-216-100-514	(Police OT)	6,150
01-25-216-100-515	(OT-Boat Duty)	431

and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

3a. Ex-Officio Reports

Mr. Dagle reported that the two subcommittees to the Public Safety Building Vision Committee have been hard at work completing their respective charges. The RFQ subcommittee has narrowed the choices down to four and will present these to the Vision Committee at their next meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Cunningham reported that the Work Scope subcommittee will be meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> to finalize their report, which will be ready to present to the Vision Committee at the next meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Salerno reported on the Town Building Committee and the schools renovation project, and stated that of the \$3 million contingency, \$1.7 million has been spent. This project will complete right on budget or it is possible that they may need to scale back or eliminate some items.

3b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Nickerson reported that May 2<sup>nd</sup> is a National Day of Prayer, and our local churches will be gathering at Liberty Green at 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. to celebrate. This Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> is the yearly Hazardous Waste Day at our Field Services Building on Colton Road. Please call Public Works or visit the [eltownhall.com](http://eltownhall.com) webpage for more information. The budget referendum will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Center from 8am until 8pm. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Brookside Farm Museum will hold its annual plant sale at Town Hall in the pavilion. The real estate closing for the purchase of the Honeywell building is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>. All of the due diligence inspections and all of the financing is in place and ready to move forward. Mr. Nickerson stated that Mrs. Hardy has been very missed but that she is doing well and is expected to be back attending meetings soon.

4. Public Comment

There was none.

5. Selectmen's Response

Mr. Nickerson stated that he would consult with the Town Attorney on Mr. Drabik's and Mr. Rando's inquiries on how the Board of Finance public hearing was run.

MOTION (16)

Mr. Seery MOVED to adjourn the May 1, 2019, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:42 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson  
Recording Secretary