

TOWN OF EAST LYME
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 2019

Recorded July 12 2019
11:35 ^(AM) PM Karen Miller Galbo
East Lyme Town Clerk

Gene Cushman, Town Meeting Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dan Cunningham led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karen Miller Galbo, East Lyme Town Clerk read the Call of the Town Meeting and stated that said notice, had been posted on the Town signpost, published in The Day Newspaper, and recorded in the Town Clerk's Office.

Mr. Cushman discussed the rules of the Town Meeting in accordance with Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes

1. To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$950,000 For The Rehabilitation Of Various Town Roads And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$950,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

The Town Clerk confirmed that the communications were received. A copy of which is attached hereto.

2. To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$830,000 For Various Capital Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$830,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

The Town Clerk confirmed that the communications were received. A copy of which is attached hereto.

3. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$950,000 For The Rehabilitation Of Various Town Roads And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$950,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

Motion (1) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item 3.

Seconded by Marc Salerno.

Mark Nickerson, East Lyme First Selectman stated this is not new borrowing; they are now spending money that the Town already approved. This is for our ongoing road improvement program, as it is important to keep up the condition of the roads.

Jason Halvorsen, 21 Sapia Drive, stated this seems pretty broad; it is already affected in the Mil Rate?

Mr. Nickerson stated yes.

Bruce Moulthrop, 71 Quarry Dock Road, asked what roads were included with this.

Bill Scheer, Deputy Director of Public Works replied they will be working on Green Cliff, South Ridge, Stonecliff, Ichabod, Memorial Park Drive, Sleepy Hollow, Morris, Mackinnon, Seebeck, Maplewood, Marion, Jean, Black Oak, Heritage, Colonial, Sunrise Trail, Pattagansett Drive, Islanda Court, and Charter Oak Drive. For Oswegatchie Hills Road they will come back in September with new asphalt and will re-do the aprons.

Mr. Halvorsen asked what the interest rate is on the Bond.

Anna Johnson, Finance Director stated once it is authorized they will get bids for the bonds, but it will probably be 2-3%.

Item 3 Passed.

4. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled “Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$830,000 For Various Capital Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$830,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”.

Motion (2) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item 4.

Seconded by Paul Dagle.

Mr. Nickerson stated that once again this is a group of Capital Improvements that were approved by the voters. This includes fences at Vets Park, and at Peretz Park. Accounting Software for the Town and Board of Education that has been suggested by our Auditors, Parking lot at East Lyme Middle School, Sidewalk Repairs at East Lyme Middle School, and High School. This is already factored into the Mil Rate.

Item 4 Passed.

5. To approve the transfer of \$8,000 in general fund budget account 01-70-724-700-464 (PS Police Equipment) to CNRE Fund 32 to an account to be established titled, “Engine – Waterford/EL Police Boat”.

Motion (3) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item 5.

Seconded by Paul Dagle.

Mr. Nickerson stated the CNRE is a savings account. This was inadvertently put into the General Fund and not the CNRE. What we are asking to do is to take it from the General Fund to the CNRE Savings Account.

Item 5 Passed.

6. To approve a special appropriation for the following projects in CNRE Fund 32 which are consistent with the 2019/20 Capital Improvement Plan:

<u>CNRE - Municipal Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Town Projects (Roofs)	\$10,000
HVAC Replacement Town-wide	15,000

Town Projects - Various	17,730
Town-wide Servers	5,000
Revaluation	130,000
Waterford/EL Police Boat (Engine Replacement)	8,000
TOTAL	\$185,730

Motion (4) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item 6.

Seconded by Dan Cunningham.

Mr. Nickerson stated the \$130,000 for the revaluation is being put into CNRE because the revaluation is coming up and the State makes us do it every 5 years, and an actual physical revaluation every 10 years.

Mr. Halverson asked about the revaluation process, it is State mandated, but the Town has to pay for it?

Mr. Nickerson stated yes, it is an unfunded mandate.

Mr. Halverson asked how they arrived at \$130,000.

Mr. Nickerson stated it will cost about \$430,000 in about a year; they have been saving money for it.

Mr. Halverson asked how that would affect next year's Mil Rate.

Mr. Nickerson stated that number won't make much of a change in the Mil Rate.

Item 6 Passed.

Motion (5) Kevin Seery moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Seconded by Dan Cunningham.

Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Karen Miller Galbo
East Lyme Town Clerk**