

**EAST LYME WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019
MINUTES**

The East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at the East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT. Acting Chairman Seery called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:21 PM immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing.

PRESENT: Kevin Seery, Acting Chairman, Dave Bond, Steve DiGiovanna, Dave Jacques, Dave Murphy, Joe Mingo, Carol Russell, Roger Spencer

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Harry Heller, representing the applicant
Attorney Edward O'Connell, Town Counsel
Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director
Brad Kargl, Municipal Utility Engineer
Ben North, Municipal Utility Engineer

FILED

July 29 2019 AT 10:00 AM/PM

Karen Hulm
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

ABSENT: Mark Nickerson, Chairman, Dave Zoller

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Chairman Seery called the Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission to order at 7:21 PM immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing. The Pledge was previously observed.

2. Approval of Minutes

▪ **Public Hearing Minutes – June 25, 2019**

Mr. Seery called for a motion or any discussion or corrections to the Public Hearing Minutes of June 25, 2019.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of June 25, 2019 as presented.

Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

▪ **Regular Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2019**

Mr. Seery called for a motion or any discussion or corrections to the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2019.

****MOTION (2)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2019 as presented.

Mr. Jacques seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

3. Delegations

Mr. Seery called for delegations.

Charles Samperi, 39 Green Cliff Drive asked the Commission to consider the feasibility of sewer availability to the Sleepy Hollow subdivision as the homes there are aging.

Mr. Seery suggested that he contact Mr. Kargl with the request, noting that it was not something that he could answer or discuss under Delegations.

4. Consider Allocation of Sewer Capacity for Pazz & Construction

Mr. Seery called for comments from Mr. Kargl.

Mr. Kargl said that he would have to see the new plan for the re-allocation of the units that are not in the sewer shed area.

Mr. Jacques asked if there is any concern about the delineation of the line.

Mr. Kargl noted that as Attorney Heller had said it was a broad line that was indicated and something that they will have to contend with for interpretation.

Mr. DiGiovanna asked if the 35,400 was a verified number.

Mr. Kargl said yes, it came through his office.

Mr. Murphy asked about the assessment.

Attorney O'Connell said that it would be a supplemental benefit assessment.

Attorney Heller said that procedurally he would like to have them re-open the Public Hearing to receive the revised map with the line so that it is a part of the record.

****MOTION (3)**

Ms. Russell moved to rescind the motion to close the Public Hearing and to re-open it.

Mr. DiGiovanna seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

The Public Hearing remains open.

5. Billing Adjustments

There were none.

6. Approval of Bills

Mr. Seery called for a motion on the Well 1A/6 Treatment Project bill.

****MOTION (4)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve payment of the following Well 1A/6 Treatment Project bill:

Tighe & Bond, Inv. #061997130 in the amount of \$19,105.71.

Mr. Spencer seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 - 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Seery called for a motion on the Water Main Improvement bills.

****MOTION (5)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve payment of the following Water Main Improvement bills: Jack Farelly Co. Inv. #S1185139.001 in the amount of \$7988.88; Jack Farelly Co. Inv. #S1185139.002 in the amount of \$12,800.00; Jack Farelly Co. Inv. #S1185932.001 in the amount of \$375; Jack Farelly Co. Inv. #S1185714.001 in the amount of \$4920.55; and B & L Construction Inv. #74605 in the amount of \$6301.44.

Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Mr. Kargl noted that the butterfly valve came in a bit lower. They have not received the bill for the night work yet and that may come in a bit more. He noted that the project went very well and the utility people stayed throughout to make sure there were no issues.

Vote: 8 - 0 – 0. Motion passed.

7. Finance Director Report

Ms. Johnson reported that they still have some encumbrances from the previous fiscal year. Also, both accounts are healthy lately.

8. Water Budget Carryover of \$6,869 from FY18-19 to FY 19-20

Mr. Bragaw explained that this request was being made so that they could correct an issue at the Chesterfield Pump Station so that they do not have to turn the interconnect on and off manually instead of automatically. They were not sure that they would have the money for it so it was put on the back

burner. They have ended the year with the money to do this and he is requesting that they carry it over to use for this purpose.

****MOTION (6)**

Mr. Murphy moved to carry over \$6,869 from FY18-19 Contingency Account #07-01-300-930-999 to FY 19-20 Account #07-01-300-920-220 Interconnection.

Mr. DiGiovanna seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

9. Water Project Updates

- **Well 1A and 6 treatment Plan Modifications and Upgrades – Continued discussion of bid results and recommended actions**

(Note: Mr. Jacques recused himself from discussion on this item and left the meeting)

Al Wells, Tighe & Bond explained that Mr. Kargl said that they would like to re-bid the project. They will modify or greatly reduce the work restriction and deduct the alternates so that it would give flexibility to those wishing to bid. This would also allow for a bid date in the early fall which would hopefully mean that some companies would have more time and be able to bid thus allowing for better pricing. He said that the deduct process is competitive.

Mr. Mingo asked if they were doing the 2A project.

Mr. Kargl said that they are not sure at this time.

Ms. Russell asked if the Board of Ed and Parks & Recreation are on board with all of this.

Mr. Kargl said yes, they met with them and they have a better understanding and are more relaxed about it.

Mr. Wells noted that this moves this project out six months which should work out much better.

MOTION (7)

Mr. Murphy moved to authorize the Chair of the Water & Sewer Commission to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Engineering Bidding and Construction Phase Services Relative to Well 1A and Well 6 Water Treatment Project, hereby amending the Agreement in the amount of \$579,500 by \$28,600 to a revised cost of \$608,100 in order to modify the bid documents and rebid the project subject to Department of Public Health Approval.

Mr. DiGiovanna seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

(Mr. Jacques returned to the meeting and was seated)

- **Well 2A – Mn Action Level**

Mr. Kargl noted that they are operating on a limited basis on the weekends with DPH approval in order to satisfy the new requirements.

- **Flanders Road / Gateway Water Main Tapping Sleeve Repair**

This had been discussed earlier.

10. Correspondence Log

There were no comments.

11. Chairman's Report

Mr. Seery noted condolences to Mr. Nickerson whose relative had passed on in Boston.

Mr. Seery also announced that he had just become a grandfather.

Mr. Murphy asked if there was any further information on Sound view in Old Lyme.

Mr. Seery said no.

Mr. DiGiovanna noted that they would be a part of the pump station here,

Mr. Bragaw said that they know that they will share in a great part of that.

12. Staff Updates

a. Water Department Monthly Report

Mr. Kargl noted that he had provided them with two months of reports as promised.

b. Sewer Department Monthly Report

There were no comments.

13. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Murphy asked again that they discuss setting up a subcommittee for the upcoming Tri-Town Agreement.

Mr. Bragaw asked that they also add to the upcoming agenda action on the meter deposit refund.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Seery called for a motion to adjourn.

****MOTION (8)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to adjourn this Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission at 8:05 PM.

Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary