

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2019  
MINUTES

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

EXCUSED: Rose Ann Hardy and Marc Salerno

ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Anna Johnson, Niantic Fire Chief John Dwire, and Flanders Fire Chief Bill Rix

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., and stated that although the Pledge of Allegiance was performed at the Town Meeting, it is appropriate to do it again in honor of the first responders present.

1b. Additional Agenda and Consent Items

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery MOVED to add an agenda item to be heard after 2c. to appoint Mr. Jim Rice to the Cable TV Advisory Board.

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

1c. Fire Fighter Recognition

Mr. Nickerson stated that it is an honor and a privilege to have all of the Fire Fighters in attendance tonight to take part in this new tradition for the Town. Tonight will be the first official public badge pinning of new fire fighters, as well as a recognition ceremony for all of the full time fire fighters. He then introduced the two Fire Chiefs, Bill Rix for Flanders Fire Department and John Dwire for the Niantic Fire Department. Chief Rix introduced the Town's 10<sup>th</sup> full time Fire Fighter, John Forier, and invited his family up to officially pin his badge on his uniform. Chief Dwire introduced the Town's 11<sup>th</sup> full time Fire Fighter, Christopher "CJ" Leindecker, and his family was invited up to officially pin his badge on his uniform. Mr. Nickerson and the other Board Members congratulated these men, and Mr. Nickerson expressed his gratitude to all of our fire fighters and the families that support them; our community is grateful for their service and protection. Mr. Nickerson then presented proclamations to the following fire fighters to honor their service and dedication to the Town: William Allen III, 27 years of full time career service; Dave Connolly, 37 years; Bill Haylon, 2 years; Tom Redden, 2 years; William G. Rix, 37 years; Ed Waido, 19 years; and Miles Worthington, 15 years. Mr. Nickerson closed the ceremony by thanking everyone and their families for their support and dedication, and noted that he appreciates the strong working relationship between the two fire houses, and looks forward to continuing and improving this tradition.

Mr. Nickerson called for a short recess at 8:14 p.m. Everyone returned and Mr. Nickerson called the regular meeting back to order at 8:17 p.m.

1d. Delegations

State Representative Holly Cheeseman, 16 Mitchell Drive, Niantic, gave a brief update on what has been going on in Hartford. She reported that they were in special session on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July to finalize some issues that were not addressed before the session ended. She stated that she expects that they will be called back into special session to address the Governor's veto on a bill regarding pay for restaurant workers; and she will be back to give an update. She reminded everyone that the \$0.10 per plastic bag fee will go into effect on August 1<sup>st</sup>, and also that the bridge work on Route 1 in the area of Lovers Lane and Heritage Road is underway and is expected to go on through November so be ready for delays and detours. Ms. Cheeseman stated that she feels very blessed to live in a community such as ours, and thanked all of our first responders for their service to our community.

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1e. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2019, as submitted.  
Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2019, as submitted.  
Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 4-0.

1f. Consent Calendar

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of August 10, 2019, in the amount of \$4,517.59.

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

2a. Discussion and Possible Action – Harbor Management Ordinance and Plan

DISCUSSION: Attorney Collins stated that as per the discussion at the Public Hearing, she will work with the Harbor Management group on getting the minor changes that were discussed in place. They will be back with the final document at an upcoming meeting for the Board to review the final document.

2b. Departmental Transfers – \$47,909.68

MOTION (5)

Mr. Seery MOVED to ratify departmental transfers in the amount of \$47,909.68 processed for fiscal year end June 30, 2019 and to forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

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

2c. Appointments

MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Mark C. Nickerson of 15 Jean Drive, East Lyme, Connecticut, and Carol Russell of 4 Bramble Bush Drive, Niantic, Connecticut to serve as members of the SECT Water Authority (SCWA) through September 1, 2021.

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

MOTION (7)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that Mr. Rice reached out to him after seeing a call in our quarterly Volunteer Corps Newsletter for members. There is a need for one more member, which is slated to be filled by the Board of Education. He will work closely with Mike Mainz to see that the remaining empty seat on this Board is filled.

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Joseph X. Rice of 468 Main Street, Apt #209, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a member of the Cable TV Advisory Board through January 3, 2022.

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

2d. Appointment – Attorney Willetts to Check Indices

DISCUSSION: Mr. Seery noted that Attorney Willetts has been doing this task for many years, and the Town is very grateful and appreciative of his continued service to the town in this capacity.

MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery RESOVED to appoint Attorney William Willetts, Jr. to examine the indices of the land records for calendar year 2019 in accordance with CGS Section 7-14 for the sum of \$2,000.

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

3a. Ex-Officio Reports

Mr. Dagle reported that the Public Safety Vision Committee is scheduled to meet next week so he will have a report at the next meeting.

Mr. Cunningham reported that the Historic Properties Commission has been concentrating on working together in concert with the other historical commissions to strive to all work together on a common goal. They are also working on new fundraising ideas.

3b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Nickerson reported that our summer band series is well underway at McCook's with music on Wednesday's on the beach and Friday's at the band shell. The weather has been great, and the town had two plays run last week, one at the high school and one at the band shell. He attended a ceremony in honor of Bob De Santo, who has dedicated his time and effort to the Town for over 25 years, and has been pivotal in the East Lyme Public Trust throughout the years. Mr. Nickerson attended a ribbon cutting at the Aces High Campground; and although this is not a new business in town, the woman who has been managing the campground has recently taken ownership. He thanked the members of the Harbor Management Commission et al for all of their hard work in getting the Harbor Management Plan and ordinance updated. Mr. Nickerson thanked all of the fire fighters and their families for coming out tonight, and that it was an honor to have them here to recognize them for their hard work and dedication. He stated that he is scheduled to attend the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Niantic Community Church on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> at McCook's; and noted that they will also be having a special service on Sunday morning also. He had a proclamation prepared for the occasion and read from it giving a brief history of the church and how it came to be. The annual kayak regatta, hosted by the Friends of Oswegatchie Hills and Safety the River Save the Hills, will be held on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The Rotary Club's annual waffle ball tournament will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> at Bridebrook. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Oysterfest will be held this year on October 12<sup>th</sup>, and it will be a little different this year in that there will be no cover charge. There are bands, fun, food and activities planned; stay tuned for more details.

Mr. Seery reminded everyone that the triathlon will be held this Sunday morning so to expect delays along the route and play ahead please.

4. Public Comment

There was none.

5. Selectmen's Response

There was none.

MOTION (9)

Mr. Seery MOVED to adjourn the August 7, 2019, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:34 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson  
Recording Secretary