

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2019
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Rose Ann Hardy, Marc Salerno, Daniel Cunningham and Paul Dagle

Mr. Nickerson opened the Public Hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance entitled "Ordinance Modifying The Ordinance Concerning The Board of Police Commissioners" at 7:15 p.m. He stated that he caused the Notice of Public Hearing to be posted on the signpost, and that it was published in *The Day* on October 25, 2019. Mr. Nickerson asked if anyone from the public would like to speak on this matter.

Mr. Mike Shulz, Lovers Lane, East Lyme, addressed the Board and congratulated the Board Members for their re-appointments to the Board of Selectmen and thanked them for their service. Mr. Shulz stated that he has some reservations with this modification of ordinance. He does not disagree with the First Selectman being removed as the Police Chief, but he is not comfortable with the Police Commission not having an elected official. He feels that the Police Department offers the most significant services to the community, and he would like an elected official to oversee that department. He stated that he feels like the Police Commission has total authority over the Police Department, and that the Chief has no authority, and he inquired if the Chief is a voting member of the Police Commission. He stated that by Charter, the First Selectman hires and fires all Town employees, so he does not understand why the Police Commission would have the authority to hire or fire Police Department personnel.

MOTION (1)

Motion by Mr. Seery to close the Public Hearing of November 6, 2019, at 7:23 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary

FILED

NOV 7 2019 AT 10:28 AM/PM
Karen Gulm
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK