

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2019
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Rose Ann Hardy, Marc Salerno, Paul Dagle and Dan Cunningham
ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Anna Johnson and Chief of Police Mike Finkelstein

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1b. Additional Agenda and Consent Items

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery MOVED to add agenda item #5a to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing property transactions and negotiations.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

1c. Delegations

Michelle Williams, member of the Planning Commission and Chair of the POCD, addressed the Board of Selectmen and stated that the POCD is working on required updates that are due by the end of 2020 in order for the Town to stay compliant and eligible for possible programs and grants. The last updates were performed in 2009. She reported that they have targeted a number of key stakeholder groups and have reached out to them directly in order to inform the public of the online survey available for feedback through the end of December. A preliminary timeline was communicated: at the end of January will be an open forum to discuss the results of the survey with results being communicated by the end of spring; they anticipate presentation to the Board of Selectmen by the end of August; and final results and the required updates turned into the State by December 1, 2020.

1d. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2019, as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 6-0.

1c. Consent Calendar

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of December 18, 2019, in the amount of \$1,952.86.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2a. Special Appropriation – Police Department K9

MOTION (4)

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein reported that the East Lyme Police Department instituted the K9 program in 2003, and it has been an asset to the police as well as our community and our mutual aid partner communities. This past fall we lost both of our K9 officers; Jimo passed away and Knox was retired. The Police Department feels that the K9 program is important to the Town and would like to continue by purchasing two new K9 and assigning Handlers. Chief Finkelstein explained that approval is needed before he can start looking for a K9; and before that, a Handler should be chosen first as that Officer will be involved in the search for and purchase of that K9. All Board of Selectmen members agreed that this is an important program for the Town.

FILED

Dec 30 2019 AT 3:20 AM (PM)

Wm Finkelstein
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Mr. Seery MOVED to appropriate and transfer \$4,250 from contingency account 01-01-120-200-500 (Contingency) to an account to be established titled, "Police K9" and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 6-0.

2b. Schedule Town Meeting – Wells 1A and 6

MOTION (5)

Mr. Seery MOVED:

TOWN OF EAST LYME NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Lyme to be held on January 8, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. (E.T.) at the East Lyme Town Hall Upper Meeting Room for the following purposes:

1. To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled "Resolution Amending A Resolution Appropriating \$4,640,000 For The Construction Of Modifications And Upgrades To The East Lyme Well 1A And Well 6 Water Treatment Plant Project And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$4,640,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

2. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "Resolution Amending A Resolution Appropriating \$4,640,000 For The Construction Of Modifications And Upgrades To The East Lyme Well 1A And Well 6 Water Treatment Plant Project And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$4,640,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

3. 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 18th day of December 2019.

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Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

2c. Cini Park Fishing Dock Leases

DISCUSSION: Mr. Salerno reported on behalf of the sub-committee working on this matter and stated that they met prior to the regular meeting. It was agreed that additional information would be requested from all applicants, and that this subcommittee would meet again on January 8, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.

2d. Ex-officio Appointments for 2020

DISCUSSION: The Board members agreed that their ex-officio assignments would remain the same as last year, so no further discussion or action was taken.

2e. Authorize the First Selectman to Sign Check Registers

MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery MOVED that the Board of Selectmen delegates to the First Selectman and upon the absence or disability of the First Selectman, to the Deputy First Selectman, the Board's obligation to sign the orders of the Board of Selectmen on the Town Treasury for payment of regularly budgeted expenses of the Town, with exception of those of a capital nature over \$50,000 where bids are required; and further that the signed orders, covering the period subsequent to the previous regular meeting of the Board, be presented at each regular meeting of the Board for review. In the absence of the First Selectman and his Deputy, the First Selectman may delegate the obligation to sign the orders of the Board of Selectmen to the Second Deputy First Selectman for payment of the expenses of the Town.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2f. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

MOTION (7)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Peter Harris, 5 South Ridge Road, Niantic, as a member of the Niantic River Watershed Board with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Todd Donovan, 23 Sandpiper Lane, East Lyme, as a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (9)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Charles Fenick, 78 Riverview Road, Niantic, as a Lifetime Member Emeritus on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (10)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Joseph Perkins, 55 Carriage Hill Drive, Niantic, as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (11)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Stephen Rebelowski, 24 Mackinnon Place, East Lyme, as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (12)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Carol Russell, 4 Bramble Bush Drive, Niantic, as a representative on the SECT Water Authority with a term to expire on January 3, 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (13)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Mark Nickerson, 15 Jean Drive, East Lyme, as a representative to the advisory board of the SECT Water Authority with a term to expire on January 3, 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (14)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Thomas Como, 12 Bobwhite Lane, East Lyme, as a member of the Town Building Committee with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (15)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Peter Baril, 17 Sea View Avenue, Niantic, as a member of the Water Assessment Board of Appeals with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (16)

Mr. Salerno MOVED to appoint Kevin W. Seery, 33 Smith Street, Niantic, as a member of the Water Assessment Board of Appeals with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (17)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Wayne Blair, 4 Hillside Avenue, Niantic, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (18)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint David Schmitt, 6 Clarks Lane, Niantic, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (19)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Kevin Mace, 25 Pattagansett Drive, East Lyme, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

3a. Ex-Officio Reports

Mr. Dagle reported on the Inland Wetlands Agency, stating that they considered two applications at their meeting; one for proposed activity on North Bridebrook and the second for proposed activity on Roxbury Road. At the Harbor Management Shellfish Commission meeting it was reported that the scallop season opened on Sunday and it will remain open until January 15, 2020. Mr. Dagle reported that the Harbor Management Plan is undergoing some minor revisions and that the Plan will come before the Board in the near future for approval. There was preliminary discussion on the potential future possibility of opening up the whole bay for shell fishing, as well Pattagansett and Black Point estuaries. It was reported that they are looking into possible zoning concerns at Marker 7 Marina. They discussed that the Board of Selectmen will be taking the lead as the licensing agent for the East Lyme portion of the Niantic River for commercial shell fishing leases going forward. He reported that they are on track with their budget, and that they do not anticipate any changes in the budget for next fiscal year. They approved an application to take oysters from the Pattagansett Estuary for the purpose of conducting a study by a federal agency. Regarding the Public Safety Building Vision Commission, they are scheduled to meet again in the first week of January and should have the construction drawings in hand before that meeting. Agreed that the sally ports and cells will be added as a bid alternate delete; that portion of the bid can be deleted if we decide not to move forward with it. Also requested bid alternates for elevators and any identified structural upgrades, if the modification application for the State of Connecticut is not approved. They are hoping to have bids in by the end of February/beginning of March, at which time we will have a better idea of costs and then it will come before the Board of Selectmen. Mrs. Hardy noted that the agreement with Waterford Police Department is expiring on June 30th and they need to be mindful of that time frame; Mr. Nickerson stated that he has had preliminary conversations with them regarding the possibility of extending that agreement for a short period if we are not ready to move in by the agreement term expiration. He noted that they have a very limited amount of space so this is a discussion that will need to be had to work it out.

Mr. Salerno reported on the Planning Commission and stated that they appointed Kirk Scott as Chairman and Michelle Williams as Secretary.

Mrs. Hardy reported that at the Natural Resources Commission meeting there was some discussion, and concerns were expressed, regarding the shell fishing/oyster operations that are currently going on.

3b. Mr. Nickerson stated that we have had some minor yet impactful winter storms so far, which have cancelled school and impacted our overtime budget due to the timing of the storms. He reported that they annual holiday light parade was postponed a day and held on Sunday because of the rain on Saturday, and that it was a successful event with lots of people in attendance. He thanked Dominion for their donation of fireworks, which were blown off to start the parade this year. Mr. Nickerson reported that another approximate \$80,000 was raised for the Miracle at their fundraising gala, and that they are scheduled to break ground in the spring. He thanked Dave Putnam for all of his hard work in leading this effort and organizing all of the fundraising events for the construction of this field. Mr. Nickerson reported that Governor Lamont has announced that there will be funds available for an open space grant, and that Gary Goeschel will be working on that. He thanked all of the Town employees for their hard work and dedication and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday and new year.

4. Public Comment
There was none.

5. Selectmen's Response
There was none.

5a. Executive Session

MOTION (20)

Mr. Seery MOVED to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing property transactions and negotiations.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:22 p.m. They returned at 9:24 p.m. and Mr. Seery stated that no formal votes were taken in executive session.

MOTION (21)

Mr. Cunningham MOVED to adjourn the December 18, 2019, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 9:25 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary