

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2020
MINUTES

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

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. and stated that the Pledge of Allegiance was done at the beginning of the special meeting.

FILED

1b. Additional Agenda and Consent Items
There were none.

1c. Delegations
There were none.

1d. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2020, as submitted.
Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of February 19, 2020, in the amount of \$12,399.18.
Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2a. Continued Discussion and Possible Deliberations on the Budget.
There was no discussion or deliberations on the budget.

3a. Ex-Officio Reports

Mr. Seery reported that at the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting they discussed the necessity to increase the parking rates to reflect the new Connecticut State sales tax being imposed on public parking fees. The new 6.35% tax imposed on the existing parking fees will be passed on to the residents. This new tax does not apply to walk in visitors, just parking.

Mr. Dagle reported that the Public Safety Building Vision Committee voted to go out to bid and expect to do so by the end of next week with a return date sometime by the end of March. There will be a bidder's conference scheduled for some time around the second week in March. Once all of the bids have been received, a subcommittee will be assigned to hold the public meeting to open the bids and review them. That subcommittee will then bring their feedback and recommendations to the full vision committee, who will in turn bring their findings to the Board of Selectman. Mrs. Hardy asked for the status of the second floor. Mr. Dagle stated that the second floor will remain unoccupied, but that the IT equipment room will be housed on the second floor and will be equipped with a non-water fire suppression system.

Mrs. Hardy stated that she would like to see WJ Tree Service remain the contractor of choice for the Town. Although the Town updated the purchasing plan and now requires three bids, Mrs. Hardy stands firm on her belief that local businesses should get first priority even if their bid comes in a little higher than an out of town contractor. Specifically as it related to the tree removal, she stated that WJ Tree Service has been performing this function for the town for 30 years and she feels strongly that in this case they should

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continue to be the contractor of choice. Mrs. Hardy stated that this is an example of ex post facto which says that new laws cannot apply to people operating before the new law was passed.

3b. Selectmen's Report
There was none.

4. Public Comment
There was none.

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to adjourn the February 19, 2020, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary