

**EAST LYME BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2020  
Via Zoom Meetings**

**Members in Attendance:** Camille Alberti, Chairperson  
Ann Cicchiello, Vice-Chairperson  
John Birmingham  
Peter DeRosa  
Anne Santoro  
Richard Steel

FILED

Sept 22, 20 20 AT 10:00 AM/PM  
Brooke Horvath AIC  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**Also In Attendance:** Mark Nickerson, First Selectman  
Anna Johnson, Finance Director

**Absent:** No One

**A. Call Regular Meeting to Order**

Chairman Alberti called this Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Finance to order at 7:04 PM. She noted that all members were present.

**B. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

**C. New Business**

**a. Bonding Resolution – Additional \$985,000 for PSB Project**

Ms. Alberti said that she would like a motion and second on the floor before any discussion.

**\*\*MOTION (1)**

Ms. Cicchiello moved the Resolution (See Attached – was read into the record)

Ms. Santoro seconded the motion.

Ms. Alberti called for comments from each member.

Ms. Santoro said that she was pleased that by using the FEMA money that they were able to reduce the need to borrow. The \$985,000 is much less of a request than the \$2.2M. This also allows for not having to piece meal the project.

Mr. DeRosa said that he is thrilled that they are here at this point – the task force spent man, many hours working on this and forwarding it to the Vision Committee who spent many, many more hours on it. The FEMA money removes some of the burden from the taxpayers. He is glad that they are at this point and looks toward it moving forward.

Mr. Steel said that he agrees with what has been said and added; that because of the time this has taken, he hopes that there is a way to get the police into the building as soon as possible as they need to be out of their current conditions.

Ms. Cicchiello said that her main focus has been to reduce the burden on the taxpayers. She is excited to have this move forward to a referendum and have the townspeople able to voice their opinion on this project.

Ms. Alberti thanked all of the public safety personnel in our Town and all that they do. She said that she is not in favor of de-funding this as we all have been hearing that many other Towns are doing. They are here tonight after other funding was moved forward and she thinks that at this point they have been as transparent as possible and that there will be a referendum for the people to weigh in on this. Additionally, she noted that while she personally is not in favor of this plan project and would have preferred to have a new building in

another location even though it would have cost \$10M to \$12M. However, she said that she will vote to move this forward so that it can go to referendum for the people to vote on it.

Ms. Johnson noted that in the resolution that was read that it should be changed to read at a Special Town Meeting adjourned to referendum. (See attached copy) And – even though it says a Special Town Meeting there will not be one it will be cancelled due to the Covid and it will go straight to referendum.

Ms. Cicchiello accepted the amendment to the motion.  
Ms. Santoro also accepted the amendment to the motion.

Mr. Steel noted that there is curbside voting for the general election and asked if there could be curbside voting for the referendum also.  
Wendi Sims, Registrar said that absentee balloting was not extended to the referendum so yes they will make curbside voting available.

Mr. Steel asked if there will be public notice of that such as – on the marquees in Town, etc.  
Ms. Sims said yes, they would try to make it more known and more widely advertised.

Ms. Alberti asked if she was correct that there was a BOS special meeting for September 21, 2020.  
Mr. Nickerson said yes, that was correct and that it had one (1) call on it with two (2) questions – for the \$1.2M (FEMA funds) and the \$985,000 bonding.

Ms. Santoro asked Ms. Johnson if she had a revised set of numbers on the mil rate increase dollars based on the \$985,000 vs. the \$2.2M.  
Ms. Johnson said that they already bonded \$3M this August and they will bond another \$2M in August of 2021 and if passed, the \$985,000 in the following August. They are looking at \$5,985,000 as the full amount of bonding and this would equate to a home assessed at \$250,000 seeing an additional \$44.25 increase; a home assessed at \$350,000 an additional \$61.96 and a home assessed at \$450,000 an additional \$79.66.

Ms. Alberti called on each member for their vote –  
Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Ms. Alberti thanked everyone for all of their hard work on getting them to this point.

#### **D. Public Discussion**

Ms. Alberti called for public discussion.

Dan Price, Vision Committee member said that he appreciated sending this for the Town to vote and thanked them for getting here.

#### **E. Board Comments**

There were none.

#### **F. Adjournment**

Ms. Alberti called for a motion to adjourn.

#### **\*\*MOTION (2)**

Ms. Santoro moved to adjourn this Special Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Finance at 7:32 PM

Mr. DeRosa seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,  
Recording Secretary

Motion(1)  
by Ann Cicchiello

**RESOLVED:** That the resolution entitled “Resolution Amending A Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$5,000,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction, Equipping And Furnishing Of A Public Safety Building And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$5,000,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.” As per Section 1 of the resolution, The resolution entitled “Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$5,000,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction, Equipping And Furnishing Of A Public Safety Building And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$5,000,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, adopted at a referendum held February 20, 2019 (the “Resolution”) is hereby amended to increase the amount of each of the appropriation and the bond authorization set forth therein by \$985,000 from \$5,000,000 to \$5,985,000. Said resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the legal voters of the Town at a Special Town Meeting <sup>adjourned to referendum.</sup> ~~called by the Board of Selectmen.~~ We waive reading the resolution in its entirety; a copy has been and will continue to be available for inspection in the Town Clerk’s office.

2nd  
Anne Santoro  
as amended

Attachment

Bot Special mtg. 9/17/20