

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
MINUTES

This meeting was held via Zoom online meeting services and was available for the public to view, listen and participate via videoconference and dial-in options.

This meeting, in its entirety, is available to view by visiting the East Lyme Town Hall webpage.

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

First Selectman Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Delegations
There were none.

3. Resolution adopting the resolution to increase the appropriation and bond authorization by \$985,000 (the original resolution was for \$5,000,00) for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing of the public safety building.

Mr. Seery stated that at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on September 16, 2020, the following resolution was adopted:

Mr. Seery MOVED 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 Board of Finance and the legal voters of the Town at a Special Town Meeting. 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.

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

Mr. Nickerson stated that as part of the bonding procedures, this adopted resolution should become part of the September 21, 2020 meeting records.

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4. Schedule a Special Town Meeting/Referendum to increase the appropriation and bond authorization by \$985,000 (the original resolution was for \$5,000,000) for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing of the public safety building.

Mr. Seery stated that this agenda item will be addressed together along with agenda item #6.

5. Special Appropriation - \$1,200,000 from FEMA Fund Reimbursements to be appropriated to the Public Safety Building Project.

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery MOVED that a special appropriation in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing of the Public Safety Building, the source of funds being FEMA reimbursements from Storm Sandy and Storm Irene, is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the legal voters of the Town at a Special Town Meeting.

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

6. Schedule a Special Town Meeting/Referendum to approve the appropriation of \$1,200,000 from FEMA Fund Reimbursements to be appropriated to the Public Safety Building Project.

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED that (A) the First Selectman be authorized and directed to call a Special Town Meeting to be held on October 1, 2020, Via Zoom at 7:30 P.M. (ET), to consider (i) 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" and (ii) the resolution for a special appropriation in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing of the Public Safety Building, the source of funds being FEMA reimbursements from Storm Sandy and Storm Irene, (B) said items be removed from the call of the Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters at a referendum vote to take place at the East Lyme Community Center on October 1, 2020, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., in accordance with Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, (C) there being no other business before such Special Town Meeting, that such Special Town Meeting be cancelled, and (D) the First Selectman be authorized and directed to publish a Notice of Referendum stating the questions to be voted upon as follows:

"Shall 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' adopted by the Board of Selectmen on September 16, 2020, be approved?"

and the form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution amending the resolution to increase the appropriation and bond authorization by \$985,000 (the original resolution was for \$5,000,000) for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing of the public safety building, be approved? YES/NO"

"Shall the resolution for a special appropriation in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing of the Public Safety Building, the source of funds being FEMA reimbursements from Storm Sandy and Storm Irene, adopted by the Board of Selectmen on September 21, 2020, be approved?"

and the form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution for a special appropriation in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing of the Public Safety Building, the source of funds being FEMA reimbursements from Storm Sandy and Storm Irene, be approved? YES/NO"

The vote will be by optical scan voting machine. Those in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval "YES" under such question. Those not in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval "NO" under such question. Absentee ballots will be available at the office of the Town Clerk as provided by law.

The warning of the referendum shall state that the full text of the proposed resolution is on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

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

Mr. Nickerson stated that the referendum will be held on October 1, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the East Lyme Community Center. Registered voters and property owners of property assessed at \$1,000 or more are eligible to vote at this referendum. Absentee Ballots will be available between September 25th and October 1st for pick up only, and cannot be mailed in. The Secretary of State confirmed that the current executive orders regarding voting and COVID does not apply to referendums, so only the standard absentee ballot reasons will be accepted for in person absentee ballot submission. The Town Clerk confirmed that we cannot mail out the absentee ballots, but voters can mail their ballot back. The Registrars will be providing curbside voting for anyone not comfortable with going into the Community Center. All registered voters please come out and vote.

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to adjourn the September 21, 2020, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 7:47 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted By:



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary