

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2020
MINUTES

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

First Selectman Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery MOVED to add agenda item #7a to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate and personnel matters.

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

1c. Delegations

Mr. Joe Mingo, 397 Boston Post Road, East Lyme, wished the Board of Selectmen and everyone listening a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Irvine Steel, 23 Rose Lane, East Lyme, expressed dissatisfaction with the First Selectman.

1d. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2020, as submitted.

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

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of November 18, 2020, in the amount of \$4.96.

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

2a. Expenditure from Parahus Account – Senior Center Bus

MOTION (4)

DISCUSSION: Ms. Wilson explained that the Senior Center applied for and received a grant to purchase a new vehicle through the F.T.A. 5310 Grant program. The vehicle is a 12 passenger, 2 wheelchair accessible vehicle which will replace a 2009 similar vehicle currently in operation. This was approved by the Board of Selectmen on October 2, 2019; approved by the Board of Finance on October 9, 2019; and then at Town Meeting on November 6, 2019. At all meetings it is noted in the minutes that the difference would be covered by the Parahus Account. "COA DOT 5310 Bus" as follows: \$55,200 from the Connecticut Department of Transportation 5310 Grant and to transfer the town's share in the amount of \$13,800 from Fund 32 account number 32-70-300-500-100 (Town Project Allocations). At the October 13, 2020, Commission on Aging meeting, the Board approved the expenditure of \$7,971 from the Parahus Account to make up the difference between the final price of the vehicle (\$76,971) and the amount approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

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Mr. Seery MOVED to authorize the use of \$7,971 from the Parahus account for the difference between the final cost of \$76,971 and the previously authorized amount of \$69,000 of new Senior Center vehicle. Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2b. Appointment to a Board/Commission – Inland Wetlands Commission

MOTION (5)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson reported that there was a resignation on the Inland Wetlands Agency, and that an alternate, Doreen Rhein, has expressed interest in moving into that open position. Mr. Cunningham noted that Jason Deeble had also expressed interest in moving out of an alternate position should another vacancy become available. Mr. Nickerson explained this will leave an opening for an alternate on this commission, and that we should address this opening at the next meeting in order to give all applicants a chance to submit their information.

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Doreen Rhein, 5 Irvingdell Place, East Lyme, as a member of the Inland Wetlands Agency with a term to expire on January 8, 2024. Ms. Rhein is currently an alternate member of the IWA.

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

3a. Cini Park Fishing Dock Leases

MOTION (6)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Salerno reported that the subcommittee met last week and devised a set of criteria that the Board will use to assist in reviewing the applications choosing the final lessees. Mr. Nickerson stated that there is a good chance that the fourth dock will not be released back to the town by the DOT because they do not like having the dock sit directly underneath the bridge. He stated that there may be room for negotiations with the State and other options to consider, such as creating more transient dock area, but that is something that they will have to look into further. The Board reviewed the selection criteria, voted on the final application form, and instructed the Selectmen's assistant to send out the application to the list of interested parties and advertise the openings to the public. Applications can be requested by calling the First Selectman's office at 860-691-4110, by email at sanderson@eltownhall.com, or stop in Monday-Friday from 8am until 4pm to pick up a hard copy. Applications must be received in the First Selectman's office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2020. Mr. Seery MOVED to accept the selection criteria as presented by the Subcommittee and amended by the Board.

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

4. Communications

There were none.

5a. Ex-Officio Reports

Mr. Seery reported that the Parks & Recreation Commission met and started working on their 2021/22 budget. He announced that Carol Rossiter will be retiring on June 30, 2021.

Mr. Dagle reported that the Town Building Committee held their kick-off meeting with Noble Construction, and he stated that construction has begun at the public safety building and that things are going smooth. They anticipate a mid to end of June completion of this project. Mr. Dagle reported that the East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission has been working on the boundary dispute with Waterford, and he thanked Mr. Nickerson for working with Waterford's First Selectman during these discussions. He stated that they are looking for a place to store the boat for the winter where they will have quick access to it, preferably indoors. Regarding the Inland Wetlands Commission, he reported that they voted to increase the regulations to 300 feet from 100 feet, which is less than the 500-foot setback that was originally proposed. He reported that the public hearing for the Harvest Christian Fellowship project was continued to gather information from the opposing adjacent property owners.

Mr. Salerno reported that the Library has been working on their budget and are looking at about a 2% increase in their budget for the upcoming year. The Planning Commission passed the POCD at their last meeting, and also continued a couple of items related to subdivisions.

5b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Nickerson reported that the porch project at the Brookside Farm Museum is complete. The annual Holiday Stroll downtown will take place this year on Saturday, November 30th from 11am until 7pm; come downtown to enjoy a day full of socially distanced activities including caroling, food trucks and lots of holiday cheer. On Saturday, December 12th from 5pm until 8pm the annual light parade will happen at McCook's Point Park; this year the spectators will drive through and enjoy the floats which will be parked. Thank you to the Parks and Recreation Department for modifying this event to make it work during the pandemic.

6. Public Comment

Mr. Kyle Douton, J&B Tackle Company, addressed the Board and thanked them for accepting applications and working on new criteria for the rental of the available docks. He suggested that if the DOT does not allow the fourth dock under the bridge, the Town might consider making this a transient area for loading and unloading.

7. Selectman's Response

Mr. Nickerson thanked Mr. Douton for his suggestion on creating a transient area on the docks, and he stated that they are looking into this. He noted that the town currently does allow for transient on and off loading, but that if the dock is permanently removed from service we will look into a more permanent solution.

7a. Executive Session

MOTION (7)

Mr. Seery MOVED to enter into executive session at 8:23 p.m. for the purpose of discussing real estate matters and personnel matters.

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

MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery MOVED to exit executive session at 9:14 p.m., and he stated that no formal votes were taken.

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

MOTION (9)

Mr. Seery MOVED to adjourn the November 18, 2020, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 9:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted By:



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary