

TOWN OF EAST LYME
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 23, 2021
MEETING MINUTES

Recorded June 28 20 21
1:40 ^{AM} ~~PM~~ Dawn Miller Galbo
East Lyme Town Clerk

Moderator, Eugene Cushman, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the East Lyme Town Hall.

Mr. Cushman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karen Miller Galbo, East Lyme Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting, stating it had been posted on the signpost, published in The Day and recorded in the East Lyme Town Clerk's office.

Moderator stated the ground rules of the Town Meeting.

1. To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$680,000 For The Acquisition Of A New Fire Engine And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$680,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

Karen Galbo confirmed that the communication was received.

2. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$680,000 For The Acquisition Of A New Fire Engine And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$680,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

Motion (1) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item 2.

Seconded by Rose Ann Hardy.

Mark Nickerson, First Selectman stated this is to replace a 31 year old pumper truck. The Fire Chief is here if anyone has any questions about the truck itself. This has been vetted by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

Item 2 passed.

3. To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$850,000 For The Rehabilitation Of Various Town Roads And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$850,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

Karen Galbo confirmed that the communication was received.

4. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "Resolution Making An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$850,000 For The Rehabilitation Of Various Town Roads And Authorizing The

Issuance Of \$850,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”.

Motion (2) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item 4.

Seconded by John Birmingham.

Mr. Nickerson stated this is to repair roads. The town has 120 miles of road and we have to maintain them.

Item 4 Passed.

5. To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled “Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,017,000 For Various Board Of Education Capital Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,017,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”.

Karen Galbo confirmed that the communication was received.

6. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled “Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,017,000 For Various Board Of Education Capital Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,017,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”.

Motion (3) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item 6.

Seconded by Dan Cunningham.

Michael Mondello of 12 Black Oak Drive stated it is difficult to get on the Board of Education Agenda, his wife was called a racist and an anti-semitite by a member of the Board of Education. He feels it is unbelievable what is going on over there. He is very upset because of what they did to his wife and daughter. He thinks we should not approve this as money is the only control we have over the Board of Education.

Fredricka Gunther of 123 Pennsylvania Avenue stated she will vote against this item. The Board of Education has not been responsive. The Board of Education is also supporting Critical Race Theory and she feels these radical groups are going to be involved in the school system with curriculum and hiring. She is disappointed with the East Lyme Board of Education. People need to be more aware of what is going on.

Jeffrey Newton, Superintendent of Schools discussed what items were included with this \$1,017,000.00.

Rose Ann Hardy, Overbrook Road asked Mr. Newton if any of this money is going toward the cause that Mr. Mondello and Ms. Gunther were discussing.

Mr. Newton stated no.

Mrs. Hardy asked how their concerns might be addressed?

Mr. Newton said he would be happy to meet with them to discuss.

Mr. Mondello stated these items should be paid for out of the Board of Education's fifty million dollar budget.

Richard Waterman, of 11 Lake Avenue Extension stated he was a teacher for thirty years. Recently he came upon a document from 2015 which was approved by the CT Department of Education, he would like it presented to the Board of Education that allows Towns to develop curriculum which meets the needs of every child.

Item 6 Passed.

7. To consider and act upon a special appropriation for the following projects in CNRE Fund 32 which are consistent with the 2021/22 Capital Improvement Plan:

<u>CNRE - Municipal Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Town Projects (Roofs)	\$10,000
HVAC Replacement Town-wide	15,000
East Lyme/Waterford Boat Motor	8,500
Town-wide Sidewalk Repairs	10,000
Town-wide Servers	5,000
Revaluation	85,380
CAD Software & Survey Equipment	4,000
TOTAL	\$137,880

Motion (4) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item 7.

Seconded by Holly Cheeseman.

Mr. Nickerson stated these items are all in the budget that was voted on at Referendum in May.

Item 7 Passed.

8. To consider and act upon a special appropriation in the amount of \$85,000 to be used as follows: \$60,000 Town-wide Parking Lot Repairs/Resealing, \$15,000 Maintenance of Town owned Dams and \$10,000 Town Owned Bridge/Culvert Repairs with the source of funds being the LoCIP program in accounts to be established titled with the State project number. These projects are consistent with the 2020/2021 Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion (5) Mr. Nickerson moved to amend this item to read Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

Seconded by Kevin Seery.

Motion (5) Passed.

Mr. Nickerson stated this is money that we send to Hartford, they send a portion back to us.

Motion (6) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item 8.

Seconded by Holly Cheeseman.

Motion (6) Passed.

9. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Motion (7) Kevin Seery moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Seconded by Dan Cunningham.

Motion (7) Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Miller Galbo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

**Karen Miller Galbo
East Lyme Town Clerk**