

**TOWN OF EAST LYME
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2022
MEETING MINUTES**

Moderator, Eugene Cushman, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the East Lyme Town Hall, and 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 Newspaper and recorded in the East Lyme Town Clerk's office.

Moderator stated the ground rules of the Town Meeting.

1. To consider and act upon a special appropriation and transfer in the amount of \$12,500 from CNRE Fund 32 account 32-70-300-500-999 (Town-wide Projects) to an account to be established titled, "Pump-out Boat".

Motion (1) Holly Cheeseman moved to approve Item 1.

Seconded by Anne Santoro.

First Selectman, Kevin Seery stated we had originally approved this item while using ARP Funding, that was done erroneously. That amount was returned to the ARP Money. Waterford is also giving this amount toward the boat. This will allow us to get the boat and keep the river clean.

Deb Moshier-Dunn spoke to support approval of this item, see attached.

Item 1 Passed.

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

Motion (2) Anne Santoro moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Seconded by William Weber.

Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Miller Galbo
East Lyme Town Clerk

Recorded March 3 2022
9:20 ^{AM} PM Karen Miller Galbo
East Lyme Town Clerk



**East Lyme Town Meeting - Please Vote Yes for the Pumpout Boat!
March 2, 2022**

Save The River-Save The Hills has requested \$12,500 from the Town of East Lyme (as well as \$12,500 from the Town of Waterford), for a shared percentage with DEEP for a new boat for our 20-year-old Pumpout Program. We are desperately in need of a new boat. This past season it was necessary to use our 20-year-old retrofitted back-up boat as an emergency vessel due to the loss of the main pumpout boat, which was deemed inoperable (“unseaworthy”) by our insurance company, due to a partial sinking while at dock in the Fall of 2020.

DEEP has allowed us to use the old vessel only on a temporary basis. We have received estimates for a new Pumpout boat of around \$100,000. The boat will have to have specifications to allow it to be not only in the calmer river, but also in the Niantic Bay which is part of the territory our boat services. The \$12,500 will be used as a required match to the DEEP 75% funding for the new boat. The boat manufacturers are asking for 50% upfront and 50% when delivered. DEEP will only grant us the money after the boat is delivered. The two town’s donation will allow us to order the boat with matching STR-STH donations and membership funds.

For your consideration: The STR-STH Pumpout program staff have collected over 25,000 gallons of sewage from boats on the Niantic River and Bay during the two COVID Pandemic seasons (May to November 2020-21). Our service continues to be FREE for any boaters in the Niantic River or Bay.

Our Communities are blessed with the wonderful Niantic River Estuary for fishing, swimming, skiing and all related boating experiences. STR-STH’s Pumpout Program has been instrumental in helping to keep the Niantic River healthy for the towns of East Lyme and Waterford. Indeed, Fred Grimsey’s persistence in creating this program 20 years ago allowed DEEP to close the entire coast of CT to dumping as the Niantic embayment was the last to have a Pumpout Program. Please help us in keeping this critical program alive.

Thank you to the town for continuing to be strong advocates for the health and safety of the Niantic River!

Sincerely,

STR-STH Board