

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 1, 2022

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

Town Attorney, Edward O'Connell 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 in the amount of \$25,000 to CNRE fund 32 and establish an account titled, "JAG Grant Projects," and authorize said purchase from Star Computers.

**Motion (1) Anne Santoro moved to approve Item 1.**

**Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.**

Kevin Seery, First Selectman stated this is Grant money we have received and because of the amount and manner it was received it has to go through the Town Meeting process. There are two installments to this and we are guaranteed to get both.

**Motion 1 Passed.**

2. To consider and act upon a special appropriation in the amount of \$70,000 from CNRE Fund 32 account number 32-70-300-500-999 (Town-wide Projects) and establish an account titled, "NBB Concrete Repairs" more specifically for the structural and cosmetic repair of the concrete cracks on the Niantic Bay Boardwalk.

**Motion (2) Anne Santoro moved to approve Item 2.**

**Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.**

Mr. Seery stated the type of concrete used on the Boardwalk was used for strength and durability, but it does get surface cracks. This treatment will seal it and will be done at both ends of the Boardwalk. This is money that we received from Super Storm Sandy.

**Motion 2 Passed.**

3. To consider and act upon a special appropriation in the amount of \$15,200 for the evaluation of the permeability of the exterior of the new public safety building, provide solution options, a cost estimate, and the production of construction plans and specifications to an account to be established in the project Fund 57 titled, "PS Building Masonry Repair" source of funding to be from Bond and Note Sale Premium Funds.

**Motion (3) Anne Santoro moved to approve Item 3.**

**Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.**

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Mr. Seery stated when the roof repairs were finished they were still getting water inside where the cinder block is. It is somewhat porous and the architect did say this could be a problem. This is for an expert to review it and come back with recommendations so this is done correctly.

Robert Vancour of 107 South Beechwood Road asked who inspected this building before we bought it. Why are we now paying extra to fix problems?

Mr. Seery stated the inspections were done by town employees after we retained the architect and after the Referendum to purchase the building.

Mr. Vancour stated he hopes the same people are not allowed to do further inspections.

**Motion 3 Passed with one (1) Nay vote.**

4. To consider and act upon a special appropriation in the amount of \$23,000 from CNRE Account 32-30-400-700-999 PWD – Reserve to replace the existing engine in one of the Town's garbage truck (76EL).

**Motion (4) Anne Santoro moved to approve Item 4.**

**Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.**

Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works stated we have 2 spare garbage trucks, one of those is a good truck, but the engine died. Once this is fixed it should last another 5 or 6 years.

Mr. Seery stated this money in CNRE is set aside for projects such as this.

**Motion 4 Passed.**

5. To consider and act upon a special appropriation in the amount of \$30,489 in CNRE Fund 32 to account 32-30-400-700-999 titled, PWD Reserve for future allocation for Publics Works Department equipment.

**Motion (5) Anne Santoro moved to approve Item 5.**

**Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.**

Mr. Seery stated this is to replenish money to CNRE that we received from Storm Isaiah.

**Motion 5 Passed.**

6. To consider and act upon a special appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 in CNRE Fund 32 to an account to be established titled, "Affordable Housing Planning Grant" for the grant awarded by the State Department of Housing for professional consulting and technical services to update the Plan of Affordable Housing.

**Motion (6) Anne Santoro moved to approve Item 6.**

**Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.**

Mr. Seery stated this is a \$15,000 Grant to review the Plan, they have identified a company and this is to move it to the account to fund the study.

**Motion 6 Passed.**

7. To consider and act upon a special appropriation in the amount of \$70,284 in CNRE Fund 32 for the purchase of a new 16 passenger and 2 wheelchair bus to be utilized at the Senior Center – Delivery expected late 2022 / early 2023 - to account number 32-40-400-700-702 "COA DOT 5310 Bus".

**Motion (7) Anne Santoro moved to approve Item 7.**

**Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.**

Mr. Seery stated this money is in CNRE for this bus, it is a 16 passenger bus that also holds two wheelchairs.

**Motion 7 Passed.**

8. To consider and act upon a special appropriation in the amount of \$12,421 in CNRE Fund 32 to an account to be established titled "Surcharge – SB 1037", for the purpose of setting aside funds collected for the 5-cent surcharge on 50ml "nip" liquor bottles in accordance with SB 1037 – AN ACT CONCERNING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.

**Motion (8) Anne Santoro moved to approve Item 8.**

**Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.**

Mr. Seery stated Towns are receiving 5 cents for every nip sold. This is for the October through April period. It has to be used for Solid Waste Management.

**Motion 8 Passed.**

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

**Motion (9) Anne Santoro moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:24 p.m.**

**Seconded by Dan Cunningham.**

**Motion 9 Passed.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Karen Miller Galbo  
East Lyme Town Clerk**