

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 6, 2022

PRESENT: Kevin Seery, Rose Ann Hardy, Ann Cicchiello, Dan Cunningham, Bill Weber and Anne Santoro

ALSO PRESENT: Animal Control Officers Robert Yuchniuk and Allison Ryan, Finance Director Maryanna Stevens, and Assistant Superintendent Annaliese Spaziano.

Mr. Seery called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and he stated that the Pledge of Allegiance was done at the start of the Town Meeting.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Items  
There were none.

1c. Delegations

Mr. Seery stated that he understands that a few people are here to speak about concerns with the coyote population in town, and he advised that comments should be kept to five minutes or less. He stated that our two Animal Control Officers were in attendance this evening to give a presentation on this topic, and that it is on the agenda so more information will be provided shortly. On Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., there will be a presentation here at Town Hall by a DEEP representative.

The following people spoke regarding their concern with the coyote population in town and would like to see more done:

Anne Thurlow, 80 Smith Street, Niantic; Ann York, 86 Smith Street, Niantic; James McClure, 5 Faulkner Drive, Niantic; Jean Mountzoures, 88 Smith Street; Dorothy North, 42 Smith Avenue, Niantic; Lisa Steinberg, 22 York Avenue.

2. Presentation by the Animal Control Officer – Animal Control Officer Robert Yuchniuk took the podium and explained, as Mr. Seery did earlier, that coyotes are managed by the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and not the local animal control officers. He explained that he and the assistant ACO only respond to calls for wildlife if the wildlife is exhibiting signs of sickness or aggression. They must abide by the State statutes which require that if you trap a coyote, you must euthanize that animal; they cannot be relocated because they are classified as a rabies vector species. He stated that a representative from the State DEEP will present information and answer questions at the Town Hall on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. More information can be found on the State DEEP website at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Wildlife/Nuisance-Wildlife/Living-with-Coyotes>.

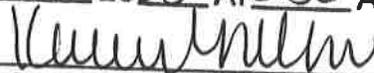
1d. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION (1)**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Santoro stated that there is additional wording in Motion 4, a reference to May 18, 2022, that should be deleted. On page three, item 2g, the date of the town meeting should be July 6<sup>th</sup>, not July 8<sup>th</sup> as indicated. Lastly, in item 4b First Selectman's report, finish the sentence with ". . . this may be an issue".

Ms. Santoro MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2022, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

FILED

July 13 2022 AT 3:50 AM (PM)  
  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting of July 6, 2022  
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**MOTION (2)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2022 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 6-0.

1e. Consent Calendar

**MOTION (3)**

Ms. Hardy MOVED to approve the consent calendar for the regular meeting of July 6, 2022, in the amount of \$561.33.

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

3a. Solid Waste Ordinance

**MOTION (4)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED to approve the Town of East Lyme Public Works Department's revised fees for disposable of waste items, attached hereto as Exhibit #1. These revised fees are effective August 1, 2022.

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

**MOTION (5)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED that NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, of a public hearing to be held by the East Lyme Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at the East Lyme Town Hall at 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut beginning at 7:00 p.m. to receive comments regarding amendments to the following ordinance entitled: ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STORAGE, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE. Said Ordinance proposes amendments to Chapter 51: "Ordinance Regulating the Storage, Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste" which was last amended by the East Lyme Board of Selectmen on June 3, 2020.

Copies of the proposed "Ordinance Regulating the Storage, Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste" with the proposed amendments red-lined are available for review in the East Lyme Town Clerk's Office and on the Town of East Lyme website [www.eltownhall.com](http://www.eltownhall.com). Interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut, on this 6th day of July, 2022. EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

3b. Electronic Gate – Field Services Building

**MOTION (6)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED to approve adding the Public Works Project, "Access Gate at Field Services Facility" in the amount of \$20,000 to Public Works Department 317 and forward to the Board of Finance for approval. This will increase the department project total from \$1,885,000 to \$1,905,000. It increases total projects from \$5,073,081 to \$5,093,081. It increases LoCIP projects from: \$165,000 to \$185,000.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

**MOTION (7)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED to approve a special appropriation in CNRE Fund 32 in the amount of \$20,000 for an Electronic Gate System at Field Services (FSB) Facility with the source of funds being the LoCIP program to an account to be established with the State project number and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

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

3c. Rte. 161 Corridor Study Grant

**MOTION (8)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED to approve a special appropriation and transfer in the amount of \$25,000 from CNRE fund 32 account 32-70-300-500-999 (Town-wide Projects) to an account to be established titled, "Route 161 Corridor Study" and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Note: This requires a town meeting.

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

3d. Reallocate Funds BOE - ELHS Energy Savings Initiative

**MOTION (9)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED to approve reallocation of CNRE Fund 32 account 32-99-500-369 (BoE – ELHS Energy Saving Initiatives) \$25,100 FY21 CIP from its original intended use of ELHS/ELMS LED lighting to replace the domestic hot water storage tank at the high school and forward to the Board of Finance for Approval.

Seconded by Ms. Cicchiello. Motion passed 6-0.

3e. Special Appropriation – BOE Pool Roof Reserve

**MOTION (10)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED to approve a special appropriation of \$17,800 CNRE account 32-99-094-900- 001 (ELHS Pool Roof Reserve) for a roof repair professional services at the East Lyme Schools Aquatic Center and forward to the Board of Finance For Approval. Note: This requires a Town Meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

3f. Real Estate Appraisal – Hathaway Property

**MOTION (11)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED to authorize the expenditure in the amount of \$4,800 from account number 01-01-120-200-500 (Contingency) for the invoice from Flanagan Associates for appraisal services rendered for property located on Hathaway Road, East Lyme, CT for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 and forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

Seconded by Ms. Cicchiello. Motion passed 6-0.

3g. Appointments

**MOTION (12)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED to appoint Margaret Hughes, 5 Red Fox Road, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Commission on Aging for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 5, 2026.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

**MOTION (13)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED to appoint Bill Bundy, III, of Lebanon, Connecticut, to serve as the Fire Marshal for the Town of East Lyme.

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

**MOTION (14)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED to appoint David Houseman, Jr., 474 Laurel Hill Road, Norwich, Connecticut, to serve as Deputy Fire Marshal for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 5, 2026.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

## **MOTION (15)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED to appoint Brian Burrige, 476 Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as the Veterans Representative for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 5, 2026.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

### 4. Old Business – Discussion on Charter Revision.

Mr. Seery stated that the Town Attorney recommended that the process begin in September. He stated that there will be more discussion on this topic at the August meeting. Ms. Hardy stated that she is not in favor of moving forward with this process right now, and that she would like to see a questionnaire go out to the taxpayers to get the public's feedback before entering into such an arduous and expensive process.

### 5a. Ex-Officio Reports

Bill Weber

- Board of Education had a lot of discussion about middle school sports.
- A decision was made by the Board of Education that the Board of Selectmen ex-officio member to the BOE will not be automatically included in their executive sessions, based on advice from their Counsel. The BOS member will need to be formerly invited into the executive session by the BOE at that particular meeting. Mr. Seery stated that he will speak with Mr. Hennick of the FOI Commission for a definitive answer and will reach out to our Counsel should the need arise.
- The BOE requested representation on the charter revision subcommittee, and Mr. Weber explained to the group that not every group will have an official representative and that the membership will include someone with specific BOE knowledge.
- They are working on eliminating cash at sports events.

Ann Cicchiello

- Attended the second BOE meeting of the month, and they again requested that the Board of Selectmen appoint a member of the BOE to the charter revision subcommittee.
- Reinstated basketball for both girls and boys at the ELMS.
- A new BOE member was appointed to replace a member that resigned.
- Historic Properties Commission is looking for volunteers for the upcoming East Lyme History Center to start working on a vision.
- Samuel Smith Farmstead starting their roof replacement project using ARP funds.
- Open Farm Day at Sam Smith Farmstead on July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Vintage tractor and truck show was a huge success.

Dan Cunningham

- WELSCO meeting reported that the pump out boat has been purchased by Save the River Save the Hills.
- They are plating more seeds in the river to encourage clams and oyster growth.

Anne Santoro

- June 9<sup>th</sup> Police Commission meeting; two new dispatchers will be starting in July.
- The Police Commission will work with the BOE to work on a public session on school safety.
- Discussed all of the training that has been done, including active shooter training.

Rose Ann Hardy

- Commission on Aging had a discussion and request from the public that the senior center support their desire to have a pickle ball court built.

5b. First Selectman's Report

- Demolition should begin shortly at Starlight Inn and the Mobil station; the State is working on shutting off all of the utilities.
- 185 Main Street did not open by July 4<sup>th</sup> and is delayed because they are waiting on equipment that is on backorder
- Water and Sewer Well 5 project is almost complete.
- Water meter project is on schedule.
- Parks and Recreation Director is retiring in September; they are performing interviews currently.
- Finance Director is retiring in September and there have not been a lot of applications received.
- Hope to have the hybrid equipment in the main meeting room at Town Hall up and running by the September meeting.
- Concerts start tonight through the summer; Wednesday's at the beach and Friday's at the bandshell.

6. Communications

There were none.

7. Public Comment

There was none.

8. Selectman's Response

There was none.

9. Executive Session

**MOTION (16)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED to enter into executive session at 9:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a real estate matter, Hathaway Farms LLC., and personnel matters, Unaffiliated Employees compensation.

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

Returned to the regular meeting at 9:41 p.m. Ms. Santoro stated that no formal votes were taken in executive session.

**MOTION (17)**

Ms. Hardy MOVED to approve the Unaffiliated Employees compensation, as discussed and amended in executive session.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. IN FAVOR; Hardy, Santoro, Seery, Cunningham and Weber. OPPOSED; Cicchiello. Motion passed 5-1-0.

9. Adjourn

**MOTION (18)**

Ms. Santoro MOVED to adjourn the July 6, 2022, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 9:42 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

*Sandra Anderson*

Recording Secretary

**TOWN OF EAST LYME PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**FEEES FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTE ITEMS (Fees Effective ~~4/22/21~~ 08/01/2022)**

Bulky Waste & Demolition Materials	\$ 0.0945	/lb (\$5 min)	was \$0.076
Asphalt & Non Reinforced Concrete	\$ 0.01	/lb	
Brush	\$ 0.025	/lb	
Landing Clearing Debris *	\$ 0.04	/lb	
	<17.5"	17.5"<x<19.5"	>19.5"
Tires (per each) **	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.00
Appliances w/ freon	\$ 15.00	each	
Double Ground Mulch (up to Pickup truck)	\$ 5.00	per load (loaded by Town****)	
Double Ground Mulch (greater than Pickup truck)	\$ 0.75	per 100 lbs	
Tree Stumps (over 200 lbs)	\$ 50.00	each	
Dismantling Large Items (i.e. boats, etc)	\$ 100.00		was \$75
Bulky Waste Pickups ***	\$75	(up to 5 items),	\$125 (up to 10 items)
* Brush mixed with dirt, rocks and sod			was \$50 (up to 5 items), \$100 (up to 10 items)

\*\* The price for disposal of large truck/heavy equipment tires is as determined by town disposal cost  
 \*\*\* To schedule a Bulky Waste pickup, call Town Hall at 860-691-4118, form online@ www.eltownhall.com  
 \*\*\*\* If a resident chooses to load themselves, there is no charge

FEES PER ORDER OF EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Exhibit 1

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