

Minutes of Town of East Lyme Special Town Meeting - 07/06/22

Date and time: 07/06/22 07:00 pm to: 07/06/22 07:30 pm
Present: Brooke Stevens, Assistant Town Clerk, Eugene Cushman, Town Moderator, Kevin Seery, First Selectman
Location: East Lyme Town Hall, Upper Conference Room
108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT, 06357

Topics

1. Call Meeting to Order

Note Moderator, Eugene Cushman, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Meeting Call

Note Brooke Stevens, East Lyme Assistant 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.

3. Moderator stated the ground rules of the Town Meeting

Note #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 \$850,000 for the rehabilitation of and improvements to various Town Roads, Town Parking Lots and Sidewalks 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."

Note #3. To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled "Resolution making appropriations aggregating \$1,180,000 for Various Board of Education Capital Improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$1,180,000 Bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose".

Note Mr. Cushman noted for the record that we received the communications for item #1 and #3.

3-1. Action items:

Note #2. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "Resolution making an appropriation in the amount of \$850,000 for the rehabilitation of and improvements to various Town Roads, Town Parking Lots and Sidewalks 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,"

Note Kevin Seery, First Selectman stated this money has already been approved in the town budget when it was adopted, since then it has also been approved by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, and is now coming forward for Town Meeting approval.

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Note Mr. Seery explained this is done every year, \$850,000 for the rehabilitation improvements of various roads, some parking lots sidewalks and authorizing the issuance of those bonds. He added that Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works, is in attendance if they're any questions, and that there is a chart in the Public Works office which shows what roads are being worked on.

Decision MOTION (1)

Anne Santoro moved to approve Item 2.

Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.

Motion 1 Passed.

Note #4. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "Resolution making appropriations aggregating \$1,180,000 for various Board of Education Capital Improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$1,180,000 Bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose."

Note Mr. Seery said this item is very similar to the item we just addressed, it is an already approved part of the budget, but for the Board of Education.

Decision MOTION (2)

Anne Santoro moved to approve Item 4.

Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.

Motion 2 Passed.

Note #5. To consider and act upon a special appropriation in the amount of \$15,940.00 to account number 01-70-725-224-006 (NSEP Equipment), to cover the cost of purchasing the below listed equipment for the new EOC in grant allocation 2022-98.

EOC Communications Room Furniture / Dividers \$3,400

EOC Kitchen Appliances \$3,300

EOC Wall Map / EAS Display System \$2,500

EOC Multifunction Wireless Printer / Scanner / Copier \$800

Communications Speakers \$5,940

TOTAL \$15,940

MOTION (3)

Anne Santoro moved to approve Item 5.

Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.

Note Mr. Seery noted this is money already approved and isn't coming out of the Town budget as far as taxpayer dollars; this the grant money that we had obtained for the new Emergency Operation Center. He thanked Julie Wilson, Deputy Emergency Management Director, who was responsible for securing this funding, and in attendance to answer any questions.

Decision Motion 3 Passed.

Note #6. To consider and act upon a special appropriation for the following projects in CNRE Fund 32 which are consistent with the 2022/23 Capital Improvement Plan-

CNRE - Municipal Project / Amount
Town Projects (Roofs) \$ 10,300
HVAC Replacement Town-wide \$15,500
East Lyme/Waterford Boat Motor \$8,500
Town Projects - Various \$25,000
Town-wide Servers \$5,000
Revaluation \$45,000
AED Defibrillators \$2,000
CAD Software & Survey Equipment \$4,000
TOTAL \$115,300

Note MOTION (4)

Anne Santoro moved to approve Item 6.
Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.

Note Mr. Seery said this is money that's being placed in basically savings accounts for Town projects like the roof or reevaluation, so we can build up funds over time and not be hit with a onetime large expenditure.

Decision Motion 4 Passed.

Note #7. To consider and act upon a special appropriation in the amount of \$165,000 to be used as follows: \$30,000 Town-wide Garage Door Repairs/Replacement \$30,000 Public Safety Buildings Repairs & Improvements, \$85,000 Lift Jacks for Highway Maintenance Garage and \$20,000 Rebuild Plants Dam Study 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 2022/2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

Note MOTION (5)

Rose Ann Hardy moved to approve Item 7.
Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.

Note Mr. Seery said these are again LOCIP funds coming from the State and not directly from the budget; these are needed projects at the Public Works garage for the garage door replacement, public safety lift jacks, and the Plants Dam study.

Decision Motion 5 Passed.

Note #8. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "A Resolution of the Town of East Lyme, Connecticut authorizing the execution and delivery of an Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement and Schedules Thereto for the acquisition, purchase, financing and leasing of certain equipment." Mr. Cushman noted they're waiving the reading of the resolution in its entirety as it has been on file with the Town Clerk.

Note MOTION (6)

Anne Santoro moved to approve Item 8.
Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.

Note Mr. Seery explained the Town purchases vehicles to lease acquisition rather than purchasing a vehicle for 50,000; we lease it over periods of about five years, and this way we are able to buy a vehicle and it stays in use long beyond the time it takes to pay it off. He added that this allows us to buy more vehicles and replenish the fleet on a regular basis, so we don't get stuck having to buy a lot of vehicles all at once.

Decision Motion 6 Passed.

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

Note There was none.

4. Adjournment

Decision MOTION (7)

Kevin Seery moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Seconded by Dan Cunningham.

Motion 7 Passed.

Note Respectfully Submitted,
Brooke Stevens, Assistant Town Clerk