

TOWN OF EAST LYME

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ZONING Commission

MINUTES
EAST LYME ZONING Commission
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1996
EAST LYME TOWN HALL

FILED IN EAST LYME TOWN

CLERK'S OFFICE

Dec 18, 19 96 at 8:30 AM
PM

Esther B. Willaw

EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

CALLED TO ORDER

Wayne Fraser called the Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Zoning Commission to order at 7:36 p.m. on December 5, 1996 at the East Lyme Town Hall in Niantic, Connecticut.

ATTENDANCE

Six regular member were in attendance: Athena Cone, William Dwyer, Paul Formica, Wayne Fraser, Norman Peck and Chris Mullaney.

PUBLIC DELEGATION

No one from the public wished to address the Commission.

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 1996

Chris Mullaney and Bill Dwyer requested changes be made to the November 21, 1996 regular meeting minutes. Both changes were agreed to by the Commission. Norman Peck motioned to accept the minutes of the November 21, 1996 regular meeting as amended and the public hearing minutes. Chris Mullaney seconded the motion. Six members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

ELECTION OF Commission OFFICERS

Wayne Fraser turned the meeting over to Gary Lakowsky for the election of the Commission Officers. Gary Lakowsky asked for nominations for Chairman of the Commission. Chris Mullaney moved to nominate Wayne Fraser. Bill Dwyer seconded the motion. Gary Lakowsky asked for nominations for Chairman of the Commission twice more. Upon hearing no further nominations Athena Cone moved to close the nominations. Bill

Dwyer seconded the motion. Wayne Fraser was elected as the East Lyme Zoning Commission Chairman.

Gary Lakowsky asked for nominations for Secretary of the Commission. Paul Formica moved to nominate Athena Cone. Wayne Fraser seconded the motion. Gary Lakowsky asked for nominations for Chairman of the Commission twice more. Upon hearing no further nominations Wayne Fraser moved to close the nominations. Bill Dwyer seconded the motion. Athena Cone was elected as the East Lyme Zoning Commission Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS

SUBCOMMITTEES

SIGNS: Wayne Fraser indicated that signs and gravel still need to be reviewed. He also noted that as far as subcommittee work there are numerous housekeeping items that could be taken care of in one single Public Hearing. Possibly in April. Bill Mulholland indicated that he would check into what could be heard at the same time. Wayne Fraser said that at the first meeting in January he would like to discuss what changes the Commission would like to make.

Bill Dwyer discussed regulations for hazardous material above an aquifer.

ZONING Commission/ZONING OFFICIAL: Bill Mulholland said that he was not prepared because he did not realize how close this meeting was to the last regular meeting.

SIGNS/BUSINESS USE: Paul Formica said that he thought basically a definition for what a legal business was needed to be made. Bill Mulholland said that the Commission needed to make sure what they did was legal. Paul Formica said that the current regulations did not prohibit off premises signs and that he thought the Commission should work on stopping abuse of off premises signs. Neon signs were discussed and Bill Mulholland said that he thought that education to violators should be the first step. He indicated that he thought sending a generic letter to those that were in violation outlining the regulations would be a good start. Wayne Fraser agreed that education was the first step.

Chris Mullaney indicated that all those things were addressed in the subcommittee and that they had people representing farmers, real estate and military present. Those representatives went to their people and came back with their ideas.

Paul Formica said that he agreed the first step should be letters to violators. Wayne Fraser said that the first letter would be educational with current regulations and inviting the

receivers of such letter to come down and discuss any violations.

Chris Mullaney said that he thought that if you are going to have rules they should be enforced if not get rid of them. Paul Formica stated that the letter should include the sign subcommittee's suggestions and let them know that "Hey this is what we came up with, what do you think?".

Bill Mulholland said that he would draft a letter to at least inform violators and run it by Paul Formica and Chris Mullaney.

BUDGET REVIEW

Bill Mulholland discussed proposed budget submission by going through each column. He noted that the budget runs from July 1 to June 30.

Wayne Fraser noted that with the downsizing of Pete Hunt there would be more work in the Zoning Office.

Bill Mulholland discussed his tour of the Waterford office. He said that everything was done on computers, and that they have customized programs for many things. He thought that it would be a good idea to allot \$10,000.00 from four departments to get a computer system going.

Donn Jourdan said that he thought that it was ludicrous that downstairs is not up to snuff with the upstairs.

Chris Mullaney said that he thought that the Commission should justify that amount of money of a certain amount of years.

Norman Peck left the meeting at 8:35. Donn Jourdan was asked to replace him for the forum.

Changes to Zoning Fees was discussed. Wayne Fraser asked that Gary and Bill look into that matter with regards to big commercial jobs.

Wayne Fraser asked when the budget needed to be voted on and submitted. Bill Mulholland said that he would like to submit as soon as possible. Wayne Fraser asked the Commission if there was any reason why they could not vote on it tonight.

Chris Mullaney indicated that he was against one department started on the computer project without the other three.

It was agreed to vote on the \$10,000.00 for Capital Expenditures separate from the budget.

Bill Dwyer moved to push the budget forward as amended. Paul Formica seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

After much debate it was moved and so carried that the Zoning Commission would put \$2,500.00 in Capital Expenditures for the computer net-working system strongly urging the other three departments to do the same.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

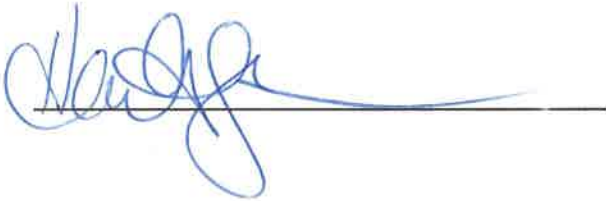
OTHER BUSINESS

Wayne Fraser thanked the Commission for another year. He stated that he is very enthusiastic over things he has been hearing about the Commission.

The Commission gave a very heartfelt congratulations to the soon to be married Bill Mulholland.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made and carried to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Wayne Fraser", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and extends to the right of the line.