

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2023

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EAST LYME, CT

PRESENT: Kevin Seery, Rose Ann Hardy, Dan Cunningham, Bill Weber and Anne Santoro
EXCUSED: Ann Cicchiello (Ms. Cicchiello left after the special budget meeting)
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Finance Director Kevin Gervais, Deputy Fire Marshal Erik Quinn and Building Official Dave Garside

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Kevin Gervais

Mr. Seery called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and stated that the Pledge of Allegiance was performed at the beginning of the special budget meeting. .

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

1c. Delegations
There were none.

1d. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

Ms. Santoro MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 1, 2023, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 5-0.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (2)

Ms. Santoro MOVED to approve the consent calendar in the amount of \$88,732.75. Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 5-0.

2a. EV Charging Stations

DISCUSSION: Mr. Seery stated that there is no action on this matter tonight, and that the Town Engineer will be back at the March 1st meeting for further discussion and action. He reported that the vendor, ESC, has agreed to pay all upfront costs and be reimbursed directly when the payout of the grant happens.

2b. Cini Fishing Dock Leases

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cunningham and Ms. Santoro are working on these leases and have discussed the following; two of the leases are currently yearly renewal; should these be a two year or more renewal cycle. Rent increased last year by 5%; how should we deal with future increases. Insurance liability should be reviewed and possibly raised. Parking needs to be reviewed and parameters set. It was agreed that these current leases should be extended through December 31, 2023 and that the Board would discuss further at an upcoming meeting.

3a. Fire Marshal Permit and Inspection Fees

DISCUSSION: Deputy Fire Marshal Erik Quinn was in attendance and reported that his office has drafted an ordinance which puts our town in line with comparable towns that already have such an ordinance in place. Mr. Seery noted that the Town has not been charging fees for a lot of these services currently, and that Waterford is also currently reviewing their fees. The draft ordinance will be reviewed, and this will come up for discussion at an upcoming meeting.

3b. Building and Zoning Permit and Inspection Fees

DISCUSSION: Building Official Dave Garside was in attendance and stated that fees should be reviewed every three years or so, so this task is overdue. He looks forward to this coming up at a meeting in the near future for discussion and action.

4a. Ex-Officio Reports

There were none.

4b. First Selectman's Report

- Council of Government meeting today; discussed increased needs in the community, including additional funds being released soon for additional heating and energy assistance.
- Route 161 / exit 74 project is scheduled to begin in April of this year and take about four years to complete. This will involve many detours and road closures over the life of the project. More information will be shared as we move forward.
- Winter Farmer's Market has begun; they held a Souper Bowl this past weekend with local restaurants participating, raising \$1,700 for local non-profits.

5. Communications

There was none.

6. Public Comment

There was none.

7. Selectman's Response

There was none.

8. Executive Session – Real Estate – East Lyme Land Trust – Oswegatchie Hills / Hathaway Farms Property

MOTION (3)

Ms. Santoro MOVED to enter into executive session at 7:41 PM for the purpose of discussing real estate matters, East Lyme Land Trust Oswegatchie Hills / Hathaway Farms property. Seconded by Mr. Weber. Motion passed 5-0.

They returned at 8:40 PM and Ms. Santoro stated that no formal votes were taken in executive session.

MOTION (4)

Ms. Santoro MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary