

**EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2023  
EAST LYME TOWN HALL UPPER MEETING ROOM**

**Present:** Kevin Seery, First Selectman, Selectmen, Anne Santoro, Rose Ann Hardy, Dan Cunningham, Bill Weber, Ann Cicchiello, (attending by ZOOM)

**Also Present:** Kevin Gervais, Finance Director

**1. REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**a. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

K. Seery called the meeting to order at 7:00  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items-None**

**c. Delegations-none**

**d. Approval of Minutes**

**Special Meeting of October 4, 2023**

**MOTION: (Santoro/Hardy) to approve the September 6, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes as amended.**

Add after Selectman's Response; **MOTION: (Santoro/Cunningham) move to enter into executive session regarding collective bargaining-Local 3377, International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO at 7:44 PM. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

The Board of Selectmen exited executive session at 8:12 PM and no action was taken.

**Adjournment: 8:12**

**Vote: APPROVED. In favor- Seery, Santoro, Hardy, Cunningham, Cicchiello. Opposed- none. Abstaining- Weber.**

**Special Meeting of October 5, 2023**

**MOTION: (Santoro/Cunningham) to approve the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2023, as presented.**

**Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

**e. Consent Calendar**

**MOTION: (Santoro/Hardy) to accept the consent Calendar for October 18, 2023, in the amount of \$14,434.20. Vote: Approved unanimously.**

**2. Old Business**

**a) Discussion-Purchase of East Lyme Land Trust specified Properties known as Hathaway Farms, Oswegatchie Hills, and Brainerd Road**

The town overwhelmingly approved the property purchases. K. Seery will contact the town attorney to complete the process.

K. Seery informed the members that Ron Luich, President of the East Lyme Land Trust passed away that morning and issued his condolences to the family.

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### 3. New Business

#### a) Discussion and Possible Action-MOU Between Town and BOE Regarding use of 165 Boston Post Road (Old Dispatch Center)

The Board of Education needs the parking space to store equipment that is now taking space in a parking lot near the fields. The Board of Education will be responsible for maintaining the building.

Chris Lund, EL school Facilities Director, informed the members that the BOE has cleaned out some items in the building. In the future the second floor will be used as office space, storage, or additional staffing. There will be a wall built on the first floor to separate the emergency communications equipment from the BOE. The remaining space will be used for indoor maintenance/storage, no heavy equipment. He said it was a good opportunity for both the town and the BOE because as a vacant building the town does not know if there are any issues due to no one using the building.

The members discussed other possible uses for the building such as commercial space. They determined that this is the best use both for the BOE and the town.

**MOTION: (Santoro/Cunningham) to authorize the First Selectman to sign, on behalf of the Town, the "Facility Use Agreement" authorizing the East Lyme Board of Education to use a portion of the 171 Boston Post Road property for a workshop, storage of maintenance equipment and offices. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

#### b) Discussion and Possible Action-Authorize the First Selectman to Receive the Bequest from the Estate of Ruth Tombari for the E.L. Senior Center.

Tracy Collins, Town Attorney, explained the bequest from R. Tombari leaving funds to the East Lyme Library Foundation and the East Lyme Senior Center. She said those funds are probate assets and will come directly to the town, the check should be coming any time now.

T. Collins said there is also an IRA which is not a probate asset, 50% of the funds in the IRA were requested to be distributed; 50% to the Library Foundation and 50% to the Senior Center. She said it has been a struggle to get those funds because that account is tied to investments, and the IRA has to be liquidated on the same day as the transfer of funds to a town account. There are many documents required and the day the account is liquidated, the town has to open two accounts, one in the name of the East Lyme Library Foundation and the Senior Center. The IRA has approximately \$180,000 which would be split between the Foundation and the Senior Center.

**MOTION: (Santoro/Weber) WHEREAS, the Town of East Lyme's Senior Center, a department within the Town, is a named beneficiary of fifty (50%) percent of an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) set up by Ruth Tombari, now deceased. WHEREAS, the East Lyme Library Foundation, a separate non-profit corporation, is the beneficiary of the remaining fifty (50%) percent of said IRA.**

**WHEREAS, the IRA account is managed by Avantax Investment Services, Inc. and Avantax Advisory Services, Inc.**

**WHEREAS, in order for the Town of East Lyme to receive its fifty (50%) percent share of the funds, the current IRA must be liquidated, and a new IRA account opened in the name of the Town of East Lyme.**

**RESOLVED, the duly acting First Selectman, whether it be Kevin Seery or the duly elected First Selectman as of 12/4/23 of the Town of East Lyme is authorized on behalf of the Town, to sign all documentation to close the current IRA account and open a new**

account with its fifty (50%) percent of the proceeds on the day of liquidation in the name of the Town of East Lyme.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the duly authorized First Selectman is authorized to close the newly formed IRA account and liquidate the proceeds made payable to the Town of East Lyme. Dated this 18 day of October 2023. East Lyme Board of Selectmen.

**Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

#### **4. Ex-Officio Reports:**

W. Weber-no report

A. Santoro-no report

D. Cunningham met with Park and Rec:

They are discussing their priorities for budget purposes.

There was a tent at McCook's and they are looking to see if it make sense to purchase another tent.

A. Cicchiello reported that no ex-officio member from the BOS has attended the BOE meetings for the past few months. She requested that the ex-officio BOS representative make a concerted effort to attend future BOE meetings.

R. Hardy-no report

#### **First Selectman's Report**

- Banners placed on the I95 overpasses with extreme view, they were offensive and the police dept has been notified.
- There will be an anti-hate rally on the green this Saturday.
- Bond Counsel dictates the questions on the ballot.
- Had an incident where propane needed to be burned off a tank and it put stress on our fire department/services. The town had to bring in other departments.
- A dock was beached on McCooks and needs to be removed; they are trying to identify where it came from.
- The 2003 State Championship Football team was recognized at half time.
- The soccer team is doing well.
- Brian Dagle Foundation ribbon cutting for expansion of their facilities.

#### **5. Communications-none**

#### **6. Public Comment-none**

#### **7. Selectman's Response-none**

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: (Santoro/Cunningham) to adjourn at 7:40. Vote: APPROVED unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary

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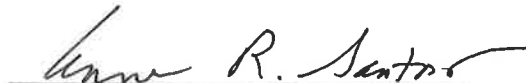
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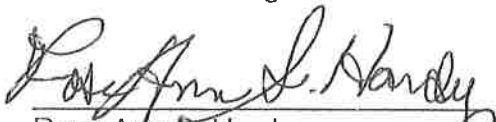
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