

Minutes of EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN OCTOBER 5TH, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING - 10/05/23

Date and time: 10/05/23 07:30 pm to: 10/05/23 07:42 pm

Present: Brooke Stevens, Recording Secretary, BOS Members Present:, Kevin Seery, First Selectman, Rose Ann Hardy, Dan Cunningham, Ann Cicchiello, Via Telephone, Absent:, Bill Weber, Anne Santoro

CC: Also Present: , Kevin Gervais, Finance Director

Location: EAST LYME TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM #1

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1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Note Mr. Seery called the Special Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion and Possible Action - Schedule at Special Town Meeting to Adjourn to a Referendum by Ballot on October 17th, 2023, at the East Lyme Community Center, 41 Society Road, Niantic CT, between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM, for the purchase of East Lyme Land Trust Specified Properties Known as Hathaway Farms, Oswegatchie Hills, and Brainerd Road.

Decision MOTION (1)

Mr. Cunningham RESOLVED:
That the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$2,350,000 For The Purchase Of Properties For Open Space Preservation And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,350,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, be adopted. A copy of the resolution is on file in the Town Clerk's Office for review.
Ms. Hardy seconded the resolution.
Motion carried, 4-0-0.

Decision MOTION (2)

Ms. Hardy RESOLVED:
That the resolution entitled "Resolution Approving The Purchase Of Real Property For A Cost Not Exceeding \$2,350,000", a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the Board of Finance and the legal voters of the Town at a Special Town Meeting. A copy of the resolution is on file in the Town Clerk's Office for review.
Mr. Cunningham seconded the resolution.
Motion carried, 4-0-0.

3. Discussion and Possible Action - Adopt the ballot question for the Referendum.

MOTION (3)

Mr. Cunningham moved that [1] the First Selectman be authorized and directed to call a Special Town Meeting to be held at East Lyme Community Center, 41 Society Road, Niantic, CT, on October 17th, 2023 at 8:00 A.M., to consider the resolutions entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$2,350,000 For The Purchase Of Properties For Open Space Preservation And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,350,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose" and "Resolution Approving The Purchase Of Real Property For A Cost Not Exceeding \$2,350,000, [2] said items be removed from the call of Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters at a referendum vote to take place at East Lyme Community Center, 41 Society Road, Niantic, CT, on October 17th, 2023, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00P.M., in accordance with Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, [3] there being no other business before such Special Town Meeting, that such Special Town Meeting be cancelled, and [4] the First Selectman be authorized and directed to publish a Notice of Referendum stating the questions to be voted upon as follows:

Note "Shall the resolution entitled 'Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$2,350,000 For The Purchase Of Properties For Open Space Preservation And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,350,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose' adopted by the Board of Selectmen on October 4th, 2023, be approved?"

Note and the form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution appropriating and authorizing bonds in the amount of \$2,350,000 for the purchase of the properties known as Brainerd Road, Oswegatchie Hills, and Hathaway Farms, be approved? YES/NO"

Note "Shall the resolution entitled 'Resolution Approving The Purchase Of Real Property For A Cost Not Exceeding \$2,350,000' adopted by the Board of Selectmen on October 4,2023, be approved?"

and the form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution approving the purchase of real property for a cost not exceeding \$2,350,000, be approved? YES/NO"

Note The vote will be by optical scan voting machine. Those in favor of the resolutions referred to in the questions shall fill in the oval "YES" under such question. Those not in favor of the resolutions referred to in the questions shall fill in the oval "NO" under such question. Absentee ballots will be available at the office of the Town Clerk as provided by law.

The warning of the referendum shall state that the full text of the proposed resolutions is on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

Note The Town Clerk will publish as provided by law notice of said referendum in the following form:

TOWN OF EAST LYME NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended ("Connecticut General Statutes"), notice is hereby given to the electors and persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of East Lyme (the "Town") that a referendum will be held on October 17, 2023, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of voting on the following questions:

"Shall the resolution entitled 'Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$2,350,000 For The Purchase Of Properties For Open Space Preservation And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,350,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose' adopted by the Board of Selectmen on October 4, 2023, be approved?"

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and the form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution approving the purchase of real property for a cost not exceeding \$2,350,000, be approved? YES/NO"

Note The vote will be by optical scan voting machine. Those in favor of the resolutions referred to in the questions shall fill in the oval "YES" under such question. Those not in favor of the resolutions referred to in the questions shall fill in the oval "NO" under such question. Absentee ballots will be available at the office of the Town Clerk as provided by law. Electors of the Town and qualified voters are entitled to vote. A qualified voter is any citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more, who, jointly or severally, was liable to the Town for taxes assessed against him or her based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last-completed grand list of the Town, or who would have been so liable if not entitled to an exemption under subdivision (17), (19), (22), (23), (25) or (26) of Section 12-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The polls will be open during the hours between 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. Electors and persons qualified to vote as aforesaid will cast their votes at the East Lyme Community Center, 41 Society Road, Niantic, CT.

Decision Ms. Cicchiello seconded the motion.
Motion carried, 4-0-0.

4. Adjournment

Decision MOTION (4)

Mr. Cunningham moved to adjourn the October 5th, 2023, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 7:42 p.m.

Ms. Hardy seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 4-0-0.

Note Respectfully Submitted,
Brooke Stevens, Recording Secretary