

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin Seery, Anne Santoro, Rose Ann Hardy, Dan Cunningham, RECEIVED FOR RECORD
Cicchello and Bill Weber EAST LYME, CT

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Finance Director Kevin Gervais and Town Attorney Tracy Collins

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Mr. Seery called the regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carroll Hillier
TOWN CLERK

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

1c. Delegations

Mr. Robert Carlson, 68 Spring Glen Road, and Mr. Paul Spakowski, 37 Mill Road, both spoke in opposition of the recent fee increases for contractors to dispose of leaves at the transfer station and stated that they would have like to have spoken on the matter at a public meeting. Mr. Seery indicated that he and Public Works Director Joe Bragaw would be willing to meet with them to discuss their concerns further.

1d. Approve Minutes

MOTION (1)

Ms. Santoro MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 1, 2023, as submitted.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

1e. Consent Calendar

There was no consent calendar for this meeting.

2a. Approve BOS 2024 Meeting Schedule

MOTION (2)

Ms. Santoro MOVED to approve the Board of Selectmen 2024 Meeting Schedule, as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 6-0.

3a. Youth Family and Human Services Ordinance

DISCUSSION: It was discussed and agreed to amend Section 2. Purpose, as follows; " meet the needs of the youth in the Town of East Lyme, and Salem students enrolled in East Lyme High School, as well as families and individuals in the Town of East Lyme from youth to Senior Citizens. This amendment makes the language more specific to Salem youth that are enrolled in East Lyme High School. There was also concern raised about the impact on the budget in future years; the consensus was that the benefits to our community of such a commission will outweigh the future cost. Ms. Firmin reported that Salem signs over their share of the grant to East Lyme; this year that grant amount was \$6,417.00. Mr. Seery stated that the inception of this ordinance and commission will allow the Town to apply for many additional grants.

MOTION (3)

Ms. Santoro **MOVED** the following: RESOLVED to repeal Ordinance § 31.10 entitled "Youth Services Commission" and enact the Ordinance entitled "Ordinance Establishing a Youth, Family and Human Services Commission" presented at the public hearing before the Board of Selectmen on November 15, 2023. The effective date of the Ordinance shall be ten (10) days after publication of the notice of its adoption.

Seconded by Mr. Weber. IN FAVOR; Seery, Santoro, Cicchiello, Weber and Cunningham.
ABSTAINED; Hardy. Motion passed 5-0-1.

4a. Ex-Officio Reports

Ms. Santoro reported the following:

- November 6th board of education meeting ELMS Math Coach Kristen Amarol was presented with the Viking Valor Award.
- The Administrators Association contract for 2024-2027 was approved.
- Chris Urban and Ashley Meek presentation about healthy food choices.
- COA conceptual plans for community center were shared.
- \$5,000 AARP grant received by Senior Center; Coffee/tea station.
- Renters rebate to residents is 2% less than previous year.
- Board of Trustees Library; Tara Borden announced her resignation to take a Library Director position in New York. We wish you best of luck, Tara.
- Lisa Timothy presented early draft of 2024/2025 budget with a suggested 3.2% increase.
- Strategic Plan Committee being assembled to work in concert with the improvements to the community center.
- Bylaws are being amended and will be posted on the website for public review.

4b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Seery reported the following:

- At the Council of Government meeting reported that lots of work to be done in expediting the upcoming season's heating assistance program.
- Congratulations to Dan Cunningham, First Selectman-elect.
- Mr. Seery expressed his honor and privilege of serving the Town of East Lyme for 26 years; 14 years on the Board of Education, 10 years as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and the past 2 years as the First Selectman. East Lyme is a remarkable town with an exciting future ahead. Thank you to all for your support over the years.
- He will be meeting with members of the public on Monday afternoon to discuss the fees for leaves at the transfer station.

5. Communications

There were none.

6. Public Comments

There were none.

7. Selectman's Response

There was none.

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery MOVED to adjourn the November 15, 2023, regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 7:37 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary