

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE: Dan Cunningham, Ann Cicchiello, Rose Ann Hardy, Candice Carlson, Don MacKenzie and Jason Deeble

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Finance Director Kevin Gervais

Mr. Cunningham called the regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that the Pledge of Allegiance was performed at the start of the Town Meeting.

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

1c. Delegations
Betsy Goetsch, 18 Hillwood Drive, President of Samuel Farmstead on Plants Dam Road. She is the newly elected president, and she stated that they will be requesting assistance from the Town for restoration and repairs to the farmstead property. They will make an appointment with the First Selectman to start the conversation.

1d. Approve Minutes

MOTION (1)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 20, 2023, as submitted.

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

MOTION (2)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to approve the special meeting minutes of December 21, 2023, as submitted.

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

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (3)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for January 3, 2024, in the amount of \$1,840.31.

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

2a. Appointments

MOTION (4)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Viola Brush, 49 Spring Rock Road, East Lyme, to serve as a Member on the Youth, Family and Human Services Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2028.

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

MOTION (5)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Sandy Gignac, 46 S. Edgewood Road, Niantic, to serve as an Alternate Member on the Planning Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on December 6, 2027.

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

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MOTION (6)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Stephen Rebelowski, 24 Mackinnon Place, East Lyme, as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2028.

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

MOTION (7)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Joe Bragaw, 19 Attawan Avenue, Niantic, to serve as the Tree Warden for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2028.

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

MOTION (8)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Justin Porter, 10 Partridge Court, East Lyme, to serve as the Deputy Tree Warden for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2028.

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

MOTION (9)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint John Manning, 25 Marshfield Road, Niantic, to serve as an alternate member on the Zoning Board of Appeals on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 5, 2026.

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

MOTION (10)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Susan Graham, 185 Main Street, Apt 304, Niantic, to serve as a representative of the Town of East Lyme on the Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors with a term to expire on January 3, 2028.

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

MOTION (11)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint F. Kent Sistare, 3 Gooseberry Lane, Niantic, to serve as a representative of the Town of East Lyme on the Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors with a term to expire on January 3, 2028.

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

Mr. Cunningham explained that there are two vacant alternate positions and one vacant member position. There are two applicants interested in filling these vacant positions, so a discussion was held to discuss the two applicants qualifications. The two applicants are Tom Kalal and Ryan Williams. The Board members briefly discussed possible conflicts with these applicants as they have spouses on other boards and commissions. It was decided that this matter would be reviewed and tabled to the next meeting.

MOTION (12)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to table the appointments to the Inland Wetlands Agency for the alternate and full member, at this time.

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

MOTION (13)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Denise Hall, 23 West Lane, Niantic, to serve as a member on the Pension Board on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2028.

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

MOTION (14)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Peter Levanti, Sr., 130 Boston Post Road #35, East Lyme, to serve as a member on the Pension Board on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2028.

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

MOTION (15)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Conrad Seifert, 10 Wildwood Drive, Niantic, to serve as a member on the Pension Board on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2028.

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

3a. Ex-Officio Reports

Mr. Deeble reported:

- Met with Stars to Stem organization; just signed a 5-year contract with the Board of Education.

Mr. MacKenzie reported:

- WELSCO open shell fishing during winter but it was determined to be too risky but reserve the right to revisit the possibility in the future.
- Discussed the work being done at McCooks; they are very impressed with the work and how quickly it got done.

3b. First Selectman's Report

- In the interest of being careful and forward thinking; the Water Department tested for PFAS in our wells. We have seven wells in town, and in two of the wells there were trace levels of PFAS found. New London and our water customers are being informed. The levels are well below the "action" limits, but he feels that making everyone aware of the situation is the best course of action. The levels are above the detectable level but well below the action level. The town is on top of the situation and will keep the public informed. The information has been communicated through mailings, our web site, and *The Day* was contacted. The safety of the public is the main concern and responsibility.

4. Communications

There were none.

5. Public Comments

There were none.

6. Selectman's Response

There was none.

MOTION (16)

Ms. Cicchiello **MOVED** to adjourn the January 3, 2024, special meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 7:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary