

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2025

PRESENT: Board of Selectmen Members Dan Cunningham, Candice Carlson, Jason Deeble and Don MacKenzie

EXCUSED: Rose Ann Hardy and Ann Cicchiello

Also in attendance: Chief Operating Officer Water & Sewer Ben North, Public Works Director Joe Bragaw, Town Attorney Tim Beasdale

Mr. Cunningham called the regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen to order at 7:21 p.m. and stated that the pledge had been performed at the public hearing.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Items

MOTION (1)

Mr. Deeble MOVED to add an agenda item to review and amend the December 4, 2024, regular meeting minutes of the Board of Selectmen.

Seconded by Ms. Carlson. Motion passed 4-0.

1c. Delegations

There were none.

1d. Approve Minutes

MOTION (2)

Mr. Deeble MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2025, as submitted.

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

MOTION (3)

Mr. Cunningham MOVED to amend the December 4, 2024, Board of Selectmen Regular meetings as follows:

MOTION (3) should read: "Mr. Deeble MOVED to approve the Town of East Lyme Public Electric Vehicle Charging Rates and Idle Fees as follows: Charging Rate is \$0.75/kwh (kilowatt hour) and Idle Fee after 30 minutes of vehicle not charging is \$0.10/minute". It was noted that if the \$0.75 is not an accepted rate by the charging system software, the rate will be \$0.08/kwh.

Seconded by Ms. Carlson. Motion passed 4-0.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (4)

Mr. Deeble MOVED to approve the consent calendar for August 6, 2025, in the amount of \$11,280.81

2a. New Sewer Connection Moratoria Ordinance

A Motion was made by Mr. Deeble, seconded by Ms. Carlson; then the motion was subsequently withdrawn by Mr. Deeble.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion on what a proper time limit should be for this ordinance; it was decided to table this matter to hear further public discussion at the continuance of the public hearing on September 3, 2025.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Deeble MOVED to table this matter to the September 3, 2025, regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Seconded by Ms. Carlson. Motion passed 4-0.

2b & 2c Building Feels Ordinance

This matter has been tabled to the September 3, 2025, regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

3a. Appointments

MOTION (6)

Mr. Deeble MOVED to appoint Susan Gonzalez, 44 Heritage Road, East Lyme, as a Member on the East Lyme Harbor Management / Shellfish Commission with a term to expire on January 3, 2028.

Seconded by Ms. Carlson. Motion passed 4-0.

Ms. Carlson made a motion to appoint Danielle Deeble to the Brookside Farm Museum Commission, which was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. This motion was withdrawn and tabled to the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

MOTION (7)

Ms. Carlson MOVED to appoint two representatives from the Town of East Lyme to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority (SCWA), Daniel Cunningham and Carol Russell, effective August 7, 2025, and with a term to expire on September 1, 2027.

Seconded by Mr. Deeble. Motion passed 4-0.

3b. 278 Main Street – Brownfield Grant

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cunningham read the following into the record, which was at the request of Richard Steel: Board of Selectmen, Please also read this into the BoS meeting Here is an example of rejecting a brown field grant in Stamford. " The old Blickensderfer typewriter factory at 650 Atlantic St. in Stamford, Conn., photographed on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The Stamford Board of Representatives rejected a nearly \$1 million grant for Building and Land Technology to perform brownfield remediation at the old Blickensderfer typewriter lot." I believe the police station site on Main Street has been assessed in the past, perhaps multiple times. Just because we get a grant does not obligate us to that path. Perhaps bike paths, sidewalks could be more beneficial for grant applications and town spending. Thank you. Rich Steel

MOTION (8)

Mr. Deeble MOVED the following: Resolved, that Daniel Cunningham, First Selectman of the Town of East Lyme be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of this municipal corporation a Grant Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance, pursuant to C.G.S Section 32-763, for the "Round 21, Old Town Police Department Assessment Project, 278 Main Street, Niantic". As the East Lyme First Selectman, Daniel Cunningham serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of East Lyme. Daniel Cunningham, First Selectman of the Town of East Lyme is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts, and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut. It is further certified that Daniel Cunningham, First Selectman of the Town of East Lyme was elected First Selectman. His term of office began on December 4, 2023, and will continue to December 1, 2025.

Seconded by Ms. Carlson. Motion passed 4-0.

4a. Ex-Officio Reports and First Selectman's Report

There were no reports.

4b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Cunningham reported:

- National Night Out was a huge success.
- The Town will receive a check for \$66,137 from CIRMA for the Town's risk mitigation efforts.

- The Town has entered into a 3-year agreement with CIRMA for liability and auto property coverage at a low rate of 1.5%, which will increase by 3% after year one, and by 3% the third year.
- Closing on the Town's bond anticipation notes; Town got a favorable rate under 3%.
- 2023 audit is complete; presentation will be made to the Board of Finance at their August 13th meeting.
- Waiting for a response - The Town has applied for a SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant offered through FEMA. The goal of the SAFER grant is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards. The Town will contribute 25 percent of the actual costs incurred in each of the first and second years of the grant; and 65 percent of the actual costs incurred in the third year of the grant. In the first and second years of the grant, the amount of federal funding may not exceed 75 percent of the usual annual cost of a first-year firefighter in that department at the time the grant application was submitted; and in the third year of the grant the amount of federal funding may not exceed 35 percent of the usual annual cost of a first year firefighter in that department. The First Selectman anticipates that they will be able to hire three (3) additional firefighters in year one of the grant.
- 10:30am on August 7th the fire department received an alarm from the movie theater on Main Street; thank you to our first responders to getting there quickly and preventing serious damage.

5. Communications

There were no communications.

6. Public Comments

There was none.

7. Selectman's Response

There was none.

8. Executive Session

MOTION (9)

Mr. Deeble MOVED to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate matters. Seconded by Ms. Carlson. Motion passed 4-0.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:04 p.m. They returned at 9:12 p.m. and it was stated that no formal votes were taken.

MOTION (10)

Mr. Deeble MOVED to adjourn the August 6, 2025, regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 9:12 p.m.

Seconded by Ms. Carlson. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary