

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2025
AMENDED

PRESENT: Board of Selectmen Members Dan Cunningham, Ann Cicchiello, Rose Ann Hardy, Jason Deeble, Candice Carlson and Don MacKenzie
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Police Chief Kevin Glenn, Police Commissioner Regina Hitchery and Planning Director Gary Goeschel

Mr. Cunningham called the regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen to order at 7:29 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Items

MOTION (1)

Mr. Deeble MOVED to add agenda items #3c to appoint Deputy First Selectman and #3d to appoint 2nd Deputy First Selectman.

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

1c. Delegations

There were none.

1d. Approve Minutes

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cicchiello pointed out that on page 1, second sentence from the bottom, the word should be "owns" and not "owners".

MOTION (2)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of November 19, 2025, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Carlson. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (3)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2025, as submitted.

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

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (4)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for December 3, 2025, in the amount of \$920.84.

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

2a. Automated Ticketing Ordinance

DISCUSSION: Some of the comments and concerns brought up by the Selectmen and discussed with Chief Glenn are as follows:

- Q-What amount will the town actually receive as revenue from this program. A-100% of the fine paid will go to the Town. Administrative costs are covered by the "administrative fees" line on the ticket, which is in addition to the fine itself.
- Q-What can the money received be used for? A-The use of these funds is very specific but funding for things like traffic calming measures or installation of sidewalks.
- Q-Are there any type of incentives from the State if the town implements this system. A- this program is a town initiative governed by an ordinance that is very specific in its guidelines. There are no incentives to be had with this program.
- Q-Once installed, what will prevent future advancement of the technology beyond what is approved today. And if the information is kept by the vendor, the Town can't really confirm what they will actually do with the information. A-the system does not collect

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identifying information, only the registered owner of the vehicle by the plate scan. The ordinance and subsequent contract with the vendor will outline how the gathered information is handled.

- If someone moves or something else legitimate causing them not to receive the ticket in the mail it could cause more problems for that person.
- Ms. Cicchiello reported that at the annual CCM (CT Council of Municipalities) this year, it was reported that speeding was the number one problem in every one of Connecticut's 169 towns. She is in favor of this ordinance.
- Q-How does it compare with a police officer issuing tickets? A-with the automated ticketing, it will only require a staff person to review the infractions. With an officer posted doing radar, they would then have to get in their vehicle and pull the driver over immediately. These normal traffic stops take at least 15-20 minutes for that officer to complete the transaction. This is time better spent on programs that work with the public in a positive way.
- Q-Do the Public Works speed signs, like the one near Lillie B. Haynes, collect any data. A-Yes, they collect a lot of data and can be utilized to identify possible locations for the proposed ticketing equipment.
- Q-How will people pay the citations? A-The accepted payment methods are customizable.
- Q-How long will data be saved by the vendor? A-Collected data will be stored for a year as there is an additional penalty for a second offense within a year of the first offense. There is also an appeal process, and that information will be on the ticket and easy to read and understand. This program can be tailored to fit specific needs, should these arise.
- Mr. Deeble feels that it takes humanity out of policing and could cause unintended consequences. He believes there is bias built into such equipment.
- Ms. Cicchiello feels like the camera takes away the risk of bias because it only knows if you are speeding and then only take a picture of the rear plate once the vehicle goes past. She supports this ordinance and would like to see them definitely by the schools and high pedestrian areas.
- Ms. Carlson is in favor and will support this ordinance.
- Ms. Hardy inquired if the program could be started with the existing administrative staff and the answer was yes.
- Mr. Cunningham spoke with the vendor at the annual CCM conference on Tuesday, and it was explained to him that information is kept for the 30 day appeal time frame, then it is wiped. He feels it is important to note that the Board of Selectmen can tailor the ordinance to East Lyme's needs. He affirmed that we have had a couple vehicle vs. pedestrian accidents and the office receives many complaints about speeding all around town. He does not feel that this equipment can be biased as it will only ticket those who are speeding. He is in favor of this ordinance.

Chief Glenn stated that the first step is for the Board to adopt the ordinance. Once the ordinance is adopted and in force, the process will begin to try to figure out where in town this equipment will be useful, and that will be done via a speed study, which will be performed by the vendor.

It was decided that the Board would review the proposed ordinance and Mr. Cunningham will review it with Town Counsel, and that this matter will be tabled until the next meeting.

2b. Appointment to CIP Committee

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cunningham stated that they would discuss the CIP Committee in more detail at the next meeting when the Finance Director is present. For tonight, they should appoint two members of the Board of Selectmen to represent on said committee.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Deeble MOVED to appoint Rose Ann Hardy as a Board of Selectman representative to the CIP Committee.

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

MOTION (6)

Mr. Deeble MOVED to appoint Ann Cicchiello as a Board of Selectman representative to the CIP Committee.

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

3a. BOS 2026/2027 Ex-Officio Assignments

MOTION (7)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to approve the Board of Selectmen 2026/2027 Ex-Officio assignments, as discussed and agreed upon by the Board; attached hereto as Exhibit #1.

3b. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

This item has been tabled.

3c. Appoint Deputy First Selectman

MOTION (8)

Mr. Deeble MOVED to appoint Ann Cicchiello, 11 Village Drive, East Lyme, to serve as the Deputy First Selectman with a term to expire on December 6, 2027.

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

3d. Appoint 2nd Deputy First Selectman

MOTION (9)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Jason Deeble, 5 MacKinnon Place, East Lyme, as 2nd Deputy First Selectman with a term to expire on December 6, 2027.

Seconded by Ms. Carlson. ABSTAINED; Mr. Deeble. Motion passed 5-1.

4a. Ex-Officio Reports

Candice Carlson reported:

- Congratulations to Superintendent Jeff Newton who has been named this year's Superintendent of the Year.

Ann Cicchiello reported:

- She attended the annual CCM conference, and it was very informative. She attended a couple of very relative seminars and found out that all towns in Connecticut site their number one complaint as speeding. She also attended a seminar on AI and how it is being used in government and schools.

Jason Deeble reported:

- Stars to Stem is hosting an event on December 5th featuring the Littlefield String Band
- East Lyme 250America subcommittee is meeting and gaining momentum. Stay tuned for more information on next year's festivities.
- He would really like the Town to investigate the feasibility of hiring a shared grant writer.

Rose Ann Hardy reported:

- If anyone has any suggestions for next year's 250America celebration, please reach out to Rose Ann Hardy and/or Jason Deeble.

4b. First Selectman's Report

Dan Cunningham reported:

- Welcome to the Board of Selectmen, Cindy Collins, and congratulations to everyone who was elected.
- Attended the annual CCM conference and had the opportunity to meet and share ideas with other Municipal CEO's, First Selectmen, Mayors, and a lot of vendors as well that we already have relationships with by being a member of CCM. He had the opportunity to spend some time with Waterford's First Selectmen, and they will be working toward more collaboration between our towns.
- Annual Light Parade will be on December 13th at 6pm.
- The annual Jingle Bell 5k will take place on the morning of the 13th at McCooks; the race will start off at 10am.
- Inauguration of newly elected officials took place on Monday, December 1st; thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time in our community.
- The Rte. 161/Exit 74 project will begin another phase of blasting beginning December 8th; please go to the project website for more information and to sign up for text messages regarding said construction project.
- There is a link on the Town Hall website where you can submit your comments to the Board regarding the proposed cell tower on Flanders Road. Comments will be taken from the public until the first week in January and will be compiled and used in part when the Town goes to the Siting Council public hearing at the end of January.

5. Communications

There were None.

6. Public Comments

Planning Director Gary Goeschel stated that the electronic ticketing devices will need an 8-24 review and public hearing by the Planning Commission to stay in line with the POCD.

7. Selectman's Response

There was none.

MOTION (10)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to adjourn the December 3, 2025, regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 9:02 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary