

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2026

PRESENT: Board of Selectmen Members Dan Cunningham, Ann Cicchiello, Rose Ann Hardy, Jason Deeble and Candice Carlson. Cindy Collins participated via Zoom.
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Public Works Director Joe Bragaw, Town Engineer Alex Klose and Town Attorney Tracy Collins.

Mr. Cunningham called the regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen to order at 7:08 p.m. and Mr. Cunningham stated that the Pledge had been done at the Public Hearing.

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

1c. Delegations

Mr. Brendan Boyle, 24 Park Street, Niantic, is interested in a seat on the Police Commission.

Ms. Esther Williams, Former Town Clerk, 137 Upper Pattagansett Road, East Lyme, is interested in a position on the Commission on Aging.

Mr. Bill Follett, 10 Francis Lane, Niantic, is interested in the Inland Wetlands Agency, and would also like to be considered for a seat on the Historic Properties Commission should one become available.

1d. Approve Minutes

MOTION (1)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of January 7, 2026, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (2)

DISCUSSION: Typos were noted; no amendments were made which would affect the motion. Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2026, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Collins. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (3)

DISCUSSION: Typos were noted; no amendments were made which would affect the motion. Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Collins. Motion passed 6-0.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (4)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for January 21, 2026, in the amount of \$8,847.19. Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

2a. Old Business

There was none.

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Candice Carlson
TOWN CLERK

3. Executive Session

MOTION (5)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, and to include Town Attorney Tracy Collins.
Seconded by Ms. Collins. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:17 PM. They returned at 8:11 PM and it was stated that no formal votes were taken.

4a. Adopt Ordinance Various Water Charges

DISCUSSION: Town Attorney Tracy Collins explained that this rate of 18% was in effect a couple of years ago, by order of the Water & Sewer Commission, so this is just a housekeeping matter to bring the ordinance up to speed. All lates fee rates are 18% universally throughout the Town.

MOTION (6)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED that the Board of Selectmen approve and adopt the proposed amendment to Ordinance §52.21 entitled "Various Water Charges" as presented at the public hearing on January 21, 2026, and to cause notice of the adoption of this ordinance to be published in accordance with law, and further that the effective date of the ordinance shall be ten (10) days after publication of the public notice of its adoption as provided for by Section 3.4.3 of the Charter of the Town of East Lyme.

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

4b. Annual East Lyme Ambulance Contract Renewal

MOTION (7)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED the following: RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is hereby authorized to execute, in the name and on behalf of the Town, an Agreement between the Town of East Lyme and the East Lyme Ambulance Fund, Inc. for provision of emergency and general ambulance service in the Town of East Lyme, dated February 1, 2026.

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

4c. W&S Bonding

DISCUSSION: Please see Exhibit #1 to see how this project fits into the Capital Projects plan.

MOTION (8)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED the following: WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Lyme, Connecticut (the "Town") adopted a resolution entitled "A Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$2,000,000 For The Construction Of Modifications, Upgrades And Improvements To The East Lyme Water Treatment Plant Projects And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,000,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose" on June 7, 2023, which was approved by legal voters of the Town at a Special Town Meeting on July 5, 2023 (the "Water Treatment Plant Projects Resolution");

WHEREAS, certain Projects from the Water Treatment Plant Projects Resolution do not require further funding and there are bond proceeds from such Projects in the amount of \$277,163.10 that remain unexpended (the "Unexpended Bond Proceeds"); and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to transfer such Unexpended Bond Proceeds to other active Projects authorized under Section 1 of the Water Treatment Plant Projects Resolution and the Project authorized by a resolution entitled "A Resolution Making Appropriations In The Amount Of \$165,329.30 For The Construction Of Modifications, Improvements, And PFAS-Related Upgrades To The East Lyme Water Treatment Plant Projects And Authorizing The Issuance/Use Of \$165,329.30 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof

The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose" (the "Wells 1A/6 Water Treatment Plant Upgrades Resolution").

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF EAST LYME:

Section 1. The total of \$277,163.10 of the Unexpended Bond Proceeds are hereby transferred to partially fund all or a portion of:

- (i) the Well 4A Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project, authorized by the Water Treatment Plant Projects Resolution, in the amount of \$111,833.80; and
- (ii) the PFAS-related upgrades Project, authorized by the Wells 1A/6 Water Treatment Plant Upgrades Resolution, in the amount of \$165,329.30.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

4d. Colony Road Bridge Bonding

DISCUSSION: Mr. Klose stated that this project is funded 100% by State (20%) and Federal (80%) grants. Based on an inspection report done in June 2022, this bridge needs immediate action. Applied for the grant in July 2022 and we were accepted as the bridge was determined to be in need of replacement. The total cost is estimated to be \$6,000,000. The next bridge that requires work is the Fairhaven Road bridge, and then the Egret Road bridge. There will be road closures, and he is working closely with the Board of Education and emergency services to work out schedules.

MOTION (9)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED the following: RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$6,000,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction And Replacement Of The Colony Road Bridge Over Latimer Brook, Bridge No. 05623 (A Federal Local Bridge Program Project) And Related Infrastructure And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$6,000,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", 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.

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

4e. NIP Funds

MOTION (10)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to approve a special appropriation for the Public Works Department of \$12,267 from NIP funds for cleaning Town catch basins and forward to the Board of Finance for approval. NOTE: This requires a Town Meeting.

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

4f. Appointment to Check Indices

MOTION (11)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Attorney William Willetts, Jr. to examine the indices of the land records for calendar year 2026 in accordance with CGS Section 7-14 for the sum of \$2,000.

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

4g. Appoint Assistant Town Historian

MOTION (12)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Kaitlin DeNovellis, 24 Laurel Hill Drive, Niantic as the East Lyme Assistant Town Historian with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

4h. General Appointments

MOTION (13)

Ms. Hardy MOVED to nominate Vito Addabbo, 54 Columbus Avenue, Niantic, to serve on the Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

MOTION (14)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Esther Williams, 137 Upper Pattagansett Road, East Lyme, as a Member on the Commission on Aging for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

MOTION (15)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Patricia Kolosowski, 52 Indianola Road, Niantic, as a Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

MOTION (16)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint William Follett, 10 Francis Lane, Niantic, as an Alternate Member on the Inland Wetlands Agency for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2028.

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

MOTION (17)

DISCUSSION: Ms. Carlson stated that she would like confirmation that Mr. Zamarka's appointment to this commission is not a conflict of interest as he is a retired Town Attorney. Mr. Zamarka stated that he has discussed this with members of Carmody et al, current Town Attorneys, and there is no conflict of interest, except maybe in the case of Landmark to which he will recuse himself.

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Mark Zamarka, 33 Harvest Glen, East Lyme, as a Member on the Water & Sewer Commission for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

Seconded by Mr. Deeble. IN FAVOR; Hardy, Deeble, Cicchiello, Carlson and Collins. ABSTAINED; Cunningham. Motion passed 5-0-1.

5a. Ex-Officio Reports

Mr. Deeble Reported:

- Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission is waiting on the State to finalize their processes before formally appointing the new Harbor Master, Steve Albert.
- Vets Coffeehouse addressed veterans increased risk of becoming problem gamblers.
- Stars to Stem will have a program on February 6th; more information at the next BOS meeting.
- At the Police Commission, Chief Glenn reported on a number of items, including budgets. A heartfelt thank you to Tony Buglione for serving on the Police Commission all these years. They appointed Regina Hitchery as the Chairwoman and Joseph Perkins as the Deputy Chair.

Ms. Carlson Reported:

- Everyone is working on budgets.
- She participated on the hiring committee for the Parks and Recreation Park Foreman position.

Ms. Collins Reported:

- The Planning Commission granted a 30-day extension to the applicant of a subdivision on Cedar Brook Lane to meeting with the Zoning Official.
- Discussed lowering the acreage needed and number of chickens will be allowed.
- Zoning Commission has an application for a change in the 8-30g for a project on Parkers Place, near the Book Barn.
- She may need to switch WELSCO with one of the other Board members; she may have a conflict.

5b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Cunningham Reported:

- The I-95 / Exit 74 project will begin blasting again. The project is 75% complete with the target completion date of November 2026. They have spent \$120M of their \$160M budget to date.
- Received the closing binder for the first phase of work on the old police station on Main Street aka the Dominion building. First thing is to find out what is there.
- Department Heads and Finance have been busy with budge preparations.
- Newly formed CIP committee is doing a great job; took a tour of facilities.

6. Communications

There was none.

7. Public Comments

There were none.

8. Selectman's Response

There were none.

MOTION (18)

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to adjourn the January 21, 2026, regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 9:19 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary

Exhibit #1

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East Lyme Water Proposed Capital Projects Reallocation - October 2025

Project Code	Description	Current Balance	Proposed Transfer	Proposed New Balance
BN231	2023 BAN/GOB Premiums	\$ 28,820.00	\$ -	\$ 28,820.00
BN232	Bonding and Legal Costs	\$ 100,000.00	\$ (100,000.00)	\$ -
BN233	Well 2A/BBWTP Treatment Upgrades	\$ 305,831.68	\$ (105,831.68)	\$ 200,000.00
BN234	Well 4A Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	\$ 53,166.20	\$ 111,833.80	\$ 165,000.00
BN235	Well 5 Water Treatment Plant Lagoon	\$ 71,331.42	\$ (71,331.42)	\$ -
BN236	Booster Station Upgrades	\$ 67,794.00	\$ -	\$ 67,794.00
BN237	Engineering Studies	\$ 48,643.11	\$ -	\$ 48,643.11
BN238	Wells 1A/6 PFAS Water Treatment Upgrades	\$ -	\$ 165,329.30	\$ 165,329.30
	Total	\$ 675,586.41	\$ -	\$ 675,586.41

BN238 is a proposed new project to perform upgrades for PFAS-Related Upgrades