

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2026

PRESENT: Board of Selectmen Members Dan Cunningham, Ann Cicchiello, Rose Ann Hardy, Jason Deeble and Cindy Collins. Candice Carlson participated via Zoom.  
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Police Chief Kevin Glenn

Mr. Cunningham called the regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen to order at 7:48 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

Don MacKenzie, 10 Woodland Drive, Niantic, stated that he is the Chair of the Republican Town Committee, and he would like the process of appointing people to boards and commissions to be more transparent and organized. He stated that the agenda should list more detail than just appointments to boards and commissions. His comments are attached hereto as Exhibit #1.

1d. Approve Minutes

**MOTION (1)**

DISCUSSION: Motion #8 was made by Ms. Cicchiello and Seconded by Mr. Deeble.

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2025, as amended.

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

1e. Consent Calendar

There is no consent calendar for this meeting.

2a. Automated Ticketing Ordinance

**MOTION (2)**

DISCUSSION: Chief Glenn reiterated that there is no cost to the town for this program; the administrative fee pays for all costs, including the study. The camera will only be capturing the license plate and no identifying information as to the driver. The vendor will regularly calibrate the system. The tickets will not be reported to insurance companies or the DMV. Once reviewed by East Lyme staff, the tickets will be mailed by the vendor. The entire contract can be adjusted and tailored to our Town needs by the Board of Selectmen. The first step would be to sign the agreement with the selected company, Altimint. They are the vendor he will work with to prepare the application packet and help us navigate the public hearing process to determine where we want to place the cameras. Once the location is chosen, the camera will remain in that spot; it cannot be moved. The goal of the program is not to bring in revenue, but to reduce speeding. Mr. Deeble expressed concern about where the data is going and who gets to see it once in the hands of the vendor. It was discussed that approval tonight would allow the Chief to begin working on this, but that the Board of Selectmen have plenty of time and opportunity to adjust the contract to our specifications.

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED that the Board of Selectmen approve and adopt the proposed ordinance titled "Ordinance Authorizing The Use of Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices" as presented at the public hearings on December 17, 2025, and January 7, 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. Collins. IN FAVOR; Cunningham, Cicchiello, Carlson and Collins. OPPOSED; Hardy and Deeble. Motion passed 4-2.

3a. Proposed Amendment to Interest Rate for overdue water charges from 12% to 18%  
DISCUSSION: Mr. Cunningham explained that this is a housekeeping matter and that the increase in fees already happened but the ordinance was not amended at that time. The proposed amended ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit #2.

3b. Schedule Public Hearing – Ordinance Section 52.21 – proposed amendment to interest rate for overdue water charges from 12% to 18%

**MOTION (3)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED the following: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 7:00 p.m. on January 21, 2026, at the East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut to consider an amendment to Ordinance Section 52.21 entitled "Various Water Charges". The proposed amendment raises the interest rate on overdue fees and charges imposed by the Water and Sewer Commission from 12% to 18%. Copies of the full text of the proposed Ordinance are on file for public inspection at the office of the East Lyme Town Clerk, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut and at eltownhall.com to which reference may be had. Interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut, on this 7th day of January, 2026. EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

3c. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cunningham explained that the following appointments are only for people who's terms are expiring and want to be re-appointed. The Board will make new appointments at the next meeting.

**MOTION (4)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Carole Coyle, 22 Sea Breeze Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Commission on Aging on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (5)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Wendy Fiore, 5 Atwood Drive, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Commission on Aging on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (6)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Emily Fiore, 5 Atwood Drive, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Brookside Farm Museum Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (7)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Frank Lathrop, 195 Doyle Road, Oakdale, as the Chief Building Official for the Town of East Lyme.

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

**MOTION (8)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Laura Ashburn, 31 West Main Street #9, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (9)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Donald Danila, 24 Pattagansett Drive, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (10)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Mark Christensen, 66 Grassy Hill Road, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (11)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Marjorie Meekhoff, 6 Cedar Ridge Road, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as an Alternate Member on the Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (12)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint J. Hull Manwaring, 85 Quarry Dock Road, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the East Lyme Harbor Management / Shellfish Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (13)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Craig Mason, 9 Acorn Drive, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the East Lyme Harbor Management / Shellfish Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (14)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Steven Carpenteri, 25 Harvest Glen, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Fair Rent Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (15)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Nancy Johnson, 10 King Arthur Drive #121, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Fair Rent Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (16)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Mike Bekech, 84 Hope Street, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as an Alternate Member on the Fair Rent Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (17)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Mariah Knight, 277 West Main Street, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as Deputy Fire Marshal on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (18)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Rory Ghio, 104 East Shore Drive, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as Deputy Fire Marshal on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (19)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint David H. Houseman, Jr., 474 Laurel Hill Road, Norwich, Connecticut, to serve as Deputy Fire Marshal on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (20)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Carol Ann Gordon, 26 Broadway, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as an Alternate Member on the Historic Properties Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (21)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Rodney McCauley, 228 Roxbury Road, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Historic Properties Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (22)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Sandra Bullock, 6 Heritage Road, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Historic Properties Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (23)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Steve Marks-Hamilton, 39 Sunnieside Drive, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Historic Properties Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (24)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint John Vilcheck, 4 Meadow Street, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as an Alternate Member on the Inland Wetlands Agency on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (25)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Carlo Lombardo, 2 Hillcrest Road, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as an Alternate Member on the Inland Wetlands Agency on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (26)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Gregory McIntire, 41 Shore Road, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Inland Wetlands Agency on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (27)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Kristen Chantrell, 13 Green Valley Lakes Road, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Inland Wetlands Agency on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (28)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Ryan Williams, 2 Barrett Drive, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Inland Wetlands Agency on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (29)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Marc Salerno, 8 Bobwhite Lane, East Lyme, Connecticut, as the Town Moderator on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (30)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Susan Gonzalez, 44 Heritage Road, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Niantic River Watershed Board on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (31)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Donald Danila, 24 Pattagansett Drive, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Niantic River Watershed Board on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (32)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Amy Cabaniss, 75 Smith Street, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as an Alternate Member on the Niantic River Watershed Board on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (33)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint David Castro, 3 Wildwood Drive, Niantic, Connecticut to serve as a Member on the Parks and Recreation Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (34)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Susan Kumro, 14 West Main Street, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Parks and Recreation Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (35)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Robert Curry, 28 Brainerd Road, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Pension Board on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (36)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Dean Fiscus, 255 Giants Neck Road, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Town Building Committee and the School Building Committee on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (37)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Jerry Fortier, 13 N. Ledge Rock Road, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Town Building Committee and the School Building Committee on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (38)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Alisa Bradley, 20 Church Lane #5, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Town of East Lyme School Building Committee as the Board of Education Representative with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (39)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint William Derry, 212R Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Town of East Lyme School Building Committee as the Board of Education Representative with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (40)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Joseph Bragaw, Public Works Director, as the SCRRRA Representative for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (41)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Daniel Cunningham, First Selectman of the Town of East Lyme, as a Member on the SEAT Board of Directors with a term to expire on December 3, 2029.

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

**MOTION (42)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Michelle Royce-Williams, 2 Barrett Drive, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Water and Sewer Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (43)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Kenneth Roberts, 2 Rockwell Street, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Water and Sewer Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (44)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint David Murphy, 490 Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Water and Sewer Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (45)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Paul Spakowski, 37 Mill Road, East Lyme, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (46)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Peter Harris, 5 South Ridge Road, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (47)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint John Manning, 25 Marshfield Road, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (48)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to appoint Paul Spencer Clapp, 11 Chadwick Place, Niantic, Connecticut, to serve as a Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals on behalf of the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 7, 2030.

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

**MOTION (49)**

Mr. Deeble MOVED to appoint Wendi Sims to the Ad Hoc Committee to review appointments to boards and commissions, which currently consists of Don MacKenzie and Rose Ann Hardy.

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

3d. Authorize First Selectman to Sign Grant Applications

**MOTION (50)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to sign all grant applications and execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Lyme for Fiscal Year 25/26 through Fiscal Year 28/29, and to do and perform all acts and things which he or she deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including but not limited to executing and delivering all applications contemplated by such documents.

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

3e. Authorize First Selectman to Sign Check Registers

**MOTION (51)**

Ms. Collins MOVED that the Board of Selectmen delegates to the First Selectman, Daniel Cunningham, and upon the absence or disability of the First Selectman, to the Deputy First Selectman, Ann Cicchiello, the Board's obligation to sign the orders of the Board of Selectmen on the Town Treasury for payment of regularly budgeted expenses of the Town, with exception of those of a capital nature over \$50,000 where bids are required; and further that the signed orders, covering the period subsequent to the previous regular meeting of the Board, be presented at each regular meeting of the Board for review. In the absence of the First Selectman and his Deputy, the First Selectman may delegate the obligation to sign the orders of the Board of Selectmen to the Second Deputy First Selectman for payment of the expenses of the Town.

Seconded by Mr. Deeble. IN FAVOR; Deeble, Hardy, Carlson and Collins. ABSTAINED; Cunningham and Cicchiello. Motion passed 4-0-2

4a. Ex-Officio Reports

Ms. Cicchiello reported:

- Library Board discussed the increase in health insurance from 12% to 14%.

4b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Cunningham reported:

- Blasting as part of the I-95 project will begin again on January 12<sup>th</sup>; please go to the website for information on how to sign up for text messaging.

5. Communications

There was none.

6. Public Comments

There were none.

7. Selectman's Response

There were none.

**MOTION (52)**

Ms. Cicchiello MOVED to adjourn the January 7, 2026, regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 9:38 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra Anderson  
Recording Secretary

# Exhibit #1

itzdon31@gmail.com

**Subject:** FW: Ltr Discussing Boards & Commissions  
**Attachments:** Ltr to Dan (12-26-25).pdf

**From:** Don MacKenzie <itzdon31@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 26, 2025 2:26 PM  
**To:** Anne Santoro <arsantoro@atlanticbb.net>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ltr Discussing Boards & Commissions

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From: <[itzdon31@gmail.com](mailto:itzdon31@gmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, Dec 26, 2025, 2:06 PM  
Subject: Ltr Discussing Boards & Commissions  
To: Dan Cunningham <[dcunningham@eltownhall.com](mailto:dcunningham@eltownhall.com)>  
Cc: Ann Cicchiello <[acicchiello@eltownboardmember.org](mailto:acicchiello@eltownboardmember.org)>, Jason Deeble <[jdeeble@eltownboardmember.org](mailto:jdeeble@eltownboardmember.org)>, <[rhardy@eltownboardmember.org](mailto:rhardy@eltownboardmember.org)>, <[ccarlson@eltownboardmember.org](mailto:ccarlson@eltownboardmember.org)>, <[ccollins@eltownboardmember.org](mailto:ccollins@eltownboardmember.org)>

Happy Holidays,

I felt the need to put some of my thoughts regarding Boards & Commissions in writing.

Thank You!

Don MacKenzie

Good Evening. As Chair as the East Lyme Republican Committee, I need to address an issue I feel is being mishandled in regard to the appointment of those serving on Boards and/or Commissions. There are close to 30 Boards and Commissions in our town from Aging to Zoning. Each of those Boards or Commissions are filled with volunteers who want to help.

On tonight's agenda, as with past agendas under New Business (3C) the line item simply states "Appointments to Boards and Commissions."

- What Board?
- What Commission?
- How Many Seats are Available?
- We are required to have Minority Representation and I am in agreement with that.
- I wanted to help in this get organized but so there would be no one thinking there was an alternative agenda on my part, I opted out.
- In short that's not my job.
- On December 26<sup>th</sup>, I sent an e-mail to each of you listing my concerns as to a process in how to apply to be on a Board or Commission, fill out an application, submit a bio, send your interest to our 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman and his executive secretary.
- At our last meeting a person was selected to join the Police Commission to take an opening that we were told the person removed had asked to remain. I am not going to get into the details as I don't know them all but not only were we not made aware of the opening, you already had a candidate for the position here in person, that was voted in that night. From what I have been told, the individual that was voted in is not a registered voter in our Town. Therefore she is not a member of the Police Commission as you have to be an elector to be voted in. This is not the first time (I am speaking recently) that a person has been solicited for a board or commission and then in attendance for a vote that night that was again, not on the agenda.
- In the last couple of days I do see some movement on this appreciate any and all efforts in getting this process back on the right track.

Thank you for your time.

Don M.  
NOTES PJD, DELEGATION  
R56 1/1/26

Hello Dan,

I chose to send this today so that you could enjoy Christmas and maybe not think of work for a day. I would like to clarify my role concerning upcoming appointments to Town Boards and Commissions. As you know I am the Chair of the Republican Town Committee. One of the many functions of our Committee under our bylaws is to "recommend able and qualified Republicans for appointive offices." As Chair, it is my duty to advance this purpose and so I believe any expanded role (as we have discussed) probably would not be appropriate for me.

Speaking as Chair of the Republican Town Committee, I will repeat my request to you and the Board of Selectmen that openings on Town Boards and Commissions be made known to the public, and that a process be established to vet new and returning candidates. Our Town Committee is committed to open government and citizen participation. At a minimum this year, we believe that the Board of Selectmen should receive a letter of interest along with relevant biographical information from new candidates. A similar requirement for returning appointees wishing to return should also be required. Of course, publishing openings and establishing requirements are up to you and the Selectmen, and for your administration to carry out.

Considering the upcoming expiration of many seats on January 5, 2026, I will continue to offer the names of individuals who I feel are qualified and are interested in serving on particular Boards and Commissions, as I did at the Selectmen's meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you know of any opening, I am kindly asking that you convey that information to me directly. No such consideration was given to me last Wednesday when I met with you about the Agenda for that evening and specifically the Police Commission, as you are Ex-Officio there. The Agenda item for appointments was vague. When I asked who/what was going to be voted on that evening, you said, "We are working on the Police Commission", but offered no other detail. The Selectmen then proceeded that night at their meeting to appoint Ms. Lucy Schuman to that Board. The terms of three members were set to expire. There was no mention of whose seat she would take, but if I heard right, Tony Buglione submitted a request to remain on the Commission. There was also no mention of how his request was handled. Was he notified that the Board of Selectmen was going to pass on that request?

If he knew his seat was in doubt, he may have wished to support his request in person or otherwise. In fact, at the meeting there was absolutely no discussion by the Selectmen as to why Mr. Buglione was replaced by Ms. Schuman.

Dan, you are also Chair of the Water and Sewer Commission where there are currently (4) members with expiring terms. Are any of these members wanting to continue on? Please let me know.

On a related issue, could you confirm that Ms. Schuman is a resident elector of East Lyme? Her name does not appear on the Town's voter list but does show on the Westerly, R.I. voting records.

## Lucy J Schuman's Rhode Island Voter Registration

Westerly, Rhode Island

Lucy J Schuman (age 79) is listed at 86 Ashaway Rd Westerly, Ri 02891 and is affiliated with the Democratic Party. Lucy is registered to vote in Rhode Island.

Lastly, I would ask that the Agenda item concerning appointments to Boards and Commissions for the Selectmen's meeting (1/7/2026) be clear and more specific as to what will be discussed and voted on. This hasn't been the case with the Selectmen's last 2 meeting Agendas.

Thank you.

  
Don MacKenzie  
ELRTC Chairman

Good Evening. While serving on the Board of Selectmen, with almost every application that came before us whether it be building permit, a housing development, or even the dog park application, one of the most common complaints heard during public hearings were that of excessive speed in the area where the work was being proposed. We almost always heard, "Have you sent anyone down there to see how fast people are driving through that area?!" or, "You need to set up a speed trap there before someone gets hurt or killed." I live in one of our beach communities where the speed limit is 20 MPH and I want to tell you, the speed complaints are valid.

I hate identifying a problem without a solution. Chief Glynn has also heard the complaints and has come up with a solution that I feel will indeed slow people down along with being self-funded. Most importantly if implemented, it may just save someone from injury or even worse. What better result could we ask for?

Folks, the cameras are taking pictures of a license plate and if one is going over 10 MPH over the speed limit, a ticket will be sent. It will not affect one's insurance; nor will it appear on the owner's driving record because we do NOT know who the driver is. If the owner of the vehicle would like to contest the fine, there are avenues to do that. We are simply trying to slow people down and deal with an issue we all know is real.

We have a new chief, and he is doing an fine job. There is support within the department where before there was none. There is also a following and a trust developing within the public as well and he has not even been on the job a year yet. That's progress and teamwork.

I am asking that we follow Chief Glynn's lead here and vote to get these cameras installed please.

Thank You.

Tom Nichols 1/7/26  
Public Meeting  
1/7/26

## Exhibit #2

### **Proposed Amendment to Ordinance § 52.21 entitled VARIOUS WATER CHARGES.**

(A) The Town Water and Sewer Commission may impose the following charges upon the owner or owners of property which is served with water by the Commission; annual private hydrant charge; annual private sprinkler charge; meter deposit; frozen meter repair or replacement fee; fee for installation and disconnection of meters for seasonal residences; meter test fees; fee for inspection of inground water service pipelines being installed in subdivisions; charge for labor provided to owner at owners request for corrections or repairs that are owner's responsibility; charge for sale of materials held in stock by Water Department.

(B) The meter deposit described in division (A) above shall be due and payable on or before the date that the Commission provides water service to the owner or owners of property requesting such service. All other charges described in division (A) above shall be due and payable when the property owner is billed by the Commission.

(C) The amount of such charges shall be established and from time to time revised by the Town Water and Sewer Commission, and shall reasonably reflect the costs incurred by the Commission in providing such services and materials. The Commission shall establish and revise such charges in accordance with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-239, as amended from time to time.

(D) From the time that any fee or charge described in this section becomes due and payable, it shall bear interest at the rate of ~~12~~ <sup>18</sup> % per annum until paid, unless paid within 30 days from the date it becomes due and payable. Any such fee or charge shall, at the time it becomes due and payable, become a lien upon the property. Any such lien shall be liable to be foreclosed in the same manner provided by law, for the foreclosure of tax liens.

(E) Any such lien shall not continue to exist for a period longer than one year after any such fee or charge becomes due and payable, unless within that period a certificate signed by the First Selectman or his or her designee describing the premises upon which the lien exists, the reason on account of which it is claimed, and the amount claimed by the town as a lien shall be filed in the town land records. Any such lien shall cease to exist whenever a certificate discharging the same signed by the First Selectman or his or her designee shall be filed in the town land records. Such liens shall be discharged by the First Selectman or his or her designee upon payment of such unpaid charges, interest (as set forth in division (D) above), and a lien fee which shall be an amount which is equal to the sum of a \$5 administrative fee and the amount charged by the Town Clerk for recording and releasing such lien.

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