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PMEAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2011
MINUTESEsther B. Williams

EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

PRESENT: Paul Formica, Mark Nickerson, John Birmingham, Jack Hogan, Rob Wilson,
Rose Ann Hardy.

ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Anna Johnson.

Mr. Formica called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and led the Pledge.

District Manager Steve Ferreira of Vision Appraisal was present and reviewed the status of the revaluation. He said that they were in the middle of the data collection phase and that 56% of the residential property was completed along with all the commercial property. He said that they have experienced a 64% rate of entry which is very good. He added that the data collection should be completed this summer. He said that they will be considering sales from 10/1/2010 – 10/1/2011 and coming up with new rates and that generally, values should come down approximately 10%.

Ms. Hardy asked if they do not gain access to a dwelling, how do they assess it.

Mr. Ferreira replied that they estimate. He said that they are available to make interior inspections on Saturdays and in the evenings.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items

There were none.

1c. Delegations

There were none.

1d1. Approval of Minutes, Special Meeting of March 16, 2011

MOTION (1)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 16, 2011 as submitted.

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

1d2. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting of March 16, 2011

MOTION (2)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 16, 2011 as submitted.

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

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (3)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of April 6, 2011 in the amount of \$19,160.25.

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

2a. Special Appropriation - \$18,200 – Emergency Management – Utility Vehicle

MOTION (4)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$18,200 for the purchase of a utility vehicle to a budget account to be established titled, “NSEP – Utility Vehicle” and forward this request to the Board of Finance for action. The purpose of this purchase is to expedite evacuation of East Lyme residents in the event of an incident at the Millstone Nuclear Power Station.

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

2b. Special Appropriation \$500 TVCCA – Welfare / General Assistance

Mr. Formica said that Cathy Wilson from the Commission on Aging received \$2000 from TVCCA for her assistance in processing energy applications for qualified East Lyme residents. She suggested sharing a portion with the Town since paper and supplies are utilized. He added that our funding for Welfare / General Assistance has been exhausted and an appropriation of \$500.00 was recommended for this budget line, with the remainder going into the Nicholas Parahus account.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$500 received from administering the TVCCA Energy Assistance Program to account 1-01-01-101-300-292 (Welfare / General Assistance) and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval.

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

2c. Reimbursement Grant from DEP – Parks and Rec – Zero Turn Mower

Mr. Formica noted that the Parks and Recreation department had applied for and received a reimbursement grant for the purchase of a Zero Turn Lawn mower as part of the State of CT DEP’s Lawn Equipment exchange fund. He congratulated them on all the hard work they do.

MOTION (6)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$5660 for the purchase of a John Deere Zero Turn mower from D.H. Marvin and Sons in the amount of \$7,195.20 due to the approval of the State of Connecticut DEP Lawn Equipment Exchange Fund (LEEF) Grant and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval.

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

2da.. Transfer of Funds for Non-Affiliated

Mr. Formica said that a 2.5% increase was awarded to non-affiliated personnel in January of 2011 for the current 2010/2011 fiscal year and was approved retroactive to July 1, 2010. Funds had been set aside for this purpose in the Contingency line and now a transfer was necessary.

MOTION (7)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve a transfer in the amount of \$44,614 from account 1-01-01-120-100-500 (Town Payroll Pending PR Change) to various budget line items as itemized on the attached worksheet titled, "Town of East Lyme Unaffiliated COLA increases 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 Additional Funding Required and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval.

Seconded by Mr. Birmingham.

Aye: Mr. Formica, Mr. Nickerson, Mr. Birmingham, Ms. Hardy, Mr. Hogan.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Mr. Wilson. Motion passed 5-0-1.

2db. Fire Fighters Wages

Mr. Formica said that during the 2010 / 11 budget process, a successor agreement was being negotiated for the firefighters and a provision for estimated wage increases was included. The Firefighters received a 3.25% increase and this funding now needed to be transferred.

MOTION (8)

Mr. Nickerson moved to transfer \$12,541 from account 1-01-01-120-100-500 (Contingency Pending PR Change) to the following accounts: \$6,657 to account 1-01-25-217-100-611 (Salaries NFD Firefighters) \$4,992 to account 1-01-25-218-100-611 (Salaries FFD Firefighters) and \$892 to account 1-01-01-114-100-121 (FICA/Medicare) due to the timing with the budget process and negotiating a successor agreement and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval.

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

2dc. Registrars

Mr. Formica said that funding is needed to cover the cost of the May 2011 budget referendum since we budgeted for one referendum and this would be the third for the year.

MOTION (9)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve a transfer in the amount of \$5,445 to account 1-01-01-110-500-402 (Referendum/Primary) from the following accounts: \$4,945 from account 1-01-01-104-100-212 (Building Official) and \$500 from account 1-01-01-107-100-311 (Assistant Town Clerks) to cover the estimated cost of the May 19, 2011 Annual Budget Referendum and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval.

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

2d.d. Transfers within Departmental Budgets

Finance Director Anna Johnson said that various transfers within departmental budgets have been necessary for various reasons. She noted the documentation of included transfers and said it showed the account number, description of the budget line item, amount and to what account number the money was going and a description of the budget line item.

MOTION (10)

Mr. Nickerson moved to ratify departmental transfers in the amount of \$29,606.50 processed for fiscal year end June 30, 2011 and to forward to the Board of Finance for approval.

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

2e. Accept Resignations – Mark Mangelinkx and Christopher Sandford from Planning Commission

MOTION (11)

Mr. Nickerson moved to accept the resignations of Mark Mangelinkx and Christopher Sandford from the Planning Commission and request that the First Selectman write a letter thanking them for their service.

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

2f. Appointment – Brian Kennedy – EDC

MOTION (12)

Mr. Nickerson moved to appoint Brian Kennedy of 24 Marshfield Road, Niantic, CT to serve on the Economic Development Commission through January 2, 2012.

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

2g. ZBA Fees – Possible Increase

Mr. Formica said this was on the agenda for notification purposes. He added that he was in the process of determining revenues and costs. He said that this would have to be done by amending the ordinance and that the Zoning Board of Appeals would have to be added to the ordinance. He was presently checking with other commissions named in the ordinance to have them check their fee structure and get back to him. He noted that this item would be tabled until the next meeting for more information.

5a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Hogan attended a special Board of Education meeting where they set the High School Graduation for June 20th at 6:00 p.m. He said they also discussed the athletic complex and their long range planning and the complex was pushed to 2012. He said that they received a quote for the baseball field in the amount of \$66,000. He added that the

Board of Education plans to write a letter to the Board of Finance about the consequences of any reductions.

Mr. Hogan attended the Planning Commission and the two vacancies were replaced by moving up two alternates. He added that now the alternate positions must be filled. He said they would be coming forward with a recommended change to the scenic road ordinance in the future.

Mr. Wilson noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting had been cancelled.

Mr. Birmingham had no report.

Ms. Hardy said that she had attended a subcommittee of the Zoning Commission regarding signage.

Mr. Nickerson attended the Town Building Committee meeting and they were finalizing the plans for the field services building. He said that the Zoning Commission had closed the public hearing regarding a potential development on Upper Pattagansett Road. He added that he had attended a few Board of Finance budget review meetings. He noted that Little League had started for the year. He attended a military affairs meeting and they were trying to make up a list of businesses offering military discounts. He attended the Youth Services meeting where they were making plans for the Flanders 5K run.

Mr. Hogan noted that he had attended the 50th surprise birthday party for Rob Wilson.

5b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Formica offered a picture of the electronic sign to Ms. Hardy. He said that he has been working on this for the Flanders 4 corners area and the cost is approximately \$30,000.

He hosted a flag raising for Donate Life kicking off donor awareness month.

He chaired the Water and Sewer meeting and they are moving the water interconnection project forward.

He noted that he would be bringing the Water and Sewer budget to the Selectmen after the Board of Finance reviews it on April 12th.

He said that the closing of Gates Prison is a double edged sword; less water will be used however, there is also a loss in revenue.

He stated that he has been attending the Board of Finance budget reviews and they will hold their public hearing on April 25th at the High School Auditorium.

He attended the Democratic Town Committee meeting and several Council of Government meetings.

He had another meeting with the four CEO's for the regional Probate Office and they finalized the budget.

He is in open negotiations with the Police and Fire Fighter unions.

He is continuing the customer service departmental review.

He met with Assistant DEP Commissioner Frechette regarding Rocky Neck and the problems we experience in the summer.

He said that the new traffic light at the intersection of Giants Neck Road and Route 156 should be in by September or October.

He attended the Main Street Annual Meeting where they discussed the streetscape and future plans.

He attended an affordable housing seminar where the speaker talked about revitalizing cities.

He started walking today with staff as a kick off to National Start Walking Day for the Heart Association.

He met with the Board of Education and asked them to move out the turf field to the future since there were many immediate needs that had to be addressed. He also asked the Building Official to check out the bleachers. He reported that they were structurally sound and the metal was good, but they needed some work. He said immediate needs were the roof at Haynes, the culinary lab and the wall behind the music room

Ms. Hardy inquired if there were any known plans for the Gates facility.

Mr. Formica said that he asked when he met with the wardens in February if Gates would be closed and at that time, they told him they had no knowledge of it. He said that the warden called last week to tell him that Gates would be closed and that he had no knowledge of a future use. Mr. Formica said that he was concerned about having the situation Montville is facing here however; he has been told that the State cannot place a sexual offender facility next to a public park. He added that he has contacted our legislators and he is also checking on the pilot funding.

Ms. Hardy suggested he put together a package about affordable housing from the seminar he attended and present it to the Zoning Commission. She said that she thought that the setting of affordable housing zones would assist us in denying developments in undesirable areas however; it appears that State Statute 8-30g trumps everything. She also requested improved signage to our public parking areas. She inquired about the status of the mercury spill and asked to be contacted for the next 20 / 20 Facilities meeting.

Mr. Formica noted that Saturday, May 7th was East Lyme Shred Day at the Community Center from 9:00 a.m. – noon.

6. Public Discussion

Karen Rak of 27 Black Point Road asked about the minimum budget requirement bill. She asked how the prison closing would affect the pilot funding and inquired what other fees were predicated on population.

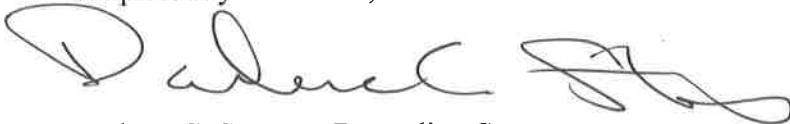
Mr. Formica noted that we would be paying less to Ledge Light.

MOTION (13)

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn the April 6, 2011 meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 9:02 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darlene C. Stevens".

Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary