

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2012
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mr. Formica, Mr. Nickerson, Ms. Cheeseman, Ms. Hardy.

Mr. Wilson was out ill.

Mr. Formica called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and led the Pledge.

PROBATE:

Mr. Formica noted that this amended budget was for the regional four town probate district of East Lyme, Old Lyme, Montville and Salem. He noted that the increase in the budget was allocated to each town by their Grand List. He said that the increase was caused by an 18% custodial increase, heating oil increase and alarm monitoring had been added.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Formica reviewed the budget. He noted that the Legal Services line was almost gone and that the Board of Finance had removed funding from line 233 last year and he was again asking for the same amount this year.

Ms. Hardy noted that the Zoning line for Legal was reduced and noted that they will be having a hefty case again this year and more money might be needed.

Mr. Seery arrived at the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

INTEREST 522:

Mr. Formica noted that interest had gone up somewhat as a result of line 605 – General Obligation Bonds. He added that the Town has saved \$2,039,000 by refunding our bonds. He added that the principal line is reducing.

CAPITAL:

Mr. Formica noted that the detailed proposal for Capital (Attachment A) is listed in the first year of the 5-year Capital Plan.

Ms. Cheeseman inquired about the radio system upgrade and wondered if it would still be needed if there is a change with Dispatch.

Mr. Formica responded yes.

Ms. Hardy inquired if the Amtrak beach had been deeded over to us.

Mr. Formica responded yes.

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Ms. Hardy said that she is concerned about money going to Parks and Recreation for this area and stressed that some type of revenue was needed. She suggested paid parking and added that the town could not expect the taxpayer to assume the cost of this additional beach.

Mr. Formica noted that he had been reviewing the potential of having trolleys to transport people around town and to the beaches for a fare.

REVENUES:

Ms. Hardy inquired about the incentive housing grants.

Mr. Formica noted that the program had been reinstated and that the \$2000 per planned unit for incentive housing should be received in the near future. He added that the additional \$2000 per permitted unit would only come once the units were built.

Ms. Hardy inquired where the revenue was shown from the sale of old equipment.

Finance Director Anna Johnson responded that the funds when received were put into a CNRE fund.

Ms. Hardy requested a copy of the CNRE accounts for Wednesday's meeting.

Mr. Formica noted that the Pilot funds for state owned property had increased due to the many improvements made at Camp Niantic.

Ms Hardy noted no revenue received for speeding tickets and other infractions.

Ms. Johnson said that all that type of revenue was included in the parking fines line.

Mr. Formica noted that there would need to be more reductions to the budget if we wanted to get to a 0 increase.

Ms. Hardy said that Inland Wetlands had requested increased services from the Planning Director.

Mr. Formica said that he had received a letter from Chair Lozanov requesting a 50% increase in the Wetland Officer's(Planning Director) time for wetlands enforcement. He added that he had written back requesting a detailed accounting of active violations and had been informed that there were only two.

MOTION (1)

Mr. Nickerson moved to adjourn the Special Meeting of March 5, 2012 at 7:05 p.m.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 5-0.

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Respectfully submitted,

Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary