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TOWN OF EAST LYME

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

First Selectman, Paul Formica opened the Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. He informed the audience that both the Town Meeting Moderator and the Deputy Town Meeting Moderator could not be in attendance tonight. Therefore, he asked for a Motion from the floor for a replacement Moderator for the evening.

Motion (1) Kevin Seery moved to appoint Jeffrey McNamara as Town Meeting Moderator for this Town Meeting.

Seconded by Rose Ann Hardy.

Motion Passed.

Mr. McNamara led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Assistant Town Clerk, Karen Galbo read the Call of the Special Town Meeting stating that it had been signed by the Board of Selectmen, posted on the Sign Post, published in The Day newspaper and recorded in the Town Clerk's Office.

Mr. McNamara stated the rules of the meeting citing Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-6 regarding eligibility to vote at a Town Meeting. Only Registered Voters or Taxpayers who are US Citizens and whose names appear on the Grand List of October 1, 2013 and have a minimum assessment of \$1000.00 are eligible. He also cited Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-360 dealing with penalties for voting if not eligible.

1. To approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$280,000 from Open-Space Fund 59 to purchase the property located on Assessor's Map 22, Lot 1 and abutting Quarry Dock Road and to authorize the First Selectman to execute, in the name and on behalf of the town, a contract to purchase said property at the above price subject to funds assembled from the following sources: \$150,000 from the Thompson Family Foundation, Inc; a \$100,000 grant from the State of Connecticut; \$25,000 from the Town of East Lyme; and the balance of \$5000 as may be amended by the usual and customary closing adjustments and costs will be paid by the Friends of Oswegatchie Hills Nature Preserve, Inc. The First Selectman is further authorized to execute a Declaration of Conservation Easement and Restrictions regarding the use of such property in favor of the Friends of the Oswegatchie Hills Nature Preserve, Inc., and to execute a Conservation and Public Recreation Easement and Agreement in favor of the State of Connecticut.

Motion (2) Joe Mingo moved to approve Item 1.

Seconded by Kevin Seery.

Mr. Formica stated this is an opportunity for the Town and the Friends of Oswegatchie Hills to buy property at little cost to the taxpayers. The total purchase price is \$280,000. \$25,000 of that would come from the Town. It is a 40 plus acre parcel and is contiguous to property we already own.

A vote was taken; the Motion passed (1 Nay)

2. To approve a Special Appropriation for a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) with the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) in CNRE Fund 32 to a budget account titled, "Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey" with a corresponding revenue account. The survey will be of the Samuel Smith property for the purpose of being recognized as a Certified Local Government (CLG).

Motion (3) Joe Mingo moved to approve Item 2.

Seconded by Rose Ann Hardy.

Mr. Formica stated this is reimbursable, and it an opportunity to add the Samuel Smith House to the list of properties classified as Certified Local Government.

Joe Mingo, 397 Boston Post Road, East Lyme stated there are a lot of historic properties in Town. We need to package them all together and use them as tourist attractions. This is a good move for the Town.

A vote was taken; the Motion passed (1 Nay)

Motion (4) Kevin Seery moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Seconded by Rob Wilson.

Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Karen Miller Galbo
Assistant Town Clerk**