

TOWN OF EAST LYME
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Moderator, Eugene Cushman, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the East Lyme Town Hall. After the assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk, Lesley Blais, read the call of the meeting, stating it had been signed by the Board of Selectmen, posted on the signpost, published in The Day newspaper and filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Moderator read the rules of the meeting citing CGS Statute 7-6, eligibility to vote at a town meeting, stating that registered voters or taxpayers who are US citizens and whose names appear on the Grand List of October 1, 2014 and have a minimum assessment of \$1000.00 are eligible. He also cited CGS 9-360 dealing with penalties for voting if not franchised.

Item #1 of the Call: Special Appropriation \$26,360 CNRE Fund 32 - Bd of Ed.- Dugout Project.

Motion was made by Kevin Seery and seconded by Dick Morris to adopt the item.

Mark Nickerson explained we now have a solid plan on what is being built for the dugouts. Our Assistant Public Works Director, Bill Scheer has spent countless hours on this. He then asked Superintendent, Jeffrey Newton to explain more about the project.

Jeffrey Newton stated our previous dugouts needed to be removed because of some structural issues so they were torn down. We were able to fund crushed stone and a concrete slab that have been put on the site for the two dugouts. They were designed to be two thirty-six foot long , above ground dugouts. The brick would be comparable to what's at the current concession stand so it will be matching. That will be one component of the cost and then on top of the bricks the roof will be constructed.

After no further discussion, Moderator called for a vote. Item #1 of the call was adopted.

Item #2 of the Call: Special Appropriation \$49,785 CNRE Fund 32- DEEP Recreational Trails Grant.

Motion was made by Rob Wilson and seconded by Kevin Seery to adopt the item.

Mark Nickerson commented that Gary Goeschel has done a lot of work on this. This grant will be used to work on our walking trails on Darrow Pond and to build some gravel parking areas at the Grassy Hill Road/Whistletown Road trail area. The only cost to the Town is inkind services. The Darrow Pond area that we purchased a couple of years ago has some pavement areas that need reworking. This work will happen over a three year period of time.

After no further discussion, Moderator called for a vote. Item #2 of the call was adopted.

Item #3 of the Call: Special Appropriation \$23,229 CNRE Fund 32-Purchase and Install New 911 Phone System.

Motion was made by Marc Salerno and seconded by Kevin Seery to adopt the item.

Dick Morris explained we are in the process of changing the entire phone system at 171 Boston Post Road. We are going to an IP based system that will meet the demands of next year's 911 system that the State has installed throughout Connecticut. If we don't upgrade our phones we will not be compatible with each other. This will also meet the demands of the new phone system coming to the Town Hall.

There being no further discussion, Moderator called for a vote. Item #3 of the call was adopted.

Item #4 of the Call: Special Appropriation \$98,071 CNRE Fund 32-Purchase of new Harbor Master Boat.

Motion was made by Rob Wilson and seconded by Kevin Seery to adopt the item.

Dick Morris, East Lyme Harbor Master, stated a grant came forth through Mr. Nickerson's office and Senator Blumenthal's office. It is a 75/25 split so that the Town of Waterford is splitting the \$25,000 with the Town of East Lyme and \$75,000 is a Federal Grant. The boat that is being replaced is in deplorable condition and is not sea worthy. We put \$2000 in repairs in it last year and we did not use it this year because it needs an additional \$4400 worth of repairs. After much work by many people, we were fortunate enough to win this award and it's a needed item for Harbor Masters in East Lyme and Waterford.

There being no further discussion, Moderator called for a vote. Item #4 of the call was adopted.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rob Wilson and seconded by Holly Cheeseman.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Lesley A Blais
East Lyme Town Clerk