

TOWN OF EAST LYME
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Recorded August 12 20 14
(AM)
9:50 PM Lesley A. Blais
East Lyme Town Clerk

AUGUST 6, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

Town Meeting Moderator Gene Cushman called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Karen Galbo, Assistant Town Clerk read the Call of the Meeting.

Mr. Cushman stated that Item #2 of the Call would not be heard this evening.

Ron Rando asked why they weren't going to hear Item number 2.

Town Attorney Tracy Collins stated the Town entered a contract with the "Friends" to purchase the property directly, and the Town's portion would be \$25,000.00. The amount of the total purchase is \$280,000. That would include \$25,000 from the Town, \$100,000 from a State Grant, \$150,000 from the Thompson Family Foundation, and the remainder from the "Friends". The State will only give the Grant money directly to the Town, so the Town has to appropriate the full \$280,000 and will be reimbursed by the State and the Thompson Family Foundation. Nothing has changed except the technicality of the appropriation amount changing. They have to start over again. She recommended the Board of Selectmen pass the appropriation of \$280,000 then send it to the Board of Finance and then back to a Town Meeting. They wouldn't have been able to close until the end of September anyway, since this sale will need Probate Court approval as well.

Mr. Cushman reviewed the rules of the Special Town Meeting per Connecticut General Statute Section 7-6 and Section 9-360.

- 1. To consider and act upon a Special Appropriation in the amount of \$205,045 for the purpose of acquiring by way of lease or purchase 4.5 Scott Air Packs, Bottles and Masks, as evidence by one or more agreement for the acquisition of said self contained breathing apparatus by lease or purchase or a combination thereof, for a total price of \$197,180 plus interest at a rate of 1.55% per annum, payable in annual installments of \$41,009 (\$3,417.41/month) over a period of five (5) years.**

Motion (1) Kevin Seery moved to approve Item 1.

Seconded by Joe Mingo.

Joe Mingo of Boston Post Road stated he believes there is a technical issue with how Item 1 is written, It should state 30 Model 4.5 Scot Air Packs.

John McDonald, Niantic Fire Chief stated they are buying 30 Model 4.5 Scot Air Packs to make them compatible with the rest of New London County.

Motion (2) Mr. Seery amended his Motion to approve Item 1 as follows:

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Seconded by Joe Mingo.

Mr. McDonald stated they are presently using Model 2.2 Scott Air Packs. Only two other fire departments in the State are still using that model. This is a safety issue.

Mr. Rando asked how often in a year's time do they use the air packs.

Mr. McDonald stated they use them numerous times for fire calls, carbon monoxide alarms, anything with a potentially hazardous atmosphere; two weeks ago they used them at a fire on Brainard Road. Sometimes they may use them 4 or 5 times in a weeks, and some weeks they may not use them at all.

Mr. Rando asked why they haven't been replacing them over the years.

Mr. McDonald stated they held out to the bitter end on the air packs. Now they have some that are out of service, per DOT. They now have to do something.

Mr. Rando asked if there is money in the slush fund to pay for these outright.

First Selectman, Paul Formica stated this is a large expenditure. This way the payments will be spread out over time. They have an interest rate of 1.55%,

Mr. Cushman re-read Item 1 as amended.

Motion Passed.

Motion (3) Steve Kelly moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Seconded by Mark Nickerson.

Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Miller Galbo
Assistant Town Clerk