

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
East Hampton Town Hall

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Chairperson Patience Anderson, Council Members Pete Brown, Mark Philhower (6:40 PM), Josh Piteo and Kevin Reich, and Town Manager Michael Maniscalco

Not Present: Vice Chairperson Ted Hintz and Council Member Melissa Engel

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Reich, seconded by Councilor Piteo, to adopt the agenda. Voted (4-0)

Executive Session

Strategy & Negotiation Regarding Collective Bargaining

A motion was made by Councilor Piteo, seconded by Councilor Reich, to enter into executive session at 6:31 p.m. Voted (4-0). Town Manager Maniscalco, Police Chief Cox and the Town's Labor Attorney were invited.

Executive session was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Possible Action on Executive Session Item

Councilor Reich moved, and Councilor Philhower, seconded to accept the three year contract of the AFSCME, AFL-CIO Police Union, the dates of which are July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020. Voted (5-0).

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Piteo, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of August 8, 2017 and the Special Meeting of September 5, 2017. Voted (5-0).

Presentations

None

Public Remarks

None

Bids & Contracts

Approval of Construction Management Services for Police Department/Town Hall/Board of Education Facility

Town Manager Maniscalco stated that the interview evaluations were revised, removing Mr. Foran's scores. This did not change the qualified low bidder and

the Building Committee made a second motion to reconfirm their recommendation of Newfield Construction.

Councilor Reich moved and Councilor Brown seconded to award the Construction Management Services bid to Newfield Construction. Voted (5-0).

Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations:

Resolution for Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services Grant

A motion was made by Councilor Reich, seconded by Councilor Piteo, to approve the resolution for the Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services Grant as presented. Voted (5-0).

Discussion: This resolution is to continue the gran next year; it is a standard state resolution.

Continued Business

Update on 250th Anniversary

It is currently restaurant week until Sunday, Sept. 17 – restaurants are offering \$17.67 specials. Trivia night at Angelico’s will be Oct. 2, the fall festival in the Village Center will be Oct. 7 and the gala at St. Clements will be Nov. 5. Tickets for the gala will be on sale within a week and a half, they are \$55.

New Business

None

Town Manager Report

State Revenue Projections

Town Manager Maniscalco heard this afternoon that East Hampton is looking at a reduction of about 1.6 million dollars. There are a number of different sources that can help offset a revenue loss of up to 3.7 million, which includes the .44 mills that was previously built into the budget for \$495,000.

Update on Certified Local Government

More information on the grant will be emailed by Ms. Dunn of the SHPO. The review and application process could potentially be onerous for Town staff. There was discussion about potential hardships for private property owners of buildings that are determined to be historic. Ms. Dunn believes the distinction could open up funding for saving some of the buildings; this is not intended to stand in the way of renovations of demo. Councilor Piteo asked for another review of the pros/cons document previously distributed.

Update on Tax Sale

The tax sale has been put into action; demand letters have been issued to the top 30 delinquent tax payers.

Town by Town Article

Mr. Maniscalco noted that in the article from Hartford Magazine, East Hampton is listed in a few instances, and is ranked as the third most affordable town in terms of property tax.

Update on Replacement of Bridge on Route 66 Over Pocotopaug Creek

The bridge in front of American Distilling will be replaced in the Spring of 2019. Because the DOT has determined there are soil contaminants, time will need to be added to the project. Rather than closing Rt. 66 for 7 days, it will now need to be closed for 14 days.

River COG Annual Report 2016-17

This is included in Councilor's packets

Appointments

None

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Councilor Philhower and seconded by Councilor Brown to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$24,771.08. Voted (5-0)

Public Remarks

None

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements

August Board and Commission Summary

This summary was included in Councilor's packets

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilor Reich and seconded by Councilor Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti
Recording Secretary