

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 25, 2017
Middle School Library

MINUTES

Present: Chairperson Patience Anderson, Council Members Pete Brown, Melissa Engel, Mark Philhower, Josh Piteo and Kevin Reich and Town Manager Michael Maniscalco

Not Present: Vice Chairman Ted Hintz, Jr.

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School Library.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voted (6-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of July 11, 2017 as written. Voted (6-0)

Presentations

None

Public Remarks

Alannah Coshaw, 26 Shipyard Road, asked for clarification on the \$29 million dollar cost noted on the Facilities flyer for the original Center School project. She also asked what happens if the Board of Finance does not approve the funding or if the project fails at Referendum.

Karen Johansmeyer, 16 Penny Corner Road, Portland, commented on the Deep River Muster and asked about the fife and drum corps being in the time capsule.

Bids & Contracts

Board of Education Computer Lease

Included in the current year's capital plan is \$110,000 for the acquisition of Chromebooks for the Board of Education. The proposal is to lease the Chromebooks from Dell Marketing off of State contract. There will be a \$1 dollar buyout at the end of the lease. The full resolution will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to authorize the Board of Education to lease Chromebook and related items from Dell Marketing L.P. off of State

contract 13PSX0280-MNWNC-108 consistent with the leasing plan as outline in the report attached to the minutes. Voted (6-0)

Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations

None

Continued Business

Recommendation for Public Library to Re-Join Online Consortium

It was recommended by the Library Director that the Public Library re-join the Libraries Online (LION) consortium in Middletown, CT.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to authorize the East Hampton Public Library to join the Libraries Online Library Consortium. Voted (6-0)

Update on 250th Anniversary

Mr. Piteo provided an overview of the 250th anniversary activities that are coming up in the next few months including the ice cream social at the Senior Center, the longest dining table, trivia night, the fall festival in the Village Center and the gala at St. Clements.

New Business

Town Hall/Police Department Project Proposal Discussion

Chairperson Anderson reviewed a timeline of the Town facilities project. A copy of the timeline will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office. Rebecca Tinelle-Sawyer from the Town Facilities Building Committee provided an overview of the project. Tony Amenta from Amenta Emma Architects showed schematic drawings of the proposed property layout, the preliminary building layout and a rendering of the proposed building. He answered questions from Council members. They are working on pricing and should have a figure to the Building Committee by August 7th and the Town Council would receive that number at their meeting on August 8th. Preliminarily the estimate is \$18.7 million with \$13.4 million of that in construction and the remainder would be soft costs and contingency.

In answer to Ms. Coshow's question during Public Remarks, the Center School project cost was estimated to be \$29 million for the Center School property to house the Town Hall, Police Department and the Board of Education with an additional \$14 million for the addition to Memorial School for the students from Center School. She had also asked about if the project fails to get a recommendation from Board of Finance or if it fails at Referendum. It was noted that the Town would be back at Step 1.

A schedule for the project to get to Referendum will be presented at the next meeting.

Town Manager Report

State Revenue Projections

Mr. Maniscalco noted that the House approved the union concessions. No other information is available at this time.

Update on RFP for Engineer

The Town received 10 responses for the engineering RFP. Six firms were interviewed. The firm will be announced at the next Council meeting.

Update on Middletown Area Transit

Mr. Maniscalco met with the Mayor of Middletown. They will be working on new by-laws for MAT. East Hampton was asked to be participants as MAT is reworked. An MOU outlining the partnership with the towns is being developed. There is an Emergency Manager in place at this time and a forensic accounting will take place. It was noted that there are some invoices that were never sent out so some funds could come in to MAT from those invoices.

Mr. Maniscalco reported that Jeremy DeCarli has reached out to Berlin, Cheshire, Clinton and Stamford regarding the Certified Local Government process. It was noted that Colchester went through the process in the 1990's so their process may not be as relevant at this time.

An agreement has been entered into with Belltown Recycling to clean out 1 Watrous Street.

Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Brown, to appoint the following:

Peter Villa, Jr. – Water & Sewer Commission – term through June 30, 2018

Chris Hanson – Parks & Rec Advisory Board – term through December 31, 2020

Voted (6-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Brown, to reappoint the following:

Kevin Burnham – Design Review Board – term through June 30, 2019

Michael Chicoine – Design Review Board – term through June 30, 2019

Voted (6-0)

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Ms. Engel, seconded by Mr. Reich, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$2,977.34. Voted (6-0)

Public Remarks

Ellen Paul, Daly Road, Library Director, thanked the Council for approving the Library Online Consortium. She said it will take about six months to migrate the information to the new system but it will have a big impact on the Library.

Mary Ann Dostaler, 56 William Drive, commented on timeline for the Town Hall/PD Project and asked if there would be education and community outreach on the project.

Ray Moore, Overlook Road, commented that the Town Facilities Building Committee Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Mr. Brown commented that the Town Facilities Building Committee had a booth at Old Home Day and committee has a Public Relations Sub-Committee that will be setting up outreach and meetings.

Cliff Libby, Town Facilities Building Committee, noted he is on the Public Relations Committee for the Building Committee and noted the comments.

Alannah Coshow, 26 Shipyard Road, asked where the Registrar of Voters would be in the new building. It was noted they will be with the Town Clerk. She asked if the meeting room/community room will be big enough for voting and have the area for storage of their equipment. Mr. Maniscalco noted it should be unless there is a specific requirement for voting.

Hunt Voelker, Chestnut Hill, asked about a proclamation for World War II Veterans for an upcoming picnic.

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements

June Board and Commission Summary

The June Board and Commission Summary was provided to Council members. It is posted on the Town Council webpage.

Executive Session

a. Potential Purchase of Property Contiguous to Town Property

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Engel, to enter executive session at 8:05 p.m. for the Potential Purchase of Property Contiguous to Town Property with Town Manager Michael Maniscalco invited into the session. Voted (6-0)

Executive Session ended at 8:10 p.m.

Possible Action on Executive Session Item

No action

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Reich, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Voted (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk