

Town of East Hampton  
Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, August 8, 2017  
Middle School Library

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairperson Patience Anderson, Vice Chairman Ted Hintz, Jr. (by telephone), Council Members Pete Brown, Melissa Engel, Mark Philhower, Josh Piteo (by telephone) and Kevin Reich and Town Manager Michael Maniscalco

### **Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance**

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

### **Moment of Silence in Memory of John Fidler**

A moment of silence was held in memory of John Fidler, High School Principal, that passed away unexpectedly.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Engel, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voted (7-0)

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Engel, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of July 25, 2017 as written. Voted (7-0)

### **Presentations**

None

### **Public Remarks**

None

### **Bids & Contracts**

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

The Town Facilities Building Committee bid out the construction management services for the Facilities project. While the companies bid on pre-referendum services the Town will not engage them in that work since a majority of it is complete already and there is not enough time to work on those services any further before referendum. After interviewing, scoring and reviewing the bids it was determined that Newfield Construction was the lowest qualified bidder in the amount of \$187,500 based on a \$15million dollar construction cost. At the July 27<sup>th</sup> Building Committee meeting the Committee voted unanimously to recommend awarding the bid to Newfield Construction.

Mr. Hintz questioned the average scoring on the interviews from the committee members. The scoring will be reviewed and the Building committee will come back to the Council with a renewed recommendation.

A motion was made by Ms. Engel, seconded by Mr. Hintz, to table this approval to the next meeting when corrected numbers are available. Voted (7-0)

### **Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations**

None

### **Continued Business**

#### **Discussion and Approval of Police Department/Town Hall/Board of Education Facility Project and Pricing**

Glenn Gollenberg, Chairman of the Town Facilities Building Committee and Tony Amenta from Amenta Emma Architects were present to provide an overview of the project and pricing for the Police Department/Town Hall/Board of Education facility project. An overview document will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

A lengthy discussion was held on the pricing in the project for costs beyond the construction cost and Mr. Philhower again asked for the line item detail of the pricing. There was also some discussion on what furniture, fixtures and equipment will be used from the current facility.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Reich, to recommend the Police Department/Town Hall/Board of Education facility project in the approximate amount of \$18,981,000 to the Board of Finance. Voted (5-2) Mr. Hintz and Mr. Philhower against.

### **Update on 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Mr. Piteo provided an overview of the upcoming events for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary including the longest dinner table, restaurant week, the High School dedication and East Hampton History Highlights.

### **New Business**

None

### **Town Manager Report**

#### **State Revenue Projections**

The House and Senate were supposed to be in session on July 18<sup>th</sup> but nothing came of it. Additionally, the State unions have approved their concessions saving the State \$1.5 billion in the next two years. Both the House and Senate have approved the union concessions but there has been little public movement on the budget. The Governor has said he will reorganize the way funding is distributed for education per the recent education case and immediately was responded to by the Speaker of the House in a negative fashion again highlighting the disparity between the Governor, House and

Senate. Mr. Maniscalco also noted that a request was made from OPM per the Governor for towns to provide a report on their fund balance.

### **Schedule for Police Department/Town Hall/Board of Education Facility Project Meetings/Actions**

A schedule was provided to outline the meetings and deadlines for the Police Department/Town Hall/Board of Education facility project. The schedule will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

### **Updated Town Staff Listing**

A town staff listing by department was provided to Council members as there has been some turn over in staffing due to retirements and resignations.

### **Update on Certified Local Government**

The Zoning office has reached out to several towns regarding the process for the Certified Local Government Program. Only Cheshire responded back but a different department in their town needs to be contacted.

### **Announcement of Town Engineering Services**

After interviewing six firms and reviewing the scores and blended pricing proposals it was determined Anchor Engineering was the lowest qualified bidder. They will be appointed as Town engineer for another three-year term with the ability to extend it for another year.

### **Appointments**

None

### **Tax Refunds**

A motion was made by Ms. Engel, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$821.51. Voted (7-0)

### **Public Remarks**

Margaret Faber, Middle Haddam, provided an overview on the Certified Local Government Program. A memo with her comments will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Police Chief Sean Cox, commented that furniture in the Police Department is all used, he thanked those that supported the project and also commented on issues with the police radios. Mr. Maniscalco will work with the Chief and can authorize funding due to the emergency nature of the issue.

### **Communications, Correspondence & Announcements**

#### **July Board and Commission Summary**

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

Mr. Hintz commented on the possibility that staff would not be able to connect him to the meeting by phone. A conference calling system was able to be put in place prior to the meeting.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Voted (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois  
Recording Clerk