

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 27, 2018
Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

Present: Chairperson Melissa Engel, Vice Chairman Mark Philhower, Council Members Pete Brown, Tim Feegel, Dean Markham, Josh Piteo and Kevin Reich and Town Manager Michael Maniscalco.

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Engel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of November 13, 2018 as written. Voted (5-0-2) Ms. Engel and Mr. Reich abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

Presentations

None

Public Remarks

None

Bids & Contracts

None

Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations

None

Continued Business

Road Acceptance – Sunrise Lane

Mr. Philhower recused himself from this item and left the room.

The developer for Skyline Estates has requested the Town accept the first phase of the roads. The Planning & Zoning Department, Inland Wetlands and Public Works have all reviewed and approved the condition and construction of the road.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Brown, to accept Sunrise Lane as a Town road. Voted (6-0)

Mr. Philhower re-joined the meeting.

New Business

Budget Policy Statement 2019/2020

Mr. Markham and Mr. Piteo will work on the Budget Policy Statement for 2019/2020.

Approval of 2019 Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Reich, to waive the 2nd reading for this item. Voted (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Brown, to adopt the 2019 meeting dates as presented. Voted (7-0)

Approval of Library Policies

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to waive the 2nd reading for this item. Voted (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Piteo, seconded by Mr. Reich, to approve the Library policies as presented. Voted (7-0)

Library Director Ellen Paul indicated this is the last of the updated policies. They will be available at the Library and on the website.

Discussion of Health District

Annually, the Town has an opportunity to opt out of the Chatham Health District. Discussion included issues with complaints about delays in services; joining another health district; going independent; how many towns are independent; cost comparison of independent vs part of a health district; funding from DPH; a question on how many written complaints have been received about Chatham Health; other things health district does such as flu clinics and radon clinics etc. and space for health district offices in a town building. Mr. Philhower would like in writing what the health district plans to do to fix the issues. Don Mitchell, current Health Director, was present and noted there have been complaints but some are issues of not receiving an application or getting the applications very late in the process. They don't try to hold up projects. He reviewed the other things the health district does for the town. Mr. Philhower noted a lack of communication. This item will be on the next meeting agenda with answers provided to the questions raised.

Town Manager Report

Update on Sewers on Old Marlborough Road

The Old Marlborough force main break on 11/19/18 was approximately 1800 gallons. Staff received the call at 6:45 am and had the pump station turned off at 7:00 am. The Health District did water tests in the wetland and stream close to where the break occurred (Results have not returned yet). This is the second break in this location. The condition of the pipe in this location is poor, as a result of, the way it was installed. It should have been installed with sand as fill instead of gravel. The gravel has eaten away at the piping resulting in the breaks. After discussions, staff have decided to do a larger replacement of the pipe in this area in the spring.

Update on Town Hall/Police Department/BOE Project

Bids are expected on November 28th at 1pm. So far it sounds like there should be a decent turn out for bidders. Footings are still in the process of being poured and the foundation for the PD is being dug. Additionally, meetings have occurred with the architect to review furniture needs for the new building and a list of what furniture is in decent enough condition to take to the new building. Additional inland wetland controls have been added to address the runoff.

Lake Level

Many calls have been received regarding the high level of the lake. The dam is open and additional calls have been made to Bevin company.

Website

The new town website will be in place in early December.

Town Hall Question

Mr. Piteo asked about the completion date of the new Town Hall building. Mr. Maniscalco noted that it is early 2020.

Appointments

None

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$366.50. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

Ted Turner, Hog Hill Road and Chairman of the Economic Development Commission, confirmed that the Town Council received a letter from the EDC indicating their feeling that the ordinance for short term rentals would be bad for business and tourism.

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements

Capital Committee Meeting

The Capital Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28th at 9:00am in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Short Term Rental Sub-Committee Meeting

The Short-Term Rental Sub-Committee meeting will be held on December 4th at 6pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room. (Meeting subsequently postponed)

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Voted (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk