

Town of East Hampton  
Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, December 11, 2018  
Town Hall Meeting Room

**MINUTES**

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

**Not Present:** Kevin Reich

**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. Piteo, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to adopt the agenda as written. Voted (6-0)

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of November 27, 2018 as written. Voted (6-0).

**Presentations**

None

**Public Remarks**

Mark Snow, Suburban Sanitation, commented that they have had good dealings with the Chatham Health District.

Glen Gustine, Mott Hill and owner of Nelson's Campground, commented that the Public Works road crew is very responsive and always professional. He also commented that Chatham Health District has been very professional, courteous and helpful with the campground's health code inspections. Also Don Mitchell was very helpful with the work with their septic systems.

**Bids & Contracts**

None

**Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations**

None

**New Business**

**Discussion of Teacher's Contract**

Board of Finance member Bridget McLennan attended the teacher's contract negotiations. The contract has been to arbitration and cannot go back to arbitration. Chairman of the Board of Education, Chris Goff, provided an overview of the changes in the contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Piteo, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on this item. Voted (6-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Piteo, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve the East Hampton Education Association contract for the period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022 as presented. Voted (6-0)

### **Discussion of Veteran's Tax Exemption**

Currently the town offers a local exemption for low income veterans of \$10,000 off their assessment. There is also another exemption from the State. The Council discussed proposing \$20,000 off of the assessment. The current local exemption is in a resolution. The Council would like the change in an ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to direct the Town Manager to write up the Veteran's Tax Exemption as an ordinance for the next meeting. Voted (6-0)

### **Continued Business**

#### **Discussion of Health District**

A letter was received from Andrew Tierney, Chairman of the Chatham Health District Board, discussing the district. A cost comparison was provided showing that it would be more expensive to leave the health district and hire the services needed directly. Mr. Tierney commented they the board would like all the towns to be happy. There has been discussion with the land use office to get applications in a timelier manner, so they don't hold up projects. The district has also worked through many financial difficulties in the past couple of years. Council members agreed not to make any changes to the town's inclusion in the Chatham Health District.

#### **Budget Policy Statement 2019-2020**

Council members reviewed a proposed draft Budget Policy Statement for 2019-2020. A clean copy of the documents with the changes discussed will be provided for the next meeting.

### **Town Manager Report**

#### **Reappointment to Economic Development Commission**

Mr. Maniscalco reappointed Tim Csere and Erin Hall to the Economic Development Commission.

#### **Town Manager Appointment to RiverCOG Chairman**

Mr. Maniscalco was appointed as the Chairman of the Connecticut River Council of Governments.

#### **Update on Town Hall/Police Department/BOE Project**

Bid awards were done at the last Town Facilities Building Committee meeting. They are going out to bid again on the Fire Suppression portion of the bid. The access road is close to being useable. Drainage and utility work is being done.

Building Department staff members now have a QR code on their business cards that links to the most updated Residential Building Code. Permit applicants now can receive a text message the day before their scheduled inspections.

The new Town website is going live this week.

The Fire Company #2 gas furnace conversion is in process.

The old fuel tanks at Public Works have been removed.

The two new Police Department vehicles have been received and are waiting for their lights package.

### **Appointments**

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

Arts & Culture Commission

- Carol Lane, Shirley Brooks and Melissa Pionzio – December 31, 2021

Clean Energy Task Force

- Martin Podskoch – December 31, 2020

Commission on Aging

- Sue Greeno – December 31, 2021

Housing Authority

- Ann McLaughlin, December 31, 2023

Library Advisory Board

- James Monahan – December 31, 2021

Planning & Zoning Commission

- Kevin Kuhr, Ray Zatorski and Meg Wright – December 31, 2023

Voted (6-0)

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

- Mariann Mankowski to the Commission on Aging with a term through December 31, 2021
- Anthony Desimone to the Water & Sewer Commission with a term through June 30, 2023
- Gabriel Stein to the Ethics Commission with a term through April 30, 2020
- Alison Kane to the Ethics Commission with a term through April 30, 2022 (originally an alternate member)

Voted (6-0)

**Tax Refunds**

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Markham, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$561.83. Voted (6-0)

**Public Remarks**

None

**Communications, Correspondence & Announcements****November Board and Commission Summary**

Council members received the November 2018 Board and Commission summary.

**Capital Committee Meeting**

The next Capital Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the Town Hall Meeting Room. General Government capital items will be discussed.

**Short Term Rental Sub-Committee Meeting**

The Short-Term Rental Sub-Committee is being temporarily disbanded to see how other towns and cities deal with recent lawsuits.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Voted (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois  
Recording Clerk