

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
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. Markham, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to adopt the agenda as written. Voted (7-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Markham, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of December 11, 2018 as written. Voted (6-0-1) Mr. Reich abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Presentations

Quarterly Report from Town Facilities Building Committee

Lisa Motto, C&E Enterprise, LLC, Owners Project Manager, provided Quarterly Report from the Town Facilities Building Committee. The report will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office. The estimated completion date of the project is February 2020. They will be working on the Furniture/Fixtures/Equipment portion noting that about 20% will be brought from the current buildings including conference tables and chairs and cabinets.

Town Hall/Police Department Construction Activity and Turbidity Concerns

Jeremy DeCarli, Planning & Zoning Administrator, provide a report on the construction activity and turbidity concerns at the Town Hall/Police Department/BOE project site. The report will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office. The contractor followed the engineer's plans and then additional measures were added due to the excessive rain. DEEP agrees that the measures taken for erosion control were above and beyond what was required. Mr. Philhower would like to know if Dr. George had visited the construction site during the heavy rain periods when the runoff was occurring. Mr. Maniscalco will check into that.

Public Remarks

Council members received a copy of a letter sent to media outlets from Wes Jenks. Mr. Brown addressed the letter. He takes issue with the letter noting that the Council and the Town are as concerned about the lake as he is. He also noted that taxpayer money is used for the Conservation-Lake Commission so the whole town is contributing to helping the lake.

Bids & Contracts

None

Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations

Veteran's Tax Exemption Ordinance

At the last meeting, the Council had requested an ordinance be drafted to provide an additional tax exemption for low income veterans. The draft ordinance will need to go to Public Hearing prior to being approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to set a public hearing date of Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:15pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Voted (7-0)

Uniform Guidance Purchasing Compliance Statement Policy

Since the Town has received multiple Federal Grants, the Town is required to uphold certain standards when it comes to purchasing associated with those grants. This policy is required to be accepted in order to continue to accept these funds. In some instances, the Town's policy is more stringent in which case the Town's policy must be followed. The policy statement will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to adopt the Uniform Guidance Purchasing Compliance Statement. Voted (7-0)

Continued Business

Budget Policy Statement

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to adopt the Budget Policy Statement for 2019/2020. Voted (7-0)

New Business

None

Town Manager Report

Update on Fuel Island

The project is complete, and the Town is looking at a total bill of \$406,868. There are still interest and bonding costs, but the total is well under the \$475,000 appropriation. The costs include the removal of the old tank.

Update on Library Roof Bid

The RFP and Bid specs are on the DAS website with a return date of February 8th. The project plans will be presented to the Design Review Board in January.

Update on North Main Street Paving Bid

The RFP for the North Main Street paving is being prepared. It will go onto the DAS site soon with a spring project start date. The project will probably be bid in sections to allow for the Town to choose how much or little can be done since due to budget availability since we are only in the first part of winter.

Update on High School Water System

The State of Connecticut is conducting an inspection on the ortho phosphate system at the High School at the time of this report. Once they have completed the inspection the water at the High School should be safe for consumption. The full project would go from Route 66 to Clark Hill.

Planning for the Sale of the Current Town Hall

With the Town Hall project a little more than a year away from completion, the Town Manager would like to consider starting the job of selling the current Town Hall. The Council agreed that first an RFP would be done to gather interest. If that isn't successful, then a realtor can be sought out.

Water

Mr. Maniscalco reported he has refocused the efforts at securing an appropriate provider of water for the Town. Recently, the Town of Portland has requested the DPH fund another study to help them determine if MDC is the right solution for their water needs. The Town of East Hampton has done numerous studies and are ready for a solution. As a result, he met with Connecticut Water to discuss the needs in East Hampton and had a meeting to discuss the same with Aquarion. Both conversations have been promising and we have follow-up meetings schedule for the end of January.

Appointments

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

- Ed Yocher to the Arts & Culture Commission with a term through December 31, 2021
- Kurt Reichenbach to the Clean Energy Task Force with a term through December 31, 2020

Voted (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Markham, to appoint Amy Ordonez to the Arts & Culture Commission with a term through December 31, 2019

Voted (7-0)

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$4,375.12. Voted (6-0-1) Mr. Reich abstained as he is included in the refunds.

Public Remarks

Barbara Moore, 7 Overlook Road, commented that Chris Herron, former Celtics player, will be speaking at the High School sponsored by the Prevention Partnership.

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements

December Board and Commission Summary

Council members received the December 2018 Board and Commission summary.

Capital Committee Meeting

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk