

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Organizational Meeting
Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Town Hall Council Chambers & Via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Council Members Deborah Cunningham, Brandon Goff, Richard Knotek, Dean Markham, Jack Solomon, Karen Wanat and Jordan Werme. Also present were Town Manager David Cox and Assistant Town Clerk Patty Burnham.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Assistant Town Clerk Patty Burnham called the organizational meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administer the Oath of Office to All Newly Elected Town Officials

Ms. Burnham administered the oath of office to the following newly elected town officials:

Town Council: Deborah Cunningham, Brandon Goff, Richard Knotek, Dean Markham, Jack Solomon, Karen Wanat and Jordan Werme

Board of Finance: Kurt Comisky and Anthony Spagnoletti

Board of Education: Edie DeSimone and Matt Engelhardt

Zoning Board of Appeals: Evan Giza

Election of Chairperson

A motion was made by Mr. Knotek, seconded by Ms. Wanat, to nominate Dean Markham as Chairman. Voted (7-0).

Election of Vice Chairperson

A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Werme, to nominate Karen Wanat as Vice Chairperson. Voted (6-1). Mr. Goff against.

A motion was made by Ms. Wanat, seconded by Mr. Knotek to close nominations. Voted (6-1) Mr. Goff against.

Adoption of Rules & Procedures (Robert's Rules)

A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Goff, to adopt Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th Edition, to govern its operations and Parliamentary Procedure. Voted (7-0).

Adoption of Regular Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Ms. Wanat, to adopt the 2nd and 4th Tuesday for Town Council meetings. Voted (7-0).

Adoption of Bylaws

A motion was made by Mr. Knotek, seconded by Mr. Werme, to adopt the bylaws as written. Voted (7-0). There was an amendment proposed to allow written remarks or video chat as public remarks. This amendment was tabled to a future date.

Appointment of Two (2) Town Meeting Moderators

This item will be tabled to a future meeting.

Town Manager Comments

Mr. Cox congratulated the newly elected officials and thanked them on behalf of the staff and the community for their willingness to serve.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Knotek, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Voted (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Secretary