

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 27, 2021
Town Hall Council Chambers and Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Pete Brown, Vice Chairman Dean Markham, Council Members Tim Feegel, Derek Johnson, Barbara Moore, Mark Philhower and Kevin Reich and Town Manager David Cox.

Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom.

Adoption of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of April 13, 2021 as written. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

None

Presentations

None

Bids & Contracts

None

Resolution/ Ordinances/ Policies/ Proclamation

Ordinance Amending Article IV of Chapter 45 of the Code of the Town of East Hampton Regarding Budget Meetings and Referendum

The ordinance change would amend the timeline for the date of the annual Town Meeting regarding the budget. The change is intended to allow the Council additional time to receive final financial information important to budget development including information from the State regarding its budget plans such as support for education and general municipal government. A public hearing was held prior to this meeting to hear comments on the amendments. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Reich, to adopt the Ordinance amending Article IV of Chapter 45 of the Code of the Town of East Hampton regarding budget meetings and referendum as presented. Voted (7-0)

The approved amended ordinance will be posted for 20 days and will then be effective.

Continued Business

Discussion of 2021-2022 Budget

The budget discussion for this meeting is to provide the Council an opportunity to ask questions of the Town Manager or present information requests related to the budget. Mr. Cox indicated that he and the Finance Director are preparing responses to questions that have already been presented. Council members requested some additional information.

New Business

Consideration of a Modification to the Street Standards Related to Driveways

Staff found a discrepancy between the Town of East Hampton Street Standards and the East Hampton Zoning Regulations related to driveway grades. Public Works Director Matt Walsh provided an overview of the discrepancy. He recommends changing the Street Standards to refer back to the Zoning Regulations. Mr. Philhower asked when the Zoning Regulations changed to 15% grade. Staff will look into the history of the changes. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda for approval.

Town Manager Report

Mr. Cox provided an overview of the Town Manager's Report, which will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office. The lake aeration was turned back on this week for the season. The Drug Take Back Day yielded 77 lbs. of prescription drugs. Kudos were given to the DPW staff on the paving work they have been doing. Mr. Philhower said it was a nice job on White Birch.

Appointments

None

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$57.67. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

None

Communications, Correspondence & Announcement

Reminder – Town Meeting for the Christopher Property on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers and on Zoom.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk