

Town of East Hampton  
Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 28, 2023  
Town Hall Council Chambers #107 and Zoom

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Mark Philhower, Vice Chairman Tim Feegel, Council Members Pete Brown, Brandon Goff, Eric Peterson, Kevin Reich and Alison Walck and Town Manager David Cox

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

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

On behalf of the Town Council, Chairman Philhower congratulated the East Hampton High School Girls Basketball Team on winning the Class M State Championship.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Walck, to adopt the agenda with a change to move Item 8C regarding the Commission on Aging Ordinance to Item 9C under New Business. Voted (7-0)

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Reich, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of March 14, 2023 as written. Voted (7-0)

**Public Remarks**

Eric Rosenberg, 15 Bay Road and Chairman of the Commission on Aging, thanked the Council for considering a change to the Commission on Aging ordinance to add alternate members. This will assist with any quorum issues, provide more input, bring new thoughts and ideas, more volunteers for COA projects and provide training for potential full members of the commission.

**Presentations**

None

**Bids & Contracts**

**Contract Award for Lake Pocotopaug Watershed Improvements #7 & #8**

Mr. Reich recused himself from this item as he is on the Edgemere Condominium Board.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Hall provided an overview of the bid submitted by Command Construction LLC for a total amount of \$51,147.50, which includes add alternates. The project is funded by 319 Grant funds from the State of CT. The projects are for Edgemere Condominiums and Christopher Pond.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Walck, to approve the bid award to Command Construction LLC in the amount of \$51,147.50. Voted (6-0)

Mr. Reich returned to the meeting.

## **Resolution/ Ordinances/ Policies/ Proclamations**

None

## **Continued Business**

### **Sub-Committee Reports & Updates**

None

### **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Additional Tax Relief Ordinance Including Establishing a Public Hearing Date**

Mr. Cox provided an overview of the changes to the ordinance implementing the proposed revisions to the tax freeze program. The plan was presented to the Board of Finance, which adopted a resolution in support of the modification.

A motion was made by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Walck, to set a public hearing for the proposed amendments to the Tax Relief Programs ordinance on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30pm during the regular Town Council meeting. Voted (7-0)

### **Discussion and Possible Action Related to Ambulance Services**

Chairman Philhower requested a special meeting be set up between the Town Council and the Ambulance Board to have a conversation about service. He would also like one Town Council member and one Board of Finance member to have seats on the Ambulance Board. He may also want the Town Attorney to review the contract.

## **New Business**

### **Consideration and Action Regarding Police Department Policies/General Orders**

1. General Order 2.2 – Goals and Objectives
2. General Order 6.1 – Criminal Investigations – Administration
3. General Order 6.2 – Criminal Investigations – Operations
4. General Order 6.8 – Confidential Informants
5. General Order 6.12 – Narcotics Investigations
6. General Order 7.4 – Response to Unusual Occurrences

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve Police Department General Orders 2.2, 6.1, 6.2, 6.8, 6.12 and 7.4 listed above as presented. Voted (7-0)

### **Belltown Garden Club Gazebo Planting Plan**

Ms. Walck reported that the Belltown Garden Club will be doing new plantings around the gazebo near Center School in the summer. Public Works will supply their equipment to remove the old plantings and help put down mulch and topsoil. The plantings will be put in later in the summer. For Old Home Day and the Goff House Concerts window boxes will be put in with annuals. The plantings will be drought tolerant. The cost for the topsoil, mulch and flowers will be taken care of by the Garden Club.

### **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Commission on Aging Ordinance Adding Alternate Members Including Establishing a Public Hearing Date**

The Commission on Aging has asked to have two alternate members added for their commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Walck, to set a public hearing for the proposed amendments to the Commission on Aging ordinance adding alternate members on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30pm during the regular Town Council meeting. Voted (7-0)

**Town Manager's Report**

Mr. Cox provided his written report for the Council members which will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

**Appointments**

A motion was made by Mr. Goff, seconded by Mr. Reich, to appoint Jonathan Searles to the Clean Energy Task Force and David May to the Economic Development Commission. Voted (7-0)

**Tax Refunds**

None

**Public Remarks**

None

**Communications, Correspondence & Announcements**

None

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Voted (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois  
Recording Clerk