

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 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 David Cox

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. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to adopt the agenda as presented. 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 Special and Regular Meetings of September 24, 2019 as written. Voted (7-0)

Presentations

Quarterly Report from Town Facilities Building Committee

Lisa Motto provided an overview of the Quarterly Report from the Town Facilities Building Committee. The report will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office. Substantial completion of the project is scheduled for mid-March. The final list of names for the clock outside the building will be due in mid-January.

Presentation of Wall of Honor Concept for New Town Hall

Val Greco presented an idea for a Wall of Honor outside the new Town Hall. A copy of her presentation will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's office. Ms. Greco estimates the cost per panel would be \$15,000, which includes the sandblasting of the keywords and approximately 1200 characters for names. The first phase would include 3 panels. The cost for the cement pad would be additional. Council members voiced their concern of the similarity of this project to the war veteran memorial. It was decided to hold off on the idea until the building is completed and the building is occupied.

Public Remarks

Paul Smith, Superintendent of Schools, provided a reminder of the State of the Schools presentation on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30pm at the High School. All of the candidates have been invited to attend.

Liz Bengston, Spellman Point Road, thanked Dean Markham and David Cox for their comments in the Rivereast regarding the lake. She reminded everyone of the Everblue Lake presentation on Wednesday, October 16th at the High School Auditorium at 6:30pm.

Bids & Contracts

Bid Award for Soil Remediation – 13 Watrous Street

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency sought and received bids for additional clean up at 13 Watrous Street. It is anticipated that this will be the last piece of the project and will exhaust the funding from the grant.

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Markham, to approve the award of the contract for soil remediation at 13 Watrous Street to SumCo Eco-Contracting, LLC of Peabody, MA in the lump sum amount of \$252,000. Voted (7-0)

Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations

None

Continued Business

None

New Business

Approval of Police Department General Order 5.5

General Order 5.5 Family Violence will be replaced entirely annually or whenever the State Police Officer Standards and Training Council updates the policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Markham, to waive the 2nd reading for this item. Voted (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve Police Department General Order 5.5 Family Violence, as presented. Voted (7-0)

Discussion of Board of Education Administrator's Contract

In accordance with State Statutes, the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the East Hampton Administrator's Association is submitted for consideration by the Town Council. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Board Education and has been ratified by the Association membership. In accordance with State law, the contract is binding unless rejected by the Council within 30 days.

Council members asked questions about the steps in the contract and asked for information on the tax-sheltered annuities. More information will be provided prior to the next meeting. The item will be on the next agenda for a vote.

Discussion of Future Use of 94 Main Street with Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith introduced Rodney Mosier, Director of Support Services, and Sue Freeman, the District Physical Therapist. They provided an overview of a Birth to 3 program they would like to apply for with the State. They provided an explanation of the program and discussed the need for office space for the staff. They are requesting the use of the 94 Main Street building after the Board of Education offices move to the new building. Council members noted the concern for the maintenance costs for the 94 Main Street offices. No action was taken.

Appointments

Possible Appointment to Planning & Zoning

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to appoint Ted Hintz, Jr. as an alternate member on the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term through December 31, 2021. Voted (7-0)

Town Manager Appointments for Brownfields Redevelopment Agency (Council Approval) and Conservation-Lake Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to reappoint William DeMore to the Brownfields Redevelopment Agency with a term through June 30, 2024. Voted (7-0)

Town Manager David Cox appointed Charles Yenknor as a full member on the Conservation-Lake Commission with a term through June 30, 2021.

He also reappointed the following individuals to the Conservation-Lake Commission: John Purple - June 30, 2021; Martin Podskoch - June 30, 2022; Joe Carbonell - June 30, 2023 and Peter Zawisza - June 30, 2023.

Town Manager Report

Mr. Cox provided an overview of the Town Manager report provided to Council members. The full report will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office. He also reported that Old Marlborough Road will be milled and paved in the next few weeks. The Health district provided information on EEE and the definition of a hard frost that could kill off the mosquitos as 2 consecutive hours below 28 degrees or 3 consecutive hours at 32 degrees.

Mr. Markham asked if there will be any change to the Trunk or Treat event due to EEE. Mr. Piteo commented on the cost for the outside staircase repair at Town Hall. It was noted an injury due to the broken stairs would be more expensive. Mr. Reich noted he would like the stairs repaired and the yellow tape removed and commented that appearances are important. Mr. Brown commented on the possibility of dredging Christopher Pond and how much it would cost and asked about an aerator at Hales Brook or Christopher Pond.

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$4,937.48. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

Karen Johansmeyer, 16 Penny Corner Road, Portland, commented on the young people of today remembering the town's history.

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements

September Board and Commission Summary

The Council received the September Board and Commission Summary.

Chatham Health District – EEE Press Release

A press release on the EEE virus was provided to Council members.

State of the Schools Meeting – October 15th at 6:30pm in the High School T-Bell

Everblue Lake Presentation – October 16th at 6:30pm in the High School Auditorium

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Reich, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Voted (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk