

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 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 Finance Director Jeff Jylkka

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. Feegel, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voted (7-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Reich, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of October 8, 2019 as written. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

Bob Yenknor, Spellman Point Road, commented in favor of the Everblue project and noted his concern about the letter from NEAR lobbying in a negative way toward Everblue. He would like to see the Everblue project moving forward as well as the 9-point plan.

Wes Jenks, Meeks Point & Member of the Conservation-Lake Commission, noted that he made several attempts to connect John Tucci from Everblue and Dr. Knocklein but was not successful. He said aeration has been successful in other places. He is impressed with Mr. Tucci and that the Everblue project and the 9- point plan can work together.

New Business

Discussion of Everblue Lakes Presentation

Chairwoman Engel said that the Council is interested in the Everblue project. Prior to the vote, the Council members expressed their comments in favor of the project.

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to instruct the Town Manager to work with staff and the Conservation Lake Commission to determine the feasibility of implementing the Everblue Lakes proposal in conjunction with the 9 Point Watershed Plan and to report back to the Council by November 26th. Voted (7-0)

Revised Job Description – Public Library

Library Director Ellen Paul was present to review the request to revise the Manager of Acquisitions job description and retitle the position to Head of Circulation and Technical Services. She noted that the original job description was created twenty years ago. The person currently

filling the position is retiring and this is a good opportunity to change the description to what is needed. The NAGE Union has reviewed the updated job description. The salary for the position will be reviewed to be sure it is in line with other NAGE positions.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the revised job description for the Head of Circulation and Technical Services position as written. Voted (7-0)

Reallocation of Remaining Funds from Library Roof Project to a Library Ceiling Tile Project

This item will be tabled to the November 26th meeting since the Board of Finance was unable to meet and make a recommendation on the item prior to this meeting.

Continued Business

None

Presentations

None

Bids & Contracts

None

Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations

None

Appointments

None

Town Manager Report

The Town Manager report was provided to Council members. The full report will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$3,118.92. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

Marty Podskoch, O'Neill Lane, made a recommendation that Joe Carbonell be named as the Lake Pocotopaug Lake Keeper.

Peter Zawisza, 8 Olde Flatbrook Road & Chairman of the Conservation-Lake Commission, commented that he saw the presentation differently than others and doesn't agree with Everblue. He doesn't see the track record in the same way.

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Reich, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Voted (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk