

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 26, 2019
Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

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

Not Present: Derek Johnson

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brown 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. Markham, seconded by Ms. Moore, to adopt the agenda with a change to move 9d Review of Budget Policy Statement from New Business to 7b Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations. Voted (6-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Organizational Meeting of November 6, 2019 with the addition of the vote count for the Town Moderators and the Regular Meeting minutes of November 12, 2019 as written. Voted (5-0-1) Ms. Moore abstained as she was not present at the November 12th meeting.

Public Remarks

Susan Fielding, 11 Lake Drive, commented that she is happy the Town is moving forward with the aeration project and the 9-point plan.

Paul Peterson, 79 Spellman Point Road, commented that he is optimistic for the plans for the lake.

Judy Isele, 31 Wangonk Trail, commented that she is glad the dam was opened and thanked the Council for having meetings regarding the lake. She supports the in-lake treatment and the 9-point plan. She would like it voted on early enough so there is no lake closure next summer.

Presentations

None

Bids & Contracts

None

Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations

Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute Documents and Take Actions Pertinent to the State Homeland Security Program

The State of CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection requires a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to sign grants and other materials.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to adopt the resolution naming Town Manager David Cox as the authorized representative to sign documents on behalf of the Town for the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Voted (6-0)

Review of Budget Policy Statement

Mr. Markham presented the Budget Policy Statement for the 2020-2021 budget season.

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Ms. Moore, to adopt the Budget Policy Statement as presented. Voted (6-0)

Continued Business

Update on Review of Water System Proposals

The work to evaluate the proposals received from the two water companies was reviewed by the Town's hired consulting firm. The consultant has been asked to provide a financial estimation and plan for the Town's consideration. Mr. Cox met with Senator Needleman and Representative Haines and the Department of Public Health. DPH will assist with developing questions for an additional request for information packet to be sent to CT Water and Aquarion to be distributed in January.

Update on Lake Aeration Project

Mr. Cox provided a feasibility report regarding in-lake treatments/aeration. This report will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office. The timeframe for Council action is February 2020. The Council briefly discussed financing options including a lease option with Capital or utilizing fund balance.

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Ms. Moore, to move forward with the RFP and permitting for a lake aeration project and to discuss financing at a later date. Voted (6-0)

New Business

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

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Ms. Moore, to waive the 2nd reading. Voted (6-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Moore, to approve the reallocation of funds from the Library roof replacement project to the replacement of ceiling tiles and related electrical work in the Library in the amount of \$24,255.00. Voted (6-0)

Additional Appropriation for Board of Education

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to waive the 2nd reading. Voted (6-0)

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve the additional appropriation to the Board of Education STARS program in the amount of \$91,084.00. Voted (6-0)

Budget Transfers

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Ms. Moore, to waive the 2nd reading. Voted (6-0)

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Reich, to approve budget transfers as presented for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Voted (6-0)

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.

Mr. Reich asked Mr. Cox to review the reporting structure of the Town staff.

Mr. Cox noted that soil remediation activities will begin at 13 Watrous on Monday, December 2nd. There has been no update yet on the Phase I at 1 Watrous Street.

Mr. Cox appointed John Roche to the Conservation-Lake Commission as an alternate with a term through June 30, 2022.

Mr. Philhower asked if the bond was released yet for North Main Street paving. He would like the Public Works director to look at the completed road for issues.

Appointments

None

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,652.76. Voted (6-0)

Public Remarks

Susan Fielding, 11 Lake Drive, commented on maintenance in town buildings being an issue and wonders why there are no maintenance plans in place for large issues.

Andy Priest, 19 Hawthorne Road, commented on Bioblast that was originally talked about with the aeration plan. Is that a component of the aeration plan?

Wes Jenks, 45 Meeks Point Road, commented that usually in commercial development there are funds in capital reserve for maintenance. He also thanked all the boards and commissions that worked on the appropriations for the lake. He commented that Dr. Knocklein mentioned that there is no need for a permit for aeration, but a biological treatment would need a DEEP permit.

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements

A Town Council Special Meeting is planned for Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30pm at Town Hall.

A Tri-Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30pm at the High School T-Bell. The Town Council Regular Meeting will follow the Tri-Board Meeting.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk