

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

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

Not Present: Chairman Pete Brown

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Markham 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 written. Voted (6-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Public Hearing of January 27, 2020, Public Hearing of January 28, 2020 and Regular Meeting of January 28, 2020 as written. Voted (6-0)

Public Remarks

Steven Acerbo, 260 Norwich Ave, Lebanon, CT and property owner on Pine Brook Road, commented on the confusion of getting people to his property on Pine Brook Road. In one instance he had issues getting emergency services to find his property. He feels renaming the road to East Pine Brook Road would solve this issue.

Presentations

Quarterly Report from the Town Facility Building Committee

Lisa Motto was in attendance to provide the quarterly report from the Town Facilities Building Committee. The full report will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office. She also noted that the draft of the plaques for the clock will be coming in soon. Mr. Markham would like the Council to see the draft plaques as well. She will also be setting up training for the HVAC and mechanicals for the appropriate Town staff. They are reviewing change orders and the architect's contract as the project is close to being finished.

Bids & Contracts

None

Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations

Proclamation for Eagle Scout

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve the proclamation for Eagle scout Joseph Lawrence John Law. Voted (6-0). Mr. Reich will attend the ceremony to present the proclamation.

Continued Business

Discussion of Renaming the Eastern Portion of Pine Brook Road

The Council continued their discussion of renaming the eastern portion of Pine Brook Road. A notice was published in the Rivereast and notice was mailed to the affected property owners.

Mr. Philhower and Mr. Feegel noted their concern that this could set a precedent and open up issues with name change requests for other roads in town. Mr. Johnson noted the public safety issues with the confusion in the addresses.

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adopt the resolution renaming the eastern portion of Pine Brook Road to East Pine Brook Road. Voted (4-2). Mr. Feegel and Mr. Philhower against.

Discussion of Property at 3 Walnut Avenue

Per the Council's request, staff has developed a concept for parking at 3 Walnut Avenue. This project could be coordinated with the planned dredging in the fire system pond on the property. If the Council is still interested, staff will work to finalize the costs and develop a plan to include the project in the Town's budget.

New Business

Discussion of Possible Future of 94 Main Street (Board of Education)

The Board of Education has indicated in a letter that it is not accepting the State's offer to operate a Birth to Three program, so the 94 Main Street building does not have a primary potential Board of Education use. Some options for the building could be re-use by other Town related entities, reuse by others, outright sale or disposal through an RFP process. Mr. Philhower commented that the cost of maintaining the building was to be going away with the new building. He noted if it is put up for sale there should be a caveat that the façade of the building is not changed. Mr. Cox noted Chatham Health District may be interested in renting the building. Mr. Johnson commented that all options should be explored. Mr. Reich noted that if the building is sold the parking spots that are used in the evening would possibly be unavailable. Mr. Philhower asked for 5 to 10 years of maintenance costs for the building. Mr. Markham asked the Town Manager to look into State owned property near the old train station to see if we can acquire it.

Receipt of Town Council By-Laws Sub-Committee Recommendation

The Town Council By-Laws Sub-Committee met and reviewed the Council's by-laws and policies. A summary was provided. Mr. Cox will provide a marked-up version of the by-laws at a future meeting for approval.

Town Manager Report

Mr. Cox provided an overview of the Town Manager Report. The full report will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Appointments

None

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,479.50. Voted (6-0)

Public Remarks

Bob Kovach, Clark Hill Road, asked if there are hold back dollars in the new Town Hall project. Council members responded yes.

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements

January 2020 Board and Commission Summary

The January 2020 Board and Commission Summary was provided to Council members.

Capital Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 12th at 9:00am at Town Hall

Executive Session

Discussion of Real Estate Contract – 1 Watrous Street

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to enter Executive Session for discussion of a real estate contract for 1 Watrous Street. Town Manager David Cox and Sean Kumnick from Colliers were invited into the session. Voted (6-0)

Executive session ended at 7:42pm.

Possible Action on Executive Session Item

No action

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Voted (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk