

Town of East Hampton  
Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 9, 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 Michael Maniscalco.

**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. Markham to adopt the agenda as written.  
Voted (7-0)

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Public Hearing of March 26, 2019 as written. Voted (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Markham, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of March 26, 2019 as written. Voted (7-0)

**Presentations**

**Senator Norm Needleman**

Senator Norm Needleman attended the meeting and provided an overview of the committees he is on and what he is working on at the Capitol. He is the Energy & Technology Committee Chair and was put on the bonding commission for transportation. He answered questions from Council members on tolls, sales tax, school pensions, non-profits, electric vehicle discounts, a proposed tax on trade in vehicles, legalizing marijuana, binding arbitration, minimum budget requirements and funding for water.

**Public Remarks**

None

**Bids & Contracts**

**Seamster Park Playground Bid**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to award the bid for the Seamster Park Playground to Play by Design, LLC in the amount of \$136,082.87. Voted (7-0)

**Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations**

None

## **Continued Business**

### **201B West High Street Tax Abatement**

Mr. Philhower recused himself for this item.

Council members discussed the current agreement in place for 201B West High Street and discussed a draft proposal for amending the agreement. Mr. Maniscalco will talk with the Town Attorney to see what is able to be legally changed. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Mr. Philhower rejoined the meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Police Department General Order 3.7**

This General Order modifies the current Firearms Policy.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve the Police Department General Order 3.7 with the correction discussed. Voted (7-0)

## **Town Manager Report**

### **Update on Library Roof Project**

The Town has received a signed agreement from the contractor and is reviewing insurance policies and bonds to ensure everything is in order before signing. The Contractor has been in to speak with the building department regarding a permit and the finance department to ensure all their paperwork is in place.

### **Update on Town Hall/PD Project**

The steel is almost complete. The sewer, water and stormwater infrastructure is in. Gas and electric should be completed in the next couple weeks.

### **Update on Tax Sale**

The Town was notified by the attorney that the tax sale will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. Council members were provided an information sheet on the tax sale. An updated listing of properties will be provided to Council prior to the next meeting.

### **Update on Public Works Director Search**

The position announcement has closed, and the Town received 31 applications. The plan is to review the applications and interview the top 8 or 9 qualified applicants on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Update on Water**

A meeting is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> with Irene Haines and the Department of Public Health at the Capitol.

**Appointments**

None

**Tax Refunds**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$19,371.98. Voted (7-0)

**Public Remarks**

None

**Communications, Correspondence & Announcements****March 2019 Board and Commission Summary**

The March 2019 Board and Commission Summary was provided to Council members.

**Executive Search Committee for Town Manager**

A questionnaire from the search consultant was provided to the Council and department heads. The search consultant will meet with the Executive Search Committee on April 23<sup>rd</sup> prior to the Council meeting.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Voted (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois  
Recording Clerk