

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
Town Hall Council Chambers and Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Pete Brown, Vice Chairman Dean Markham, Council Members Tim Feegel, Derek Johnson (via Zoom), Barbara Moore, Mark Philhower and Kevin Reich and Town Manager David Cox.

Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Markham, to adopt the agenda as amended moving Item 7a to 4a. Voted (7-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Moore, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting of October 8, 2020, and the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2020 as written. Voted (7-0)

Resolution/ Ordinances/ Policies/ Proclamation

Proclamation Declaring November 7, 2020 as Air Line History Day

Mr. Markham read a proclamation naming November 7, 2020 Air Line History Day in East Hampton. Historical signage for an Eagle Scout project of Boy Scout Troop 57 has been installed at Bishop's Cut and the Cobalt Station area of the Air Line Trail to preserve the history of the railroad.

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Ms. Moore, to adopt the proclamation for Air Line History Day in East Hampton. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

None

Presentations

Presentation by Hilary Kenyon of Northeast Aquatics Regarding 2020 Lake Testing Activity and the 9 Elements Watershed Plan

Hilary Kenyon Garovoy of Northeast Aquatic Research presented the 2020 Water Quality Overview and Watershed Improvements Progress for Lake Pocotopaug. The presentation document will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Bids & Contracts

None

Continued Business

Consideration Regarding Submission of a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Eligibility Application

Mr. Cox provided additional information following the last meeting where Council members had questions on the application.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Moore, to finalize and submit the State of CT Department of Public Health Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Eligibility application. Voted (7-0)

New Business

Actions Related to End of Year Budget Transfers for FY2020

1) Review of Budget Transfers to Capital Reserve Fund

Finance Director Jeff Jylkka provided an overview of previously approved budget transfers totaling \$304,589. The final transfers were made to the Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with directions in the budget resolution adopted in March 2020. It was noted that the details of the transfers would be reported to Council once completed.

2) Consideration of Budget Transfers for FY2020

The Board of Finance reviewed the proposed transfers at its meeting on October 19, 2020 and recommended approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Markham, to approve the end of year budget transfers in the amount of \$137,702 and authorize the Finance Director to make any additional transfers, up to \$5,000 in the aggregate, that may be needed to close out the books for the 2019/2020 fiscal year and to report those additional transfers to the Board of Finance and Town Council. Voted (7-0)

Discussion and Action Regarding an Offer to Sell Property on Comstock Trail to the Town

An offer was received from the owner of three properties on Comstock Trail. The properties were purchased at auction but are not buildable due to conservation easements. The item will be tabled to the next meeting when more information can be obtained.

Town Manager Report

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

Appointments

None

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$6,692.3. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

Mark McWilliams, owner of the three properties on Comstock Trail indicated he would be willing to donate the property to the Town.

Communications, Correspondence & Announcement

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Ms. Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.
Voted (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk