

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 24, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

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

Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Moore, to adopt the agenda as written. 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 November 9, 2020 and the Town Council Regular Meeting of November 10, 2020 as written. Voted (6-0-1) Mr. Johnson abstained.

Public Remarks

None

Presentations

None

Bids & Contracts

None

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Moore, to move Continued Discussion & Possible Action on East Hampton's Participation in the RiverCOG Joint/Regional Affordable Housing Plan prior to Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations. Voted (7-0)

Continued Discussion & Possible Action on East Hampton's Participation in the RiverCOG Joint/Regional Affordable Housing Plan

Executive Director Sam Gold from the RiverCOG was in attendance to provide an overview of the Regional Affordable Housing Plan. Every municipality is required to develop or update a plan every 5 years. The RiverCOG will be able to assist with the plan at no cost to the Town. The East Hampton section would be approved by the Town Council. Mr. Markham, Mr. Feegel and Mr. Johnson will work with the RiverCOG on this project as needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to authorize Town participation in the regional effort regarding the Affordable Housing Plan. Voted (7-0)

Resolution/ Ordinances/ Policies/ Proclamation

Consideration of a Resolution Modifying the Scope of the 2013 High School Renovations, Improvements and Additions Project

The Council is asked to approve a resolution calling for a Town Meeting to officially amend the scope of work for the 2013 High School Renovations, Improvements and Additions project without increasing the overall appropriation.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adopt the resolution to modify the scope of the 2013 High School renovations, improvements and additions project and set a Town Meeting date of Monday, December 14, 2020 for a Hybrid Town Meeting at the East Hampton Town Hall and via Zoom at 6:00pm. Voted (7-0)

Consideration of the Budget Policy Statement

Mr. Markham provided an overview of the 2021-2022 Budget Policy Statement.

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Ms. Moore, to adopt the Budget Policy Statement as amended. Voted (7-0)

Consideration of a Historic Document Preservation Grant

The Town has received a grant to fund the cost of the next phase of an ongoing project to convert land records in the Town Clerk's Office for better long-term storage.

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Ms. Moore, to adopt the resolution for the Historic Document Preservation Grant as presented authorizing the Town Manager to execute the documents. Voted (7-0)

Consideration of an Internet Safety Policy for the Library

Library Director Ellen Paul was in attendance to provide an overview of the Internet Safety Policy for the Library that is required for the Library to remain in compliance with federal laws related to the protection of children. The Library Advisory Board approved the policy at a special meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Reich, to approve the Internet Safety Policy for the Library. Voted (7-0)

Continued Business

Continued Discussion of Hunting on Town Property

The Council continued a discussion from a prior meeting regarding allowing hunting on town property. A map showing town property where hunting could be considered was provided. Planning & Zoning Official Jeremy DeCarli was in attendance and noted that the Middlesex Land Trust does not allow hunting on their land, but they are considering it on certain properties. This topic will be continued a future meeting for consideration.

New Business

Approval of 2021 Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Markham, to approve the 2021 Town Council Meeting Dates as presented. Voted (7-0)

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.

In addition to the information contained in the report, Mr. Cox noted that the Board of Education will be receiving approximately \$400,000 for COVID reimbursement. Council members asked what improvements were done with the funds.

Appointments

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Reich, to appoint Nico Guerrero as an alternate member on the Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency. Voted (7-0)

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Reich to reappoint Josh Wilson, David Boule and Bob Talbot to the Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency. Voted (7-0)

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Markham, to reappoint Roy Gauthier and Angelus Tammaro to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Voted (7-0)

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Reich, to reappoint the current members of the Cemetery Board, Economic Development Commission and Brownfields Commission to their current terms following the change in appointing authority from the Town Manager to the Town Council. Voted (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to appoint Brandon Goff to the Brownfields Redevelopment Agency. Voted (7-0)

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Ms. Moore, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$868.60. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

None

Communications, Correspondence & Announcement

October Board & Commission Summary

Council members received the October Board and Commission Summary.

Tri Board Meeting – Monday, December 7, 2020

Capital Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Members were notified of the meetings listed above.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Reich, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Voted (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk