

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Town Hall Council Chambers and 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 6:35 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom.

Adoption of Agenda:

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Reich, to adopt the agenda as written. Voted (7-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Reich, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of March 9, 2021 as written. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

None

Presentations

Revaluation Presentation

Tax Assessor Deborah Copp and Stephan Bourque from Vision Government Solutions were in attendance to provide information on the current Grand List amount as well as the process used in evaluating the current value of all real property in the community for the recent Revaluation. A copy of the presentation will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Bids & Contracts

None

Resolution/ Ordinances/ Policies/ Proclamation

Resolution Regarding Acceptance of the Donation of Land Adjacent to 366 West High Street

At a prior meeting, the Council voted to accept the removal of reversionary interests in Fire Station #2 property at 366 West High Street. The owner of the property on which the parking lot is located was approached about donating that property to Town. The owner agreed and indicated they had intended to donate the parking lot as well. In consultation with the Town Attorney, it has been clarified that because there is no payment being made for the acquisition of the land, it does not require a Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to adopt the resolution regarding the acceptance of the donation of land adjacent to 366 West High Street as presented. Voted (7-0)

Resolution Regarding Acceptance of the Donation of Land Adjacent to the Middle School

The owner of a parcel of land on Route 66 which abuts the Middle School property has offered to donate the property to the Town/Board of Education. The Board of Education considered the donation at a meeting earlier this month and recommends the Town accept the donation. The Board of Education believes this parcel could serve to allow expansion or enhancement of the athletic fields or opportunities at the school and could be used to provide an alternative entrance to the Middle School site. As this is a donation of land with no payment being made, this process does not require a Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to adopt the resolution regarding the acceptance of the donation of land adjacent to the East Hampton Middle School as presented. Voted (7-0)

Continued Business

None

New Business

None

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

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Markham, to appoint Jeff Leith, AJ LaPlant, Jason Serra and Ted Shumbo, Jr. to the High School Athletic Fields Building Committee. Voted (7-0)

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Markham, to appoint Glenn Curtin to the Design Review Board. Voted (7-0)

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Markham, to reappoint Peter Zawisza, John Purple, Chuck Yenknor and Martin Podskoch to the Conservation-Lake Commission. Voted (7-0)

Additional reappointments will be made to the Conservation-Lake Commission at a future meeting.

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$367.82. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

None

Communications, Correspondence & Announcement

Mr. Cox noted there is a document in the Town Manager's Report outlining the Salmon River Watershed Partnership 2020 Accomplishments.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm.

Voted (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk