

Town of East Hampton  
Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, July 13, 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 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Johnson, adopt the agenda with the addition of an item to upcoming agendas for Sub-Committee Reports and Updates. Voted (7-0)

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of June 22, 2021 as written. Voted (7-0)

**Public Remarks**

None

**Presentations**

None

**Bids & Contracts**

None

**Resolution/ Ordinances/ Policies/ Proclamation**

**Resolution for Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Margot Burns, Senior Environment Planner from the Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments was in attendance to provide an overview of the East Hampton Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is part of the regional plan. A summary of the plan and the East Hampton portion of the plan will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Moore, to adopt the Resolution Concerning the 2021 Lower Connecticut River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Dated May 2021 as presented. Voted (7-0)

**Resolution for Historic Document Preservation Grant**

Each year, the Town Clerk applies for a Historic Document Preservation Grant. This year the grant funds would support the purchase of additional map storage cabinets for the Town Clerk and the scanning for electronic storage and retrieval of Building and Land Use records.

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adopt the resolution for the Historic Documents Preservation Grant. Voted (7-0)

## **Continued Business**

### **Sub-Committee Reports & Updates**

This item will be added to future agendas for updates.

## **New Business**

### **Police Department General Orders**

- 1. General Order 3.1 Use of Force**
- 2. General Order 6.6 Youth Investigation**

Police Chief Dennis Woessner provided an overview of General Orders 3.1 Use of Force and 6.6 Youth Investigation and answered questions from the Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve Police Department General Order 3.1 Use of Force and General Order 6.6 Youth Investigations with a correction to General Order 6.6, page 12, paragraph 2 to include “seventeen (17) year-old”. Voted (7-0)

### **Consideration of an Agreement Between the Town of East Hampton and the Local R1-216 National Association of Municipal Employees NAGE for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Moore, to approve the Agreement Between the Town of East Hampton and the Local R1-216 National Association of Municipal Employees NAGE for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 as presented. Voted (7-0)

## **Town Manager Report**

Mr. Cox provided an overview of his written report which will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk’s Office. Mr. Cox also reported that there will be additional bioblast treatments on the lake especially after the recent rains. The rain event on Thursday and Friday produced 3 to 5 inches of rain and caused 2 road closures.

## **Appointments**

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Philhower to reappoint the following:

- Kevin Burnham – Design Review Board – June 30, 2023
- Michael Chicoine – Design Review Board – June 30, 2023
- Scott Hill – Design Review Board – June 30, 2023
- Jeffry Foran – Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency – June 1, 2024

Voted (7-0)

## **American Rescue Plan Sub-Committee**

Chairman Brown appointed Ms. Moore, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Feegel to the American Rescue Plan Sub-Committee

## **Tax Refunds**

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$2,338.98. Voted (7-0)

## **Public Remarks**

Bob Hein, 19 Birchwood Road, asked how the rain will affect the chip sealing on White Birch Road. Mr. Cox indicated they would be starting back up next week.

## **Communications, Correspondence & Announcement**

### **June 2021 Board & Commission Summary**

Council members received the June 2021 Board and Commission Summary.

Mr. Markham noted the Goff House Concert Series would be resuming on Thursday evening.

Mr. Cox referenced a letter in the Town Manager Report to Senator Needleman regarding releasing State funding for Air Line Trail expansion and improvements.

## **Executive Session**

### **Town Manager Performance Evaluation**

A motion was made by Markham, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to enter Executive Session at 8:00pm. Voted (7-0). Mr. Cox was invited into the Executive Session.

Executive Session ended at 8:13pm.

### **Possible Action on Executive Session Item**

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to award, effective July 1, 2021, a 3% increase to the Town Manager's base salary. Voted (7-0)

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Voted (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois  
Recording Clerk