

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Town Hall Council Chambers and Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Mark Philhower, Vice Chairman Tim Feegel, Council Members Pete Brown, Brandon Goff, Eric Peterson, Kevin Reich and Alison Walck and Town Manager David Cox

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Philhower 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 Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voted (7-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Feegel, seconded by Mr. Reich, to approve the minutes of the Town Regular Meeting of October 26, 2021 as written. Voted (4-0-3) Mr. Goff, Mr. Peterson and Ms. Walck abstained as they were not on the Council at that time.

A motion was made by Mr. Feegel, seconded by Mr. Reich, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Organizational Meeting of November 3, 2021 as written. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

None

Presentations

None

Bids & Contracts

None

Resolution/ Ordinances/ Policies/ Proclamation

Review Ordinance Change for EDC Mission Statement/Set Public Hearing

At a prior meeting, the Economic Development Commission presented a mission statement for their Commission. An ordinance has now been drafted that will incorporate the purpose and mission into the Town Code. The next step will be a Public Hearing on the ordinance change.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Reich, to set a Public Hearing at the start of the December 14, 2021 regular meeting. Voted (7-0)

Continued Business

Sub-Committee Reports & Updates

Mr. Feegel reported that he and Mr. Brown will be meeting with Mr. Cox regarding the water project on Wednesday.

Mr. Reich reported that the High School Athletic Field Building Committee met last week, and the project is moving ahead on schedule. They will be laying down the sod soon.

Consideration of a Bid Waiver Request from the Board of Education for a 1-Year Extension of the Bus Contract

Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith provided an overview of the bid waiver request for the new members.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Goff, to waive the Town Code bidding requirements to allow a maximum 1-year extension of the bus contract as presented. Voted (7-0)

New Business

Approval of 2022 Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Walck, to approve the 2022 Meeting Dates 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. In addition to the written report, Mr. Cox reported that the Commission on Aging survey has come to a close and they will be doing a presentation to Council in December.

Parks & Recreation has been working on an assessment for their department. They will be bringing a survey to be approved by the Council.

The lake has been lowered approximately 33" inches. The boat launch replacement will be completed, and some residents are working on sea walls.

Mr. Goff asked about Ardo's ACL surgery and what caused the injury. The Chief indicated the cause could not be pinpointed. He also asked if the wells at 13 Watrous are filled in and is the grant closed? Mr. Cox indicated the paperwork to close the grant is being done this week.

Mr. Peterson asked about the inventory at the Food Bank. Mr. Cox has not received any requests for assistance at this point.

Mr. Cox also noted the aeration is being turned off this week in the lake.

Appointments

Sub-Committee Appointments:

Appointments

- Brandon Goff, Chair
- Mark Philhower
- Kevin Reich

Personnel

- Tim Feegel, Chair
- Pete Brown
- Mark Philhower

Budget Policy

- Brandon Goff, Chair
- Kevin Reich
- Alison Walck

By-Laws

- None at this time

American Rescue Plan (ARP)

- Pete Brown, Chair
- Tim Feegel
- Mark Philhower

Water

- Pete Brown, Chair
- Tim Feegel
- Brandon Goff

Capital Improvement Committee

- Tim Feegel
- Mark Philhower

High School Athletic Field Committee

- Kevin Reich

Summit Thread RFP Committee

- Brandon Goff

Liaisons

Board of Finance – Alison Walck

Board of Education – Brandon Goff

Economic Development Commission – Brandon Goff

Conservation Lake Commission – Kevin Reich

Fire Commission – Eric Peterson

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency – Mark Philhower

Planning & Zoning & IWWA – Mark Philhower

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – Tim Feegel

Housing Authority – Alison Walck

Tax Refunds

None

Public Remarks

None

Communications, Correspondence & Announcement

October 2021 Board & Commission Summary

Council members received the October 2021 Board and Commission Summary. The document will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm.
Voted (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk