

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 23, 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 Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Walck, to adopt the agenda with the removal of Item 9a – Discussion & Possible Action Regarding the Behavior of the Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency Chairman as presented. Voted (7-0)

Approval of Minutes

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

Public Remarks

None

Presentations

None

Bids & Contracts

None

Resolution/ Ordinances/ Policies/ Proclamation

Review & Consideration of the Budget Policy Statement

The Budget Policy Sub-Committee presented an updated Budget Policy Statement to the Council. The approved version will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Goff, to adopt the 2022-2023 Budget Policy Statement as presented. Voted (7-0)

Continued Business

Sub-Committee Reports & Updates

The ARP Sub-Committee will meet in early December.

The High School Athletic Fields Committee met on November 18. The irrigation is installed, and the grading is being done. Sod will be laid down beginning November 30. There will be a meeting in December and then will be on hold until Spring. A question was asked about the backstop and if it can be added in. Jeremy Hall noted it could possibly be added in as an add alternate. Mr. Hall

was also asked about pickleball courts. He noted that will come to Council in the Capital budget. Lines have been added to the current tennis courts for pickleball.

Ms. Walck reported that she attended the Commission on Aging meeting where the survey results were reviewed. She also attended the Housing Authority Meeting. They are looking at opening their Community Room again after Covid. She also spoke to JoAnn Ewing at the Senior Center regarding transportation and Covid.

Mr. Goff reported the Appointments Sub-Committee will meet again on Tuesday, November 30th at 5:30pm.

New Business

Consideration of Parks & Recreation Department Community Survey

Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Hall provided an overview of the proposed Recreation Needs Assessment survey. It was recommended to extend the due date into January due to the holidays.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the Needs Assessment Survey with the extended due date. Voted (7-0)

Consideration of Modification to Fire Department Awards Program

Fire Commission member Darin Hurne provided information on the updates to the Fire Department Awards Program. One change calls for an additional \$50 recognition of the individual serving as the Department's Public Information Officer. The other changes are administrative changes that correct the rank order and related award amounts.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Walck, to approve the amendments to the Fire Department Awards Program 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 boat launch project has been delayed until January due to material delays. The proposals for the RFP for 1 Watrous/13 Watrous/13 Summit were due last Friday. No proposals were received.

Appointments

Board of Finance Appointment

A motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Walck, to appoint Deborah Cunningham to the Board of Finance. Voted (7-0). This appointment fills the vacancy left by Eric Peterson when he was elected to the Town Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Goff, seconded by Mr. Reich, to appoint Donna Goodspeed to the Housing Authority. Voted (7-0)

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Walck, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,166.90. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

None

Communications, Correspondence & Announcement**Clean Energy Task Force 2021 Electric Car Show Report**

The Council members received the Clean Energy Task Force 2021 Electric Car Show Report. Mr. Philhower commented that he thought it was a very good show.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Reich, to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm.
Voted (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk