

Town of East Hampton  
Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, July 23, 2019  
Town Hall Meeting Room

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairperson Melissa Engel, Council Members Pete Brown, Tim Feegel, Dean Markham, Josh Piteo and Kevin Reich and Interim Town Manager Jeffery Jylkka.

**Not Present:** Vice Chairman Mark Philhower

**Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairperson Engel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Feegel to adopt the agenda as written. Voted (6-0)

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Markham, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of July 9, 2019 as written. Voted (6-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Brown, to move Item 7a – Review & Possible Approval of Ordinance for Stipend (formerly Tax Abatement) for Fire & Ambulance Personnel to this point in the agenda. Voted (6-0)

**Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations**

**Review & Possible Approval of Ordinance for Stipend (formerly Tax Abatement) for Fire & Ambulance Personnel**

Prior to the approval, Council members noted that this is a good alternative to provide the stipend to volunteers that do not live in East Hampton, that it is good for recruitment and a good addition for retired volunteers provided they meet the criteria.

A motion was made by Mr. Feegel, seconded by Mr. Reich, to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Town Council recognizes the benefits provided to the Town of East Hampton by the dedicated service of the Town's volunteer fire and ambulance personnel and Civil Preparedness Director;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town of East Hampton adopt the ordinance presented for the Stipend (formerly Tax Abatement) for Fire & Ambulance Personnel.

Voted (6-0)

**Presentations**

None

### **Public Remarks**

Dennis Jenks, 33 Meeks Point, commented that this year is the earliest algae bloom. He spoke about development on Baker Hill. He feels the lake is un-useable and it is an economic issue.

Bob Yenknor, 83 Spellman Point, commented he spoke to the Town Council in May about expenditures, future allocation for the Lake and a town watershed plan. He asked what the Town Council is doing regarding the lake.

Chuck Yenknor, 65 Spellman Point, commented on the algae issues. Save Lake Pocotopaug is doing fundraising. He spoke about the taxes being paid by the residents on the lake and that some of that money should be allocated to the lake. He also spoke about the control of the lake level.

Mike Tanca, Wangonk Trail, President of Princess Pocotopaug, commented that Friends of the Lake is doing a good job. He would like to see the treatment done on the lake and would like the 9 point plan implemented.

Linda Schroth, 47 Spellman Point, commented that the lake issues are not just a concern for the lake residents but the whole town. She noted things that haven't been done that don't cost any money such as banning lawn fertilizer, regulating rain gardens and making rules for building project.

Eric Rosenberg, 15 Bay Road, commented that an inexpensive solution is education related to things people can do in the lake area to improve and protect the lake and the environment.

Judy Isele, 31 Wangonk Road, commented on the premium tax on the lake. She would like to see \$250,000-\$300,000 put toward the lake every year. She would like the 9 point plan funded. The lake should be a priority.

Doreen Nablo, 43 Bay Road, commented on the 300 homes to be built near the new Town Hall noting that these homes will all have green lawns and that the town needs to get ahead of it to control it.

Melissa Engel noted that the copper sulfate treatment was approved by the Town Council. It is up to the Conservation-Lake Commission to have the copper sulfate applied. She wondered about the effectiveness of the Lake Commission. An earlier application for the copper sulfate treatment was done 1 ½ years ago but lapsed. She noted the Lake Commission returned \$14,500 from last year's budget that they didn't use. This year there is \$232,835 in Capital now. There is also some confusion on the algae levels of the lake. The Director of Health utilizes the lab they have used in the past but the Lake Commission is going by the results of another lab. It is causing confusion for the residents.

### **Bids & Contracts**

None

### **Continued Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Appointments**

None

### **Town Manager Report**

Mr. Jylkka reported that the community build for the playscape is August 6 - 10. On the final day there will be a ribbon cutting. People can still volunteer by going to the Park & Rec website.

A sinkhole was discovered on July 8<sup>th</sup> on Abbey Road. Public Works did the work for much less than if a contractor had to be hired. Public Works is also assisting with playscape build. They have received many calls about dead trees to the emerald ash borer and gypsy moth infestations.

Dexter's Tunes, Tales and Ales opened on July 13<sup>th</sup> and Ratatouille opened on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tax Refunds**

A motion was made by Mr. Feegel, seconded by Mr. Reich, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$261.44. Voted (6-0)

### **Public Remarks**

Mr. Markham commented that he would like to be sure the Town Manager oversees the Conservation-Lake Commission on the copper sulfate treatment.

Mr. Reich agreed to serve as a liaison to the Conservation-Lake Commission.

### **Communications, Correspondence & Announcements**

None

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Voted (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois  
Recording Clerk