

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
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. Goff, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voted (7-0).

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Reich, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting and Regular Meeting of July 26, 2022 as written. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

Bob Yenknor, Spellman Point Road, commented on the large number of boaters not following the laws of the lake and there is no enforcement. He feels boaters should be issued rules when they get their boat stickers. He would like to see funding for patrols of the lake.

Paul Wisniewski, Fernwood Drive, invited the Council members to the upcoming Electric Car Show sponsored by the Clean Energy Task Force on Saturday, September 24th at the High School.

Dennis Jenks, Meeks Point Road, agrees with Mr. Yenknor that patrols of the lake are needed, possibly on Saturdays and Sundays from 1pm to 5pm, but doesn't feel it is as bad a situation as described. He feels the lake is not as busy this summer. He also noted the good condition of the lake.

Presentations

None

Bids & Contracts

None

Resolution/ Ordinances/ Policies/ Proclamation

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a 2022 STEAP Grant Application and Project Approval for the Village Center Streetscape Improvement Project

Mr. Cox provided an overview of the final concept plan for the proposed Village Center Streetscape Improvements project and a resolution to authorize applying for and accepting a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant to assist in funding the project. Decisions need to be

made regarding parking on the street. Council members provided their comments on the project which included a concern about maintenance of gardens, there should be no bike lanes, parking should be on the west side of the street and there should be no narrowing of the intersection.

A motion was made by Mr. Goff, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to submit a STEAP Grant Application for the Village Center Streetscape Improvement Plan that includes parking on the west side of the street and excluding the narrowing of the intersection at Barton Hill and Summit Street. Voted (3-4) Mr. Philhower, Mr. Feegel and Mr. Goff in favor; Mr. Brown, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Reich and Ms. Walck against.

Continued Business

Sub-Committee Reports & Updates

Mr. Cox reported for the Water Sub-Committee that the water will be tested at Pine Brook on Monday, August 15 and Oakum Dock will be re-tested. Senator Needleman was able to obtain \$1.5 million for the water project from the State Bond Commission.

Mr. Reich reported for the Athletic Fields Building Committee that the tennis courts are complete, the irrigation is working well and the sand top dressing has been applied. There was a small section of lawn that required a repair and that has been completed. There will be a walkthrough of the project on August 18 with a possible closeout meeting immediately following.

Follow Up on Ambulance Association Discussion

A letter was received from the Ambulance Association board outlining the progress with their consultant. The letter will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's office.

New Business

None

Town Manager Report

Mr. Cox provided his written report for the Council members which will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office. He noted that some culvert work on Clark Hill began today so it will be ready for the paving work. Also, the copper sulfate treatment on the lake has been effective in improving the condition of the lake. There will be a Bioblast treatment in late August.

Appointments

None

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Goff, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$201.48. Voted (7-0).

Public Remarks

John Tuttle, 71 Viola Drive, provided a brief history of the deed for the Center School grounds where Old Home Days is held. The deed included a suggestion to name the property Bevin Park. The idea to name the park and put up a sign naming the property Bevin Park was presented with donations of \$2,250. Mr. Philhower asked Mr. Tuttle to provide some name of interested residents to join a sub-

committee with a couple of Council members. 2023 will be the 100th anniversary of the property being deeded to the Town and dedicating the name Bevin Park could be done at next year's Old Home Days celebration.

Greg Voelker, Fire Chief, 18 Michael Drive, has reviewed the Main Street plan and is opposed to parking on Main Street.

Communications, Correspondence & Announcement

July 2022 Board & Commission Summary

Council members received the July 2022 Board & Commission Summary.

Mr. Philhower asked that the Town Manager provide a plan and timetable for the Walnut Avenue parking lot. He also wants the Watrous Street property included in a future STEAP grant.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Goff, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm. Voted (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk