

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Town Hall Council Chambers and Zoom

MINUTES

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

Not Present: Brandon Goff

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. Peterson, to adopt the agenda adding a Resolution for the East Hampton Housing Authority and an item for the Formation of a Building Committee for the Middle School Roof Replacement. Voted (6-0).

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 September 27, 2022 and Town Council Special Meeting of October 4, 2022 as written. Voted (6-0)

Public Remarks

Mary Krogh, 92 Young Street and President of the East Hampton Lions and Sandy Fries, 370 Moodus Road and Director of the East Hampton Food Bank. Ms. Krogh provided background on the programs the Lions Club worked on during COVID for food distribution in town. The Foodshare pallet distribution has changed. Beginning on October 27th and every other week after a truck will be visiting the parking lot at St Patrick Church to distribute food. They need to have 50 people each time in order for the truck to return. Ms. Krogh asked if during the winter if there is snow would a path be able to be cleared between Chatham Acres and the St Patrick Church parking lot.

Christina Tammaro-Dzagan, 34 South Main Street and Chairperson of the Board of Education, spoke in favor of the Administrators Agreement. She noted the Administrators are vital to the education system and noted their achievements and dedication. She urged support of the contract.

Presentations

None

Bids & Contracts

Review and Possible Approval of the East Hampton School Administrators Contract

The Council received the negotiated three-year contract for the School Administrator staff effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. The Council can approve, reject or take no action on the agreement. No action would cause the agreement to be approved after a 30-day period.

Ms. Walck and Mr. Peterson requested this item be on the agenda for a 2nd reading at the next meeting.

Resolution/ Ordinances/ Policies/ Proclamations

Board of Education Middle School Roof Replacement Project

1. Resolution Regarding Replacement of the Roof at the East Hampton Middle School

This resolution authorizes the application for and acceptance of the grant; establishes a building committee consisting of a Board of Education member, a Town Council member, a member of the public and the Facilities Director (ex officio and non-voting); and authorizes development of schematic designs.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to adopt the resolution as presented. Voted (6-0)

2. Resolution Rescinding the Allocation of American Rescue Plan Funds

This resolution rescinds an earlier decision of the Council to allocate ARPA funds to the Middle School Roof Replacement Project. In order to maximize the outside grant funds, staff recommends the Town not directly use ARPA funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Walck, to adopt the resolution as presented. Voted (6-0)

Resolution Regarding an Additional Appropriation to the Board of Education for Armed Security Officers and Establishing the Required Resolution and Special Town Meeting

The Board of Education has requested an additional appropriation for the current fiscal year to support the hiring of three additional Armed School Security Officers. The proposed appropriation of \$105,000 was considered by the Board of Finance who recommended approval of the appropriation using funds in the Town's unassigned general fund balance. Council members asked the Superintendent to confirm the amount of money actually needed if the positions are filled in January. Superintendent Smith indicated that \$85,000 would be appropriate.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Brown, to adopt the resolution with the correction of the dollar amount needed to \$85,000. The Town Meeting will be set for Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:00pm at Town Hall for a vote on the appropriation. Voted (6-0)

Resolution Creating the East Hampton Housing Authority

The resolution will repeal the current Housing Authority of the Town of East Hampton and creates a new East Hampton Housing Authority.

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to adopt the resolution as presented. Voted (4-2) Mr. Reich and Mr. Brown against.

Continued Business

Sub-Committee Reports & Updates:

No updates

New Business

Review of Recommended Modifications to the Business Incentive Program Ordinance and Potentially Set Public Hearing

Economic Development Commission Chairman Matthew Reich provided an overview of the proposed changes to the ordinance that will clarify and enhance the program. Chairman Philhower commented that the document needs to be more business friendly, the timeframes are an issue, the project should be able to be started and/or finished then the business can apply. He suggested the group look at Portland's program.

Consideration of Police Department Policies/ General Orders 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 5.1, 5.7, 5.10, 5.23, and 9.8

Police Chief Dennis Woessner provided an overview of the following General Orders

1. General Order 3.3 Use of Chemical Agents
2. General Order 3.4 Impact Weapons
3. General Order 3.5 Reporting & Investigating Force
4. General Order 5.1 Patrol Administration
5. General Order 5.7 Arrest Processing
6. General Order 5.10 Securing Prisoners
7. General Order 5.23 Body Worn & Dashboard Cameras
8. General Order 9.8 Drug Recognition Expert (new)

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Reich, to approve the General Orders listed above as presented. Voted (6-0)

Town Manager's 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.

Appointments

Formation of a Building Committee for the Middle School Roof Replacement Project

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Ms. Walck, to appoint Council Member Kevin Reich to the Middle School Roof Replacement Project Building Committee. Voted (6-0)

Discussion of Potential Removal of Housing Authority Board Members and Determination of Hearing Process

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Ms. Walck, to appoint the following to the newly created Housing Authority board:

- Ted Hintz, Chairman – 5-year term
- Ann McLaughlin – 4-year term
- Pauline Simko – 3-year term
- Terry Concannon – 2-year term

Voted (4-1-1) Mr. Reich against; Mr. Brown abstained.

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,936.05. Voted (6-0).

Public Remarks

None

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15p.m.
Voted (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk