

**Town of East Hampton  
Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023  
Town Hall Council Chambers #107 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. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Walck, to adopt the agenda with a change to move item 9d to the next meeting. 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 of April 4, 2023 and the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2023 as written. Voted (7-0)

**Public Remarks**

The Community members listed below which included teachers, students, parents and others provided comments on the proposed 2023-2024 budgets. They were unhappy with the cuts made by the Board of Finance to the Board of Education budget and urged the Town Council to send the budgets back to the Board of Finance for consideration of adding back funding. The students did not want their teachers to be cut.

Debra Field, 18 Oak Knoll Road  
Kelly Snyder, 18 Laurel Glen  
Marly Zinkerman, 38 Spellman Point Road  
Macy Brazal, 8 Colchester Ave  
Noelle Lavender, 16 Lakeview Street  
Joellen Leone, 10 Curry Lane  
Kayden Owen, 4 Forest Street  
Salem Didato, 3 Steeple View Drive  
Kim Fentress, 4 Curry Lane (time to Oliver)  
Alison Hebb, 170 Lake Drive  
Denise Sawyers, 77 Barton Hill  
Donata Barber, 27 Carriage Drive  
Carrienne Benigni, 41 Viola Drive  
Donna Kirk, 51 Chestnut Hill Road  
Daniel Finn, 85 Champion Hill  
Sara Perez, 110 Comstock Trail  
Paul Cerreta, 35 Cobalt Road  
Augie Arndt, 46 Eastham Bridge Road  
Bob Hine, 19 Birchwood Road  
Angelus Tammaro, 25 Lake Boulevard

Katie Williams, 43 Wopowog Road  
Oliver Dickson-Cotto, 23 Cornwell Terrace  
Matt Engelhardt, 27 Bevin Boulevard  
Wes Jenks, 45 Meeks Point Road  
Emily Jovell, 3 Tarragon Drive  
Tania Sones, 17 Curry Lane  
Brendan Hines, 9 Tarragon Drive  
Cristin Flannery, 9 Flannery Row  
Adam Ducki, 64 Barton Hill  
Enja Barry, 25 Collie Brook Road  
Christine Aloia, 82 Viola Drive  
Chris Briggs, 19 Barton Hill  
Nicole Carl, 36 Charles Mary Drive  
William Faber, 45 Schoolhouse Lane  
Julie Foulis, 18 Fernwood Drive  
Nicole Spagnoletti, 36 Viola Drive  
Lisa Johnson, 39 Skyline Drive  
Mike Buck, 15 Valli Drive  
Jarod Ondas, 34 Chatham Acres  
Nancy Kohler, 31 Daniel Street

Alisha Colegrove, 25 White Birch Road  
Craig Frost, 63 White Birch Road  
Emily Cronin, 24 Abbey Road  
Chelsea Baczek, 40 North Main Street  
Billy Anderman, 37 Royal Oaks

Caleb Zuber, 23 Brookhill Drive  
Eric O'Connor, 17 Hyde Farm Terrace  
Abby Miller, 27 Tarragon Drive  
Marlene Geary, 38 Wangonk Trail

Ted Turner, 223 Hog Hill Road and Board of Finance member, commented that the vote by the Board of Finance was not unanimous.

Sal Nucifora, 147 Colchester Avenue and Board of Education member, commented that he voted at the Board of Education meeting against cutting teachers.

Christina Tammamro Dzagan, 34 South Main Street and Chair of the Board of Education, wanted to inform the Council that the vote at the Board of Education meeting wasn't because they want to see teachers removed it is because there is a legal obligation to hand out pink slips if needed by May 1.

### **Presentations**

None

### **Bids & Contracts**

None

### **Resolution/ Ordinances/ Policies/ Proclamations**

#### **Adoption of Fair Housing Resolution**

Annually the Town Council adopts a Fair Housing resolution showing the town's commitment to upholding and enforcing the doctrine of fair housing for all within the community.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Walck, to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution as presented. Voted (7-0).

### **Continued Business**

#### **Sub-Committee Reports & Updates**

Mr. Reich reported that the Middle School Roof Committee met with the Department of Administrative Services to review the plans for the roof.

Mr. Philhower questioned an issue with the High School tennis courts having a crack after recently being repaired. More information will be obtained on this subject.

The Water Sub-Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

#### **Discussion and Possible Action on 2023-2024 General Government & Board of Education Budgets and Capital Plan**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Brown, to send the General Government and Board of Education budgets back to the Board of Finance based on community feedback. Voted (2-5) Mr. Reich and Mr. Brown in favor; Chairman Philhower, Vice Chairman Feegel, Mr. Goff, Mr. Peterson and Ms. Walck against.

The budget discussion will be included on the next meeting agenda.

### **Discussion and Possible Action on Prevention Partnership Survey**

Prevention Coordinator Courtney Widrick provided an overview of the Prevention Partnership's Youth Survey. The survey is done every two years as a condition of the grant that funds the alcohol and drug use prevention activities of the Town.

A motion was made by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Walck, to approve the Prevention Partnership Youth Survey. Voted (7-0)

### **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Participation in Regional Housing Committee**

The Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) created the Regional Housing Committee in follow up to the Regional Housing Plan. The committee is intended to provide a forum for ongoing coordination and collaboration on housing issues among RiverCOG municipalities with the goal of improving housing diversity and opportunity in the region. It is suggested that the member be appointed by the Planning and Zoning Commission, as is the member to the Regional Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the inclusion of East Hampton in the Regional Housing Committee with the Planning & Zoning Commission appointing the member. Voted 7-0)

### **Discussion and Possible Action on Town Manager FY24 Wage and Contract**

This item is tabled to a future meeting.

### **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**

None

### **Tax Refunds**

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Goff, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$285.55. Voted (7-0)

### **Public Remarks**

The Community members listed below voiced their disappointment in the Town Council members that voted no to sending the budget back to the Board of Finance.

Karen Wanat, 35 Long Crossing  
Mike Buck, 15 Valli Drive  
Adam Ducki, 64 Barton Hill  
Matt Engelhardt, 27 Bevin Boulevard  
Matthew Gallmon 23 Old Skinner Street  
Tania Sones, 17 Curry Lane  
Caleb Zuber, 23 Brookhill Drive  
Julie Foulis, 18 Fernwood Drive  
Christina Hoy, Eastham Bridge  
Brian Corvo, 42 Sunrise Lane  
Margaret Faber, 45 Schoolhouse Lane  
Alisha Colegrove, 25 White Birch Road

Brian Corvo, 42 Sunrise Lane  
Donata Barber, 27 Carriage Lane  
Catherine Mojo, 20 Summit Street  
Cristin Flannery, 8 Flannery Row  
Matthew Garcia, 51 Hog Hill  
Mark Kohler, 31 Daniel Street  
Christina Tammaro Dzagan, 34 South Main Street  
Kim Fentriss, 4 Curry Lane  
Augie Arndt, 46 Eastham Bridge  
William Faber, 45 Schoolhouse Lane  
Andrew Lombardo, 14 Pocotopaug Drive  
Marlene Geary, 38 Wangonk Trail

William Anderman, 37 Royal Oaks  
Kitty Roman, 36 Eastham Bridge

Irene Kuck, 11 South Main Street

**Communications, Correspondence & Announcements**

**Memorial Day Parade**

A letter was received from the VFW inviting the Council to march in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Correspondence Regarding the Budget**

Twenty-eight (28) letters were received from residents regarding the budget.

**Eversource Transmission Line Work Near Hurd Park**

Information was received from Eversource regarding transmission line work near Hurd Park.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Goff, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. Voted (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois  
Recording Clerk