

**Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Town Hall Council Chambers and Zoom**

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Dean Markham, Vice Chairperson Karen Wanat, Council Members Deborah Cunningham, Tim Feegel, Richard Knotek, Jack Solomon, and Jordan Werme (via Zoom) and Town Manager David Cox.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Markham 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. Solomon, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to adopt the agenda as submitted. Voted (7-0).

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of February 27, 2024

A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Ms. Wanat, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of February 27, 2024 as submitted. Voted (7-0).

Public Remarks

Marty Podskoch, 43 O'Neill Lane, commented that the stream is very brown in the poet section of roads near the lake and the inorganic material from the stream is going into the lake. He asked what could be done to stop the inorganic material from going into the lake.

Presentations

None

Bids & Contacts

None

Resolutions/ Ordinances/ Policies/ Proclamations

None

Continued Business

Sub-Committee Reports & Updates

Mr. Knotek noted that the Appointment Sub-Committee met prior to the regular meeting and interviewed residents for various board and commission positions. Some appointments and reappointments will be made later in the meeting.

New Business

Review and Possible Action on Updated Job Descriptions

Mr. Cox provided an overview of the updated job descriptions for the Social Services Director and the Senior Center Coordinator. The job descriptions were redefined and brought up to date and some

duties were shifted between the two positions. The revised job descriptions will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

A motion was made by Ms. Wanat, seconded by Mr. Solomon, to approve the updated job descriptions for the Social Services Director and the Senior Center Coordinator as presented. Voted (7-0).

Review and Possible Action on Intergovernmental Agreement with Members of the RiverCOG for Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The updated Household Hazardous Waste Collection Agreement with the RiverCOG comes after the RiverCOG member municipalities determined to shut down the permanent disposal facility in Essex and move to an all satellite collection system. The cost is divided between the municipalities by population and the actual attendance by residents.

A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Werme, to approve the Household Hazardous Waste Municipality Agreement with the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments as presented. Voted (7-0)

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. Mr. Cox highlighted the WPCA and Joint Facilities budgets that have been approved. Rates will be set in the summer. The Library Community Survey is still in process. There will be some drone mapping done the week of March 18th for the water system project. Several property owners have been asked permission to take off and land the drone on their properties.

Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Knotek, seconded by Mr. Solomon, to reappoint Melissa Jones to the Library Advisory Board with a term through December 31, 2026 and Rowland Rux to the Building Code Board of Appeals with a term through December 31, 2028. Voted (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Knotek, seconded by Ms. Wanat, to appoint Alan Lisowski to the Brownfields Redevelopment Agency with a term through June 30, 2026. Voted (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Knotek, seconded by Ms. Wanat, to appoint Philip Restivo to the Economic Development Commission with a term through December 31, 2027. Voted (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Knotek, seconded by Ms. Wanat, to appoint Christopher Williams to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term through December 31, 2026. Voted (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Knotek, seconded by Ms. Wanat, to appoint Megan Joseph to the Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency with a term through June 1, 2026. Voted (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Knotek, seconded by Ms. Wanat, to appoint Evan Giza to the Economic Development Commission with a term through December 31, 2026. Voted (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Knotek, seconded by Ms. Wanat, to appoint Robert Perreault as an alternate member of the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term through December 31, 2025. Voted (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Knotek, seconded by Ms. Wanat, to appoint Catherine Mojo to the Arts & Culture Commission with a term through December 31, 2025. Voted (7-0).

Mr. Knotek also discussed the possibility of adding alternate members to several boards including the Clean Energy Task Force, Brownfields Redevelopment Agency, Economic Development Commission, Water & Sewer Commission and Library Advisory Board. The appropriate ordinances and resolutions will be drafted to make the changes for a future meeting.

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Mr. Feegel, seconded by Mr. Solomon, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$2,906.49. Voted (7-0).

Public Remarks

None

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements

February 2024 Board and Commission Summary

Council members received the February 2024 Board and Commission Summary.

Council member Solomon had two issues brought up by residents that he would like discussed at a future meeting. He would like to discuss the environmental easements the town has and the runoff into the lake. He wants to be sure to involve the appropriate people in the conversations.

Mr. Markham noted that the letters discussed at the Tri Board Workshop for the Governor and other legislative leaders are prepared and the signature pages are being completed.

Ms. Wanat congratulated the Middle School drama club director and participants in the Beauty and the Beast production. The High School drama club will be putting on Wizard of Oz this weekend.

Ms. Cunningham noted the last Listening Session will be Saturday, March 16 at Cranberry Bog from 9am to 11am.

Mr. Werme noted the spectacular condition of the Air Line Trail after all of the rain.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Wanat, seconded by Mr. Solomon, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm. Voted (7-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk