

Town of East Hampton
Tri Board Meeting
Monday, January 28, 2019
High School T-Bell

MINUTES

Town Council: Chairperson Melissa Engel, Vice Chairman Mark Philhower, Pete Brown, Tim Feegel and Josh Piteo

Board of Education: Chairman Christopher Goff, Joanne Barmasse, Lori Caldwell, Jeff Carlson, Nancy Oakley and Lois Villa

Board of Finance: Vice Chairperson Janine Jiantonio, Alannah Coshow, Bridget McLennan, Barbara Moore, Eric Peterson and Ted Turner

Also present: Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith and Finance Director Jeff Jylkka

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Engel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the High School T-Bell.

Update from Representative Irene Haines

State Representative Irene Haines provided an overview of the activities at the Capitol to date. Proposals have been submitted. The Education Committee held their first full meeting. There is no solid language for bills at this point. No information on ECS funding will be available until at least the end of February. She noted they are working on language that the Governor cannot touch funds after they are approved. She also congratulated Kid Governor Ella Briggs from East Hampton.

What Do Our Taxpayers Expect Us to Provide?

The group collaborated on a listing of priorities which include:

- Safety & Health
- Education
- Infrastructure/Roads/Buildings
- Lake
- Water
- Economic Development

It was agreed that the groups will work together with more communication and that there should be a long-term plan/mission statement for the Town. It was noted that the Plan of Conservation & Development is updated and represents a plan for the town.

What Are Taxpayers Willing to Pay For It?

There was discussion on cost savings and shared services. Most members agreed that a question should be on the budget ballot regarding whether the budget is Too High/Too Low/Just Right.

Consensus Building

The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th at 6pm will include discussion on the budget numbers in more detail.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk