

MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2009  
EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Paul Formica, Robert Kleinhans, Pam Rowe, Jack Hogan, Rose Ann Hardy.

EXCUSED: Rob Wilson.

Mr. Formica called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and introduced the members of Boy Scout Troop 240 who were present to work on a merit badge and requested that they lead the Pledge.

Mr. Formica said that the Parks and Recreation Commission is presently accepting registrations for Yoga for kids, Miss Paula's Pre-School classes, Dog Obedience and Music Together and anyone interested should contact the office at 739-5828. He also announced that the POCD workshop would take place on April 6, at 7:00 p.m.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items  
There were none.

1c. Delegations  
There were none.

1d. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of March 18, 2009  
Mr. Hogan noted on page 3, second sentence, the word **raise** should be added.

MOTION (1)  
Mr. Kleinhans moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2009 as amended.

Seconded by Ms. Rowe.

Aye: Mr. Formica, Mr. Kleinhans, Mr. Hogan, Ms. Hardy.  
Nay: None.  
Abstain: Ms. Rowe. Motion passed 4-0-1.

1e. Consent Calendar  
MOTION (2)  
Mr. Kleinhans moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of April 1, 2009 in the amount of \$3,552.71.

Seconded by Ms. Rowe. Motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATION – CARE AND SHARE

President Barbara Buzzelli was present and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the increased services of Care and Share and their request for a permanent home (identified as Attachment A). She said that presently they are housed at 11 Hope Street, but the Town might have some plans for this space in the future. She stressed the importance of the volunteers who are the base of Care and Share.

Mr. Andrew Pappas of 11 Morton Street noted he was a supporter of Care and Share from its beginning and stated the Town should step up and help find them a permanent place.

Mr. Ed Jutila of 23 Brainerd Road and State Representative said that it was his honor to be asked to be part of their search committee for a permanent home. He added that this group provides additional services not provided by anyone else. He said that he hoped that this Board would do everything possible to find Care and Share a permanent home.

Terry Mitchell of 17 Mitchell Drive suggested leasing the property at Veterans Field to Care and Share for them to build a permanent facility.

Mr. Formica thanked Ms. Buzzelli for the presentation and for all the good work that the group does. He added that Care and Share is to be commended for all of their efforts in support of our community.

2a. Special Appropriation Request - \$2030 – Emergency Management  
MOTION (3)

Mr. Kleinhans moved to approve a special appropriation request in the amount of \$2030 for Emergency Management for the purchase of chairs and a conference phone for the EOC, reimbursable by the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and to forward it to the Board of Finance for their approval.

Seconded by Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Hardy inquired if any other items could have been purchased with this grant award.

Director of Emergency Management Pearl Rathbun responded that they were advised about what items would be approved for reimbursement.

Ms. Hardy inquired if there was adequate electric service for the phone hookup and if there would be an increase in the monthly utility bill for this addition?

Ms. Rathbun stated that the electrical outlets were adequate and the phones would only be used when necessary.

Motion passed 5-0.

2b. Request Letter of Intent for Police Department for 2009/2010 Ammunition Purchase  
MOTION (4)

Mr. Kleinhans moved to authorize the First Selectman Paul M. Formica to sign a letter of intent to purchase ammunition for the 2009/2010 budget year from Eagle Point Gun Shop with the understanding that a purchase order will be issued as soon as practical after July 1, 2009.

Seconded by Mr. Hogan. Motion passed 5-0.

3a. AHEPA 250-V Inc. Request for \$300 Waiver – Text Amendment Fee

Terry Mitchell was present and stated that the application process with HUD is extremely difficult and time consuming and there is a need for the Town to show good faith toward the application which is based on a point basis. He said that by waiving this fee the documentation would prove good faith and points would be accrued.

Mr. Kleinhans inquired if when HUD awards a grant if filing fees are included in the grant?

Mr. Mitchell responded that the HUD money includes fees but they want the Town to offer something as a way of support. He also presented a letter requesting the fee for Inland Wetlands in the amount of \$200.00 and requested waiver of that fee also.

Mr. Formica noted that in our Ordinance Prescribing Fees for Building and Demolition Permits, item #4 states that the Board of Selectmen may waive any permit fee, in whole or in part, for any work to be done, by or for a non-profit organization, when the Board deems it in the public interest to do so.

#### MOTION (5)

Ms. Hardy moved to add the \$200.00 Inland Wetlands Fee Request Waiver to the agenda for review and potential action as Item 3b.

Seconded by Mr. Hogan. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Kleinhans said that he had a problem waiving fees since revenues are what we base our budget on. He inquired if there was some other way the town could show their support?

#### MOTION (6)

Ms. Hardy moved to waive the \$300.00 filing fee for Text Amendments for Zoning to allow an additional building at the Roxbury Road site.

Seconded by Mr. Hogan. Motion passed 5-0.

#### MOTION (7)

Ms. Hardy moved to waive the filing fee in the amount of \$200.00 for an Inland Wetlands application for the building of an additional building at the Roxbury Road site.

Seconded by Ms. Rowe. Motion passed 5-0.

#### 5a. Ex-Officio

Ms. Rowe noted that the Board of Education has been holding their meetings at different schools so that they can view presentations. There was a meeting at Niantic Center School where they reviewed writing from 1999 versus 2009 writing and last week they met at the Middle School and they saw a skit on the war and Samuel Adams. She said that the Superintendent search was over and the Board had authorized negotiations. The graduation date had been set for June 24<sup>th</sup> and the lasagna dinner would be on April 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 4:30 – 6:30 to benefit the party.

Mr. Hogan had no report.

Ms. Hardy noted that the Right to Farm draft ordinance would not be back on the agenda for a few months in order to allow time for review of Town Counsel's comments.

Mr. Kleinhans had no report.

#### 5b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Formica said that he was meeting with all the Town departments for round table efficiency discussions and to get a better understanding on how each department works.

He attended a ConnDOT meeting with the Commissioner and the principals from the Gateway development regarding the resurfacing of I-95 and the exit ramp upgrades. He said that initially, the design was in direct conflict with the Gateway project and he was hoping to move forward with a private / public initiative. They also discussed the temporary closure of Exit 75 northbound, to be used for emergency only.

He said that he had convened a meeting with the presidents of the Town Unions and they had offered a concession and there was discussion on how they can help move the town forward.

He hosted a banking roundtable with representatives of Chelsea Groton, Dime, Bank of America, Charter Oak, Core Plus and Peoples Bank in attendance to try to understand the effects of the economy on our local banks and citizens. He said that they agreed to meet again in the future.

He said that the POCD will host a workshop on April 6<sup>th</sup> and urged everyone to attend. He added that the Plan of Conservation and Development is an advisory document, which is updated every 10 years.

He had an online Chat with The Day and had several good questions.

There was a Water and Sewer Commission meeting where regional interconnection was discussed along with the summer water shortage.

He attended a meeting in Old Lyme about their Tree Committee and Tree Ordinance.

He had a meeting with the Police Department Sergeants and reviewed the operations. He said that the Rules and Regulations that had been assigned to Sgt. Renshaw last April were almost complete and he would be utilizing 3 former law enforcement personnel to review them.

The Director of Public Works and Deputy First Selectman Robert Kleinhans had met with him to review performance contracts; which is where we can get the capital improvement paid for by the saving from the energy costs.

Route 11 Greenway had a meeting and they were in the process of selecting a designer for a pedestrian / bike path.

Union negotiations were ongoing with the Fire Departments and they were to start at the end of the month with the Police.

He said he has attended all of the Board of Finance budget review meetings. He said the Annual Town Meeting was on May 11<sup>th</sup> and he would ask the Selectmen to forward the budget to referendum sometime after.

He said the Charter Revision Commission's report was ready and they would be presenting it to the Board in the next month or so.

He held a Marina summit meeting to discuss issues of concern about the waterfront and the Boardwalk. He said that the Vice President announced that \$105 million dollars would be earmarked for the Niantic Bridge replacement. He added that our Engineers went down to Philadelphia to work with the Amtrak engineers regarding the replacement of the Boardwalk due

to the bridge construction and their need to rebuild to “as good as, or better than” status. He said there would be some disruption and we might start to see construction as early as this fall.

He thanked President Barbara Buzzelli from Care and Share for coming this evening and suggested if anyone had any ideas for future space to call 739-8502.

7. Public Comment

Mike Schulz of Lovers Lane thanked Mr. Formica for all of his efforts on the budget and again thanked the Department Heads for giving back their COLA for this year and said that he hoped the Unions would agree to give back more also. He said we have great leadership.

MOTION (8)

Mr. Hogan moved to adjourn the April 1, 2009 East Lyme Board of Selectmen meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Kleinhans. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary