

TOWN OF EAST LYME
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2009

Moderator, Eugene Cushman, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the East Lyme Town Hall. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Esther Williams, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting, stating it had been posted on the signpost, published in The Day and filed in her office.

Moderator spelled out the rules of the meeting citing CGS Statute 7-6, eligibility to vote at a town meeting, saying that registered voters or taxpayers appearing on the Grand List of October 1, 2008 and having a minimum assessment of \$1,000 are eligible. He also cited CGS 9-360 dealing with penalties for voting if not franchised. There were approximately twenty five people in attendance.

Item 1 of the call: Special Appropriation \$400,000 – STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program Grant for Main Street Enhancement Project including streetscape and sidewalk improvements.

Motion by Rob Wilson, second by Jack Hogan to adopt Item 1 of the call.

Paul Formica, First Selectman explained this is an opportunity for East Lyme. This grant was provided to the Town back in October of 2006 but was never acted upon. The Boards of Selectmen and Finance have recently approved this item and it remains for this body to approve it also. The project is slated to begin on September 7, if approved tonight.

This money will pay for the renovation of the sidewalks on both the north and south sides of Main Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Methodist Street. It will also include the addition of herringbone bricks, new curbs, concrete sidewalks, decorative street lamps such as the ones already in place on Liberty Green and tree plantings. The bid which has been awarded has come in under the appropriation. He urged adoption of this item for the betterment of the Town.

John Drabik, Drabik Road feels the rest of the Town is being ignored. He said this is a lot of money encompassing a short area of Main Street. He said there are already street lights down there and doesn't see the need for more lights. He wants to know who pays for the electric bill for these lights. Formica said he can get an exact number for him. Drabik also said Liberty Green is a war memorial area and should be treated as such.

Mike Shulz, Lovers Lane, concurred with Mr. Drabik stating that the walks on Boston Post Road are in bad shape and nothing is being done there.

There being no further discussion, Moderator called for a vote. **Item 1 was adopted with two people voting nay.**

Item 2 of the call: Appropriation \$507,404 CNRE Fund 32 for Rehabilitation of portions of various Town roads.

Motion by Jack Hogan, second by Chuck Holyfield.

Paul Formica explained that in the previous fiscal year, \$267,203 was put aside for the CNRE, \$207,404 for prior year cumulative LOCIP grant remaining funds and \$32,797 LOCIP funds approved by the State in the previous fiscal year totaling \$507,404.

This is an opportunity to get in some late season fall road improvements while prices of asphalt remain at operative levels. He urged adoption of this Item.

There being no further discussion, Moderator call for a vote. **Item 2 was adopted unanimously.**

Item 3 of the call: Appropriation \$50,000 CNRE Fund 32 for repair/replacement of sidewalks town-wide.

Motion by Jack Hogan, second by Rob Wilson.

Paul Formica explained that part of this would cover a sidewalk from the entrance to McCook Pt Park up the hill to Columbus Avenue.

There being no further discussion, Moderator call for a vote. **Item 3 was adopted unanimously.**

Item 4 of the call: Appropriate \$48,015 from CNRE Fund 32 for repair/improvement Town facility parking lots.

Motion by Chuck Holyfield, second by Rob Wilson.

Paul Formica said this is an appropriation for the improvement of several parking lots including Community Center, EOC and McCook Point Park.

There being no further discussion, Moderator call for a vote. **Item 4 was adopted unanimously.**

Motion to adjourn by Rob Wilson, second by Jack Hogan. The meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther B. Williams
Town Clerk

