

FEBRUARY 18, 2009
TOWN OF EAST LYME
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Moderator, Eugene Cushman, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00 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 on February 12, 2009 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. Should a count be necessary, the Registrars of Voters are in attendance.

Item 1 of the call: To receive communications from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance with respect to a resolution entitled "Resolution Amending A Resolution Appropriating \$4,180,000 For Various Water System Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance of \$4,180,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

Moderator asked Town Clerk if the communications had been received and she responded they had.

He then went on to **Item 2 of the call:** To consider and act upon a resolution entitled "Resolution Amending A Resolution Appropriating \$4,180,000 For Various Water System Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance of \$4,180,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

Resolution by Edward O'Connell, Town Attorney, who read the entire resolution into the record:
(Attachment A & B)

Second by Rob Wilson, Old Oak Lane to adopt Item 2 of the call.

Paul Formica, First Selectman gave a brief overview of the need for this resolution.

He stated this is a very important time for the future of the Town of East Lyme. Should this resolution be approved, this would be a giant step forward to improving the water problems we seem to face each summer. This has been a problem for the past twenty years and is not going to get any better.

Passage of this resolution will not affect the town budget. It has passed both the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance. This bond will be repaid by rate payers and water users.

He presented a breakdown of the authorization which is seen as Attachment B.
(Attachment A & B)

He continued that the Town Staff has worked tirelessly with the Water and Sewer Commission to come up with good solutions to our summertime shortfall. In order to do this, we will need 400,000 gallons per day. By replacing two existing wells with more modern and updated equipment, we expect to increase the yield to about half of that. Well 2A is anticipated to yield about 100,000 gallons per day and Well 3B is expected to generate 150,000 to 175,000 gallons per day. We do not expect 3B to be on line for this summer but it is in the process. All of these initiatives are expected to take a few years.

We are looking at Darrow Pond to provide temporary well pumping (250,000 gallons per day). This would satisfy our summertime needs. We are looking to work with the current deedholder of that property to allow temporary access. This money would begin that process.

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that.

This is a program and a process that we can begin to implement. Implementation is the key to success for this problem the Town faces. It will provide \$500,000 for the emergency regional interconnection which we will begin to look at for our longterm water problems.

He said he therefore urges adoption of t his resolution.

John Drabik, 18 Drabik Road questioned the gallons per minute addressed by Mr Formica comparing it to what his Mother gets from her well.

There being no further discussion, Moderator called for a vote. **Item 1 was adopted by a voice vote of approximately 30 persons in attendance.** There were two nay votes, John Drabik and Karen Rak.

Motion to adjourn by Pam Rowe, second by Robert Kleinhans. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther B. Williams
Town Clerk