



# TOWN OF OLD LYME

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## Board of Selectmen

**Minutes** – Regular Meeting

January 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Hall of the Memorial Town Hall

**Call-In Phone:** 1-605-472-5727 Access Code 3819718

1. **Call to Order** - First Selectwoman Martha Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. **Attendance**

Present Board Members: First Selectwoman Martha Shoemaker, Selectman Jim Lamos and Selectwoman Judith Read.

3. **Information Items, Communications & Correspondences**

First Selectwoman Shoemaker received a phone call from Traver Steiner and letter from Marie Aresco voicing concerns about the flooding on Buttonball Road. First Selectwoman Shoemaker has been in touch with Mr. Steiner and expects to have a resolution by the end of the week. First Selectwoman Shoemaker also received correspondence from a new resident Tristan Marineau, who is wondering if any plans for sewers on Caulkins Road are being considered.

4. **Public Comment: None**

5. **Old Business**

a. *Miami Beach/ Hawk's Nest Beach – Crib Permit for Rebuild*

First Selectwoman Shoemaker met with Pete Nielsen from DOCKO who presented the scope of work required. BOS wants to meet with Miami Beach & Hawks Nest Beach representatives prior to making any decisions. A special meeting date needs to be scheduled.

b. *Senior Center Financing – Anita Mancini*

Anita reviewed the funding options. \$2,000,000 from surplus funds and finance \$1,300,000. Loan options are 3 years at 4.6% interest or 4 years at 4.5% interest. Selectwoman Read asked about fund raising efforts and First Selectwoman Shoemaker said she is working with the committee developing a letter. Selectwoman Read made a motion to recommend that the Board of Finance use \$2,000,000 from the surplus balance and finance \$1,300,000 and use all donations to pay down the loan. Selectman Lamos seconded the motion. Discussion: First Selectwoman Shoemaker asked Selectwoman Read if she had a loan term preference and Selectwoman Read said she would leave that up to the BOF. The MOTION passed.

6. **New Business:**

a. *Appointments to Boards and Committees*

There was a brief discussion about lost emails, some Appointments will be postponed.

ADA Coordinator -Selectman Lamos moved and Selectwoman Read seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Amy Bonatti as the ADA Coordinator. The term expires on January 31, 2025. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Affordable Housing Commission – Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lamos seconded a motion to approve the appointments of James Quarto and Michael Fogliano to three-year Regular terms ending January 31, 2027. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Board of Assessment & Appeals - Selectman Lampos moved and Selectwoman Read seconded a motion to approve the appointment of David Evers Jr. to a two-year Alternate term ending January 31, 2026. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Conservation Commission - Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of George Ryan to a three-year Regular term ending January 31, 2027. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed. Selectman Lampos moved and Selectwoman Read seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Brandy Campbell, Rachel Patten and Madalyne Longfellow to one-year Alternate terms ending January 31, 2025. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Economic Development - Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Mona Colwell and Cheryl Poirier to five-year Regular terms ending February 1, 2029. Discussion: None The MOTION passed. Selectman Lampos moved and First Selectwoman Shoemaker seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Jeff Hartman to a 2-year term expiring January 31, 2026. Discussion: Selectwoman Read has worked on another non-town Board with him and has concerns as he does not attend those meetings. She indicated that she has never met him but knows he has wonderful credentials. VOTE: 2 Ayes, Selectwoman Read abstained. The MOTION passed.

Emergency Management Director - Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Dave Roberge to a two-year term ending February 1, 2026. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Flood Erosion Control Board - Selectman Lampos moved and Selectwoman Read seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Russell Linderman to a one-year Regular term ending January 31, 2025, Discussion: None The MOTION passed. Selectman Lampos moved and Selectwoman Read seconded to approve the appointment of Katherine Thuma, Josh Thompson, and Mary Wamby to two years terms expiring January 31, 2026, Discussion: None The MOTION Passed. Selectman Lampos moved and Selectwoman Read seconded to approve the appointment of Harry Gough, Louis Magano and Christine Olsen and to one-year Alternate terms expiring January 31, 2025. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Halls Road Committee – One Application is missing. Vote postponed until February 2024

Harbor Management Commission - Selectman Lampos moved and Selectwoman Read seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Michael Presti, Michael Barnes and Rebecca Griffin to a two-year Regular term ending January 31, 2026. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed. Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Richard Shriver to a two-year Alternate term ending January 31, 2026. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Historic District Commission - Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of C. Russell Todd to a five-year Regular term ending January 31, 2029. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed. First Selectwoman Shoemaker asked to hold off on the alternate appointments until she had a chance to reach out to Dini Mallory and John Noyes (co-chairs of the HDC).

Inland Wetlands Commission – Vote postponed to February 2024

Lyme Senior Center Board of Directors - Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Mariette McCourt and Karen Geisler to fill the vacated seats that expire June 30, 2024. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

McCulloch Steering Committee - Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of James Quarto and Jennifer Miller. They are appointed for the life of the project. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Municipal Agent for the Elderly - Selectman Lampos moved and Selectwoman Read seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Cynthia Taylor to a two-year Regular term ending January 31, 2026. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Old Lyme Cable Advisory Council - Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Russ Gomes to a two-year Regular term ending January 31, 2026. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Open Space Commission -Vote postponed to February 2024 meeting.

Parks & Recreation commission - - Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Sara van Vliet and Ellen Garbarino to three-year Regular terms ending January 31, 2027. Discussion: Selectwoman Read asked if there were alternate positions. First Selectwoman Shoemaker indicated there are no alternate positions on this board, but they could be added if the charge of the Commission was changed. The MOTION passed.

Pension Committee Selectman Lampos moved and Selectwoman Read seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Jean Wilcynski to a three-year Regular term ending January 31, 2027. Discussion: Selectwoman Read asked how many people were on this Committee. First Selectwoman Shoemaker said at least 5. The MOTION passed.

Planning Commission – Vote postponed to February 2024

Regional Planning Committee – Positions are open and will ask other Planning Commission members if they are interested.

Rogers Lake Authority - Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Joshi Maneesha to a three-year Regular term ending January 31, 2027. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed. Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Gregory Hack to fill a vacated Regular term ending January 31, 2026. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Shellfish Commission - Selectman Lampos moved and Selectwoman Read seconded a motion to approve the appointment of John Seckla to a three-year Regular term ending January 31, 2027. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Shoreline Gateway Committee – Vote postponed to February 2024

Solid Waste and Recycling - Selectman Lampos moved and Selectwoman Read seconded a motion to approve the appointment of John Flick, term of service TBD. Discussion: Length of term, positions available and a name change. The MOTION passed.

Soundview Commission - Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Frank Maratta and Paul Orzel to three-year Regular terms ending January 31, 2027. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Selectwoman Read made a motion to approve the appointment of Lenny Corto, Jacqueline Miano, Robert Carlson to one-year Alternate terms ending January 31, 2025. The MOTION died without a second motion. Selectman Lampos moved and First Selectwoman Shoemaker seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Jacqueline Miano, Robert Carlson and Will Bowles to a one-year Alternate terms ending January 31, 2025. Discussion: Some questions around two applicants' residency. Selectwoman Read abstained. The MOTION passed.

Town Counsel – First Selectwoman Shoemaker moved, and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve Suisman & Shapiro as Town Counsel. Discussion: Selectwoman Read asked if there were any other applicants. And is there a contract? First Selectwoman Shoemaker said Attorney Collins is a town resident and donates some of his time. Another firm approached First Selectwoman Shoemaker at the CCM Convention and indicated that charges could be \$600 per hour. Selectwoman Read asked to postpone the vote. The MOTION passed.

Tree Commission - Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Fred Behringer to a three-year Regular term ending January 31, 2027. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Tree Warden - Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Thomas Degnan to a two-year Regular term ending January 31, 2026. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Veterans Representative - Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Anthony Vallombroso to a one-year Regular term ending January 31, 2025. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Water Pollution Control Authority – Selectman Lampos moved and Selectwoman Read seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Dimitri Tolchinski, Andrea Lombard, and Dennis Melluzzo to four-year Regular terms expiring January 31, 2028. Discussion: Selectwoman Read asked why Corey Bullock is not being reappointed. Selectman Lampos replied that all applicants will be appointed a seat but perhaps as an alternate. Selectman Lampos moved and Selectwoman Read seconded a motion to approve the appointment of John Flick to a one-year Alternate term ending January 31, 2025. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed. Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Corey Bullock to a two-year Alternate term expiring January 31, 2026. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed. Selectman Lampos moved and First Selectwoman Shoemaker seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Mary Daley to a three-year Alternate term ending January 31, 2027. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Zoning Commission - Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Sloan Danenhowe, Michael Barnes, Denise Savageau to two-year Alternate terms ending January 31, 2025. Discussion: Selectwoman Read said she would like to see Denise not be appointed at this time and she would rather see her attend some meetings before taking on the Regular appointment and supports Paul Orzel's recommendation. Selectwoman Read abstained. The MOTION passed.

Teri Lewis was on the phone and asked why applicant David Acosta was not approved as an alternate for Harbor Management Commission. He is very qualified. First Selectwoman Shoemaker recalls the conversation and apologized for the omission. Selectwoman Read moved and Selectman Lampos seconded a motion to rescind the Harbor Management Commission appointment approvals and revisit on February 6, 2024. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

*b. Approve the Call to Meeting – Town Meeting – January 22, 2024*

First Selectwoman Martha Shoemaker read The Call to Meeting. The meeting will be held on Monday January 22, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall.

Topics: Accept the Annual Town Report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, and announce the recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award. Selectman Lampos made a motion to accept the call for the Town Hall Meeting. Selectwoman Read seconded the motion. Discussion: None The MOTION passed.

*c. Policy on Equal Opportunity Employment for Police Accreditation*

First Selectwoman Shoemaker said a policy is lacking and needs to be developed. She handed out homework and will be reviewing other existing policies. The issue will be discussed at the February BOS meeting.

**7. Selectmen General Discussion**

Selectwoman Read thanked Selectman Lampos for his help after the rainstorm. She asked if the telephone pole will be replaced as it is burned following the road closure on route 156 last week. First Selectwoman Shoemaker said it will be replaced by whomever owns it. There was a discussion about the signs on Mile Creek Rd. Some will be removed.

Selectwoman Read asked if there is an update on the Senior Center insurance issues. First Selectwoman Shoemaker said they did receive a more favorable quote, but no decision yet.

Selectwoman Read also noted that Cross Lane did not flood. Selectman Lampos said the storm was intense and he thanked Emergency Management for their efforts. First Selectwoman Shoemaker stated that she hopes all residents will come together to work on the flooding concerns throughout town.

**8. Adjournment**

Selectwoman Read made a motion to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. and Selectman Lampos seconded the motion.

Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne McAuliffe, Clerk