



# TOWN OF OLD LYME

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## Minutes – Regular Meeting

April 24, 2023, 7.30pm

Town Hall

**Present:** Frank Pappalardo (Chair), Michaelle Pearson (Secretary), Harry Plaut, Joann Reis Lishing, Jackie Miano (Alternate), Robert Carlson (Alternate), Frank Maratta

**Absent:** Paul Orzel

**Guests:** Lenny Corto, Kathleen Tracy, Frank Lishing, Paula Melillo, Anthony Tulisano. Tom Larsen, Stefanie Livesey, Frank Noe.

**NB:** Michaelle Pearson stated that the town has instituted a new format for minutes and agendas, making them more uniform across all Boards and Commissions.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Frank Pappalardo at 7.31 pm.
2. **Approval of March 27, 2023 minutes. MOTION** to approve: Harry Plaut. Joann Lishing seconded. All in favor.
3. **Public Comment:** Kathleen Tracy said she hoped the Kokomo's fence will be taken down or at least placed back where it should be, above the tideline. Ms. Tracy also asked if the ad hoc Operations Committee is still meeting? Frank Pappalardo said there are no meetings scheduled. Ms. Tracy asked when the interim Police Chief will be announced. Frank Pappalardo stated that as of last week, Trooper Weber will be staying on. Ms. Tracy said she hoped there would not be any parking added this year, especially on Hartford Avenue.

Lenny Corto questioned the need for the special Operations Advisory Committee, asked if the recommendations he sent to this Commission would be discussed, and stated that he brought the garbage he picked up from Miami Beach. Mr Corto was told to keep the bags of trash next to him and to not bring them up to the table.

4. **Correspondence:** The Commission received an email this morning from Lenny Corto. Frank Pappalardo handed out printed copies, asked Commission members to take a look, and if there's anything that needs to be discussed, we'll add it to the agenda for the next meeting.



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5. **Old Business:** The Town website has been updated and there have been issues with missing items. Noticed that this meeting was not on the calendar. The SVC 2023 meeting dates were submitted to the Town Clerk in December 2022.

*Shoreline Gateway Committee:* Meets every third Thursday at 5pm, Currently in the process of reviewing the gateway area survey. Over 1200 people responded, and the most common issue cited was Blight. Will refine and vote on a mission statement at the May meeting. Next step is the vision statement. The committee seeks to address the issues that are important to the community. Joe Camean researched a number of towns and Kim Groves also provided several blight ordinances. The Committee will also present the survey results in a 15-20 slide Power-Point that will show the range of responses to the open-ended questions. There are currently four different zoning districts within the Gateway area: SVVD, C10, C30, and R10. Gateway Commission is looking at how that can be resolved. Possibly with one zone, possibly through a combination of zones. Met with Planning Chair, Zoning Chair and ZEO. The survey responses are guiding the work of the Gateway Committee.

*Public works update:* Broken sidewalk at 88 Hartford Avenue was fixed last week. Would like to open up the view at the entrance to the beach, which is currently obstructed by the garbage cans large sign. The two new garbage enclosures will be wood, and hold four 55-gallon drums each. The new, smaller 3x3 beach signs will be up this week at Swan Avenue, Hartford Avenue, and the Town parking lot. Also a new oval sign that says “Welcome to Sound View”.

6. **New Business:** *2023 Beach Season Update:* Now that the Miami Beach Association fence has been taken down, we must be aware of possible issues. Spoke with Selectwoman Shoemaker regarding the Kokomo’s fence that extends beyond the high water mark. Frank Pappalardo and Tom Larsen presented Larsen’s basket litter collection idea at the Board of Selectmen’s meeting. Wood 4x4 post with 6 baskets. 4 posts all together, if Miami Beach also approves the idea.

*Concerts:* Four scheduled: Old Lyme Town Band 6/22, Souls on Fire 7/13, Red Satin 8/10, The Jovial Crew 8/24. Joann will contact Leanne and Tony Zema to see if they are interested in helping with the concerts this year.

*2023 Parking update:* Frank Pappalardo solicited suggestions from area businesses, and has been working on a proposal with First Selectman Tim Griswold for a few weeks to use the Passport parking app. There has been an issue with getting reports from the kiosk company, ITS, The new parking program will eliminate ITS and the



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kiosks, and use a smartphone QR code. People without a smartphone or who prefer to pay cash can use the private parking lots. The proposed new parking program was submitted to the Commission for review and suggestions. The new proposed rates would be more conducive to people spending just a few hours at the beach for a reasonable cost. \$7.50 for the first two hours. Every hour after that will be \$9.50 on weekends and \$6.50 on weekdays. Parking remains free for Old Lyme residents with parking pass. There are 15 reserved spots in the Town Lot for residents, but residents with passes may park for free in any available space if the reserved spots are full. The free 30-minute business parking spots will also continue to be in effect this year.

**MOTION to recommend the new parking system and rates to the Board of Selectmen made by Frank Maratta. Joann Lishing seconded. All in favor.**

*Zoning Update:* Frank Pappalardo submitted a letter to the Zoning Commission re 58 Hartford Avenue stating that we do not support the proposal for auxiliary parking. The public hearing was continued. Frank Noe spoke about his application to Zoning. He is the owner of 58 Hartford Avenue, and also owns 88 Hartford Avenue (Kokomos). He has applied to establish a small business at 58 Hartford with an 8x10 structure to sell Kokomos merchandise, and use the lot as parking for Kokomos patrons and employees. Proposed 29 parking spaces. Hours: 7 days 11am - 9pm. Questions were raised as to the appropriateness of the proposal, any possible lighting plan, security, and what might happen if Kokomos goes out of business?

**7. MOTION to Adjourn:** Joann Lishing, Frank Maratta Seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9.02pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michaëlle Pearson, Secretary