

**TOWN OF OLD LYME
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Friday 19 May 2023 - 8:00 AM

Location: Old Lyme Town Hall – Meeting Hall

Call to Order by First Selectman Tim Griswold at 8:00. Present were First Selectman Timothy Griswold, Selectman Matthew Ward and Selectwoman Shoemaker.

1. Consider Recommendation to Hire a Land Use Engineering Firm:

First Selectman Griswold said that a committee was formed to evaluate firms that submitted Requests for Proposals to be the Town’s engineering firm. The members were Selectwoman Shoemaker, Rachael Gaudio, Chair of the Inlands Wetlands Commission, Tom Machnik, Member of the Inlands Wetlands Commission and Harold Thompson, Chair of the Planning Commission. In the end, the committee recommended that the firm of Nathan L. Jacobson & Assoc. of Chested be hired as the Town’s engineering firm.

Selectwoman Shoemaker made a motion to hire the firm of Nathan L. Jacobson & Assoc. of Chester, CT to be the Town’s engineering firm and Selectman Ward seconded the motion. Discussion: None.

The motion passed.

2. Discussion of Affordable Housing Legislation:

Michael Fogliano, Chair of the Affordable Housing Commission, discussed two pieces of legislation being considered by the CT legislature:

- HB 6633 – Fair Share plans for municipalities to increase affordable housing
- HB 6890 – Qualifying transit oriented communities

While Old Lyme supports the goal of increasing its stock of affordable housing, it is recommended that the Town opposes these bills because the bills would impose unacceptable remedies and divert resources away from recently adopted Town plans. The River COG and the Council of Small Towns are opposed to the bills and the Town of Old Lyme’s Planning Commission and Affordable Housing Commission are also opposed. It is recommended that the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Commission, the Zoning Commission and the Affordable Housing Commission each submit letters in opposition.

Selectman Ward made a motion that the Old Lyme Board of Selectmen sends a letter of opposition to HB 6633 and HB 6890 to the appropriate legislators in Hartford and Selectwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

3. Set Dates and Times for the Senior Center Expansion Information Meeting and Referendum:

First Selectman Griswold recommended there be another information meeting for voters on Monday 12 June 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Hall followed by an Old Lyme referendum on Tuesday

12 June 2023 from noon to 8:00 PM in the Middle School Gymnasium. This would provide voters with the most recent information on the project and the opportunity to vote over an eight-hour period.

This plan was acceptable to the Selectmen.

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1. **Adjournment:**

Selectwoman Shoemaker made a motion and Selectman Ward seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15. **The motion passed.**

Timothy Griswold

Recording Secretary