



TOWN OF OLD LYME

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Board of Selectmen

Minutes – Regular Meeting

5 September 2023, 5:15 p.m.

Meeting Hall of the Memorial Town Hall

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

1. **Call to Order** - First Selectman Griswold called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
2. **Attendance**
Present Board Members: First Selectman Timothy Griswold and Selectwoman Martha Shoemaker and Selectman Matthew Ward.
3. **Farewell to Kim Barrows:**
4. **Sound View Gateway Committee:** Presentation
Selectwoman Martha Shoemaker gave a presentation highlighting the results of the Sound View Gateway survey. The presentation will be posted on the Town website and be part of the history of Old Lyme.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** 7 August 2023 (Reg.), 10 August 2023 (Spec.),
Selectman Ward made a motion to approve the 7 August 2023 regular meeting minutes and Selectwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectwoman Shoemaker asked that Item 4 Public Comment – Scot Boulanger’s name be corrected to Scott and the name Rose be replaced with Rosalee Germano. Also, a correction to page 2 Item 6, second paragraph: Selectwoman Shoemaker did not recently meet with Mark Mongillo, she had met him earlier in the year. Also amend Item 7 i. to be a 0.67 acre parcel not a 6 acre parcel. Selectwoman Shoemaker questioned the use of the word “permanent” as written on page 3 Item 7 d. First Selectman Griswold replied he was thinking about monuments. Selectman Ward amended his motion to include the above changes and Selectwoman Shoemaker seconded. The MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Ward made a motion to approve the 10 August 2023 special meeting minutes and Selectwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectwoman Shoemaker said she had not read the minutes and could not find them on line. Selectman Ward had a copy. The MOTION PASSED.

6. **Public Comment**
Scott Boulanger, Miami Beach asked who was monitoring the Swan Brook drainage pipes. He would like to see a committee formed to better manage the accumulation of sand in the pipes before it causes flooding in Miami Beach. He has lots of volunteers who could help.
Sloan Danenhower read a new communication he sent to the Board of Selectmen asking both the Republican Town Committee and the Democratic Town Committee to agree to cease the use of any political signage during the Town’s Memorial Day Parades, out of respect for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.
Nancy O’Brien, has sent numerous emails voicing concerns with the Swan Brook pipes and has not received a reply. She likes Scott’s idea to form a committee. She said the Town’s backhoe has caused damage to the crib while it was digging out the sand in the crib.

Selectwoman Shoemaker asked how the Board is deciding to list correspondences that are received under the heading Communications in the agendas? First Selectman Griswold said he lists correspondence that he deems worthy and places them on the Agenda. Selectwoman Shoemaker would like to see a process

put in place and asked that a letter dated August 7, 2023, re: Political Displays from David Rubino, be posted on the town web site.

7. **Communications:** Sloan Danenhower’s letter that was received has been discussed under Public Comment.

8. Appointments:

Affordable Hsg. Commis. – Fred Fenton (D) – from Alt. to Reg. Member – Term Ending 31 Jan 25

Affordable Hsg. Commis. – James Quarto (U) - Alternate Member – Term Ending 31 Jan 24

Conservation Commission – Gary Gregory (U) - from Alt. to Reg. Member – Term Ending 31 Jan 26

Conservation Commission – Rachel Patten (D) – Alternate Member – Term Ending 31 Jan 24

Affordable Housing Commission - Selectman Ward made a motion to approve the appointment of Fred Fenton – from Alt. to Reg. Member of the for a Term Ending 31 Jan 25 and James Quarto (U) – as an Alternate Member – Term Ending 31 Jan 24. Selectwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. Discussion: None. The MOTION PASSED.

Conservation Commission – Selectwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the appointment of Gary Gregory (U) - from Alt. to Reg. Member – Term Ending 31 Jan 26 and Rachel Patten (D) – to an Alternate Member – Term Ending 31 Jan 24. Selectman Ward seconded the motion. Discussion: None. The MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Ward made a motion to amend today’s agenda to add the appointment of Suzanne Thompson (R), member of the Connecticut River Gateway Commission, to be appointed as an ex officio member of the Conservation Commission, with no specific term. Selectwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. Discussion: None. The MOTION PASSED.

Gateway Commission - Selectwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the appointment of Suzanne Thompson (R), member of the Connecticut River Gateway Commission, to be an ex officio member of the Conservation Commission, with no specific term. Selectman Ward seconded the motion. Discussion: None. The MOTION PASSED.

9. Old Business:

Project Updates:

- i. Halls Rd. Improvements – Meeting with DEEP Officials & Submitted Trails Grant Application
First Selectman Griswold said numerous DEEP officials visited the Bow Bridge site and had good suggestions. DEEP will consider quit claim to the Town of the 0.67 acre parcel it owns on the east side of the Lt. River. A I Engineers continue to work on the bridge design. First Selectman Griswold said he and Edie Twining sent the Town’s \$28,500 CT Trails Grant application to the DEEP and it should be approved shortly.
- ii. Sound View Sewers – First Selectman Griswold said the Old Lyme officials are still waiting to receive confirmation that the forgivable loan (\$15 million) will be approved. Talks continue between the Old Lyme WPCA and the New London Wastewater Authority to extend our Inter-Municipal Agreement (“IMA”) that expired recently.
- iii. Senior Ctr. Expansion – Two \$500,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (“STEAP”) applications (Lyme & Old Lyme) have been submitted and we should hear if they are approved by the end of September. Operations at the Senior Center are winding down and, effective 1 October 2023, the Senior Center should be available for a contractor to start the renovation project.

- iv. Ferry Road Sidewalk – The Tree Easement to bypass a mature tree at 7 Ferry Rd. has been agreed upon and the next step is to secure the DOT’s approval to put the project out to bid. Our hope is to go out to bid in October.
- v. Swan Brook Outlet –Outflow Pipe Running & Trying to Schedule Video Inspection.
We are trying to schedule the Giant-Vac company to remove the sand from the two pipes and run the video camera up and down the pipes during the third week of September. This is dependent upon the tides and the contractor’s availability.
- a) Tantummaheag Landing – The Tantummaheag Landing sign, with the hours of operation, that was installed outside the stone pillars twice has been removed twice. Some of the plantings that the Town removed and placed on the abutters’ property have been replanted. We shall have to address these issues.
- b) Miami Beach – Pond Road Proposal
First Selectman Griswold has not had a chance to discuss this topic with the Selectman, so they must schedule a meeting to do so.

10. New Business:

- a. State Mandated Police Accreditation (three tiers – multi-year))
Selectman Ward said the Town is required to complete the State Mandated Police Accreditation process. He has been in touch with a consultant (Andretta Swift of Badge Six, LLC) to assist and Katie Balocca has researched the Power DMS vendor and software. The accreditation process will be a multi-year endeavor. The Tier 1 Assessment must be completed by 31 December 2023, the Tier 2 Assessment by 31 March 2024 and the Tier 3 Assessment by 31 March 2025. In addition, the Tier 1 Proof of Compliance must be completed by 31 March 2026, the Tier 2 Proof of Compliance by 31 March 2027 and the Tier 3 Proof of Compliance by 31 March 2028. It is recommended that the Town purchase the Power DMS Accreditation Module at a cost of \$1,200 and that the Town hires Badge Six to assist with the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Assessments at a cost of \$19,500. Once done, the Town could hire Badge Six to assist with Tier 1 and 2 Proofs of Compliance at an additional cost of \$5,000 and negotiate a price to undertake the Tier 3 Accreditation and its Proof of Compliance.

Selectwoman Shoemaker made a motion to recommend to the Board of Finance that \$1,200 be used from the carryover “Police Education and Training” line to fund the purchase of the Power DMS Accreditation Module and to enter into a contract with Badge Six, LLC to assist with accreditation process for Tier 1 and Tier 2 Assessments at a cost not to exceed \$19,500. In addition, the Selectmen recommend that the Board of Finance be aware that an additional \$5,000 will likely be necessary to hire Badge Six to assist with Tier 1 and 2 Proofs of Compliance. Selectman Ward seconded the motion. Discussion: None. The MOTION PASSED.

- b. Millstone Nuclear Exercise
Old Lyme Emergency Management team conducted a nonrated Millstone drill, with a FEMA evaluator present. They simulated testing radio systems, siren activation, dosimetry, evacuation plans and the like. According to Emergency Management Director David Roberge and the FEMA evaluator said the exercise went well.
- c. Resignation of Officer Sam Barnes
Officer Barnes last day was 4 September 2023 and we wish him well in his new assignment as a Regional District 18 Security Official. A new candidate is being considered to become a cadet at the Connecticut Police Academy next month.

11. **Other Business:**

First Selectman Griswold said the Resident State Trooper contract is up for renewal. Selectman Ward asked if the Body and Dash Camera data storage is included in the contract? Selectwoman Shoemaker said this is her first time seeing the contract and would like a meeting scheduled to review it in detail.

Selectman Ward said school is back in session, so drive safely.

First Selectman Griswold said milling and repaving of Rowland Rd., McCurdy Rd. and Beckwith La. will start soon. The roads may be closed for short periods of time. Selectwoman Shoemaker will notify the bus company and school Superintendent, as there may be delays.

12. **Adjournment**

Selectman Ward made a motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. and Selectwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. Discussion: None. The MOTION passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne McAuliffe, Clerk