

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

Meeting Date: Thursday 14 September 2023 - 4:30 PM

Location: Old Lyme Town Hall – Meeting Hall

Call to Order by First Selectman Timothy Griswold at 4:30 PM. Present were First Selectman Timothy Griswold, Selectman Matthew Ward and Selectwoman Shoemaker.

1. Approve the Signing of the 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2025 State Police Contract by the First Selectman:

After discussion, Selectman Ward made the following motion and Selectwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion:

“RESOLVED, that First Selectman Timothy C. Griswold be, and is hereby authorized, to sign the 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2025 Contract between the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police and the Town of Old Lyme.”

Discussion: None. **The motion passed.**

2. Halls Road Improvement Committee – Broaden the Use of the \$19,500 Appropriation:

First Selectman explained that, on 24 February 2023, the Board of Selectmen approved recommending to the Board of Finance, at its 24 February 2023 meeting, approval of the following Sources & Uses of Funds for the Bow Bridge Project:

Bow Bridge Bid Recommendation:

First Selectman Griswold said the Halls Road Improvement Committee (“HRIC”) voted to recommend that A I Engineers, of Middletown, CT, be selected as the engineering firm for the Bow Bridge project. The bid price is \$148,500 and First Selectman Griswold recommended there be a contingency amount of \$6,500. The ARPA Community Initiative Grant of \$135,000 is available, so the Town must appropriate \$20,000 to fund the balance:

<u>Uses of Funds</u>		<u>Sources of Funds</u>	
Fee to AI Engineering	\$148,500	Funds from ARPA	\$135,000
Contingency	<u>\$6,500</u>	Town cost	<u>\$20,000</u>
Total	\$155,000	Total	\$155,000

At its meeting on 7 March, the Board of Finance appropriated \$19,500 (Town Cost) and reduced the contingency to \$6,000.

Since that time, the HRIC announced the Town has been awarded a CT Trails Grant in the amount of \$28,500, which must be used to fund the Bow Bridge Project. Accordingly, the Town appropriation of \$19,500 is not necessary for the Bow Bridge Project design phase, so First Selectman Griswold and Edie Twining, Chair of the HRIC, recommend that the Boards of Selectmen and Finance vote to expand the

use of the 7 March 2023 \$19,500 appropriation to be for the Bow Bridge Project AND the Halls Road Project.

There is about \$4,500 available in the Halls Road Improvement Fund (#32) and the HRIC has two near-term uses for funds: \$5,000 to fund soils mapping and a summary letter to be performed by CLA Engineers, Inc. of Norwich, CT and some additional legal expense associated with the resubmission to the Zoning Commission of the Halls Road Overlay District (Atty. William Sweeney).

Broadening the use of the \$19,500 will eliminate the need for the HRIC to request additional short-term funding for the Halls Rd. Project.

Selectman Ward made a motion to recommend that the Board of Finance votes to broaden the use of the \$19,500 appropriation the Board of Finance approved on 7 March 2023 to allow the funds to be used for the Bow Bridge Project AND the Halls Road Project. Selectwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **The motion passed.**

1. **Adjournment:**

Selectwoman Shoemaker made a motion and Selectman Ward seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 PM. **The motion passed.**

Timothy Griswold

Recording Secretary