



TOWN OF OLD LYME

www.oldlyme-ct.gov

Minutes – Regular Meeting

October 30, 2023, 7.30pm

Shoreline Community Center

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

Absent: Paul Orzel, Robert Carlson (Alternate)

Guests: Frank Lishing, Stephanie Livesey, Carolyn Miranda, Scott Boulanger, Patricia Pappalardo

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Frank Pappalardo at 7:30 pm.

2. **Approval of September 2023 minutes.**

MOTION to approve: Joann Lishing, Jackie Miano seconded. All in favor. Lishing & Plaut abstained due to absence.

3. **Public Comment:** Stephanie Livesey said she didn't think we need the speed humps on Hartford Avenue. Keep them on Portland and Swan Avenues.

Scott Boulanger asked if Kokomos' would be cleaned up for the winter. There are metal structures and fencing on the beach, which will be torn apart by winter storms. This was an issue last year as the debris blew all over the beach and into neighboring yards. The rope fence should be removed for the winter, and all outdoor lights turned off. Frank Pappalardo will contact the landlord, Frank Noe, who had requested that any issues be reported directly to him rather than to the tenant Kokomos.

4. **Correspondence:** None.

5. **Gateway Commission update:** Michaelle Pearson said the Gateway meeting focused on subcommittee reports. Subcommittee topics are: "Address Blight," "Build on Family-Friendly Charm," "Enhance Sound View as a Walkable Village" "Focus on Developing Small Businesses that Meet Local Needs," and "Positive Outlook on our Shoreline Treasure". Some of the suggestions could be implemented by the SVC. People liked the concerts, and recommended having more, possibly coupled with food trucks. Joann Lishing suggested a possible collaboration with the Salty Monkey. Right now we budget for 4 concerts, but also get the Old Lyme Town Band under the previous year's budget. Could stretch to 6 or 7 concerts: Four Thursdays in July and two or three in August. Think about resurrecting the Osprey Festival. Would be in conjunction with the Economic Development Commission and possibly the Board of Selectmen, and other groups in town. First or second weekend after Labor Day. Give people a reason to stick around after Labor Day. Going to need buy-in from our local businesses... would they stay open for another week? Will need to rent a tent and get a generator, pay for sound, and some entertainment. Gateway Commission asked that the town parking lot remain open until the end of September.

6. **Public Works:** Removed speed humps, stored at the town garage. The anchors all broke upon removal. Frank Pappalardo will contact the manufacturer for replacements.

7. **Budget** Bob Carlson looking at generators for the concerts. Resident Trooper Matt Weber thought a generator was a good idea. It can be stored at the police station. Budget request \$6K. Trooper Weber also asked for six new center road stop signs. \$2200. ADA: Looking at mats for mobility issues in the parking lot. Will compare to asphalt



TOWN OF OLD LYME

www.oldlyme-ct.gov

for cost. Michaelle Pearson questioned the use of asphalt in the lot and favored a removable mat. Speed humps: budgeted \$12K for six. Would like to install a small footwash shower station in the town lot. Frank Pappalardo spoke to Ed Adanti, budgeted \$12K. Osprey Festival (placeholder) \$5K. Need new street banners. (cost?) Frank Lishing asked about replacing the flags. They are \$55 each. There are 40 flags total, budget to replace 10 per year. Operations budget covers the portolets, office supplies, mailings, community services (events, etc.), signage, banners, maintenance; golf cart signage, plates, etc.; and legal contingency fund (town finance director recommended \$750.) More refinements to requests to be discussed at the November SVC meeting.

8. **Town Report** - Frank Pappalardo will submit a writeup of the SVC's work for the previous fiscal year. Highlights include new benches, replace kiosks with parking app, hired landscaper for plantings and maintenance of the bocce courts, new trash enclosures, new ADA beach ramp.

9. **Facilities Review:**

10. **Other Business:** None.

7. **MOTION to Adjourn:** Joann, Second Frank Maratta. **All in favor.**

Meeting adjourned at 8.25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michaelle Pearson, Secretary