

MINUTES OF
JANUARY 22, 2024
TOWN OF OLD LYME, CT
ANNUAL TOWN BUSINESS MEETING

Approximately twenty-seven (27) townspeople attended the Town of Old Lyme Annual Town Business Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Hall of the Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectwoman, Martha Shoemaker, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and she called for nominations for a moderator for the meeting.

A motion was made by Selectman Jim Lamos and seconded by Selectwoman Jude Read, to nominate Attorney Eric Parker to serve as moderator. There being no other nominations for the moderator, First Selectwoman Shoemaker called for a vote on the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Attorney Parker asked Vicki Urbowicz, Town clerk, to read the call of the meeting.

Following the reading of the call of the meeting, Attorney Parker asked Bennett Bernblum to present the Annual Town Report.

1. To accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, as submitted by the Board of Finance.

Bennett Bernblum, Chair of the Board of Finance, presented the Annual Town Report, giving credit to Michaelle Pearson for her outstanding work as editor. Bennett also thanked Katie Balocca and Michele Hayes in the First Selectman’s office, Vicki Urbowicz (Town Clerk), Courtney Joy (Assistant Town Clerk), and Anita Mancini (Finance Director) for their help with assembling this material.

Bennett gave a brief overview of the Annual Town Report. He reported that although the auditors have not completed their audit, he does not anticipate that there will be any adverse changes to the 2022-2023 Financial contained in the Annual Town Report.

Jeri Baker made a motion to accept the Annual Town Report for fiscal year 2023, and Michaelle Pearson seconded the motion. First Selectwoman Shoemaker asked if there were any comments. There were none. She then thanked the office help for their assistance and thanked Michaelle for doing a great job. A vote was then taken. All voted in favor of the motion, and none were opposed.

Motion Carried.

2. To announce the recipient of the Board of Selectmen’s Citizen of the Year for 2023.

Attorney Parker asked First Selectwoman Shoemaker to announce the Old Lyme Citizen of the Year for 2023.

First Selectwoman Shoemaker read a statement on behalf of the Board of Selectmen declaring that Jim Ward the Citizen of the Year for 2023. First Selectwoman Shoemaker elaborated on Jim’s work as President of the Lyme-Old Lyme Food Share Garden and how he created community around local environmental and food security solutions. The audience applauded Jim on his accomplishments.

Jeri Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Kelsey seconded it. The meeting was adjourned. at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Urbowicz
Town Clerk