

**MINUTES OF
TOWN OF OLD LYME IN-PERSON ONLY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AUGUST 16, 2021**

Approximately eighteen (18) electors and citizens attended the Town of Old Lyme in-person Special Town Meeting on Monday, August 16, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectman, Timothy C. Griswold, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Selectman Christopher W. Kerr and seconded by Andy Russell, to nominate Attorney Thomas McGarry to serve as moderator.

Town Clerk, Vicki Urbowicz, read the call of the meeting.

1. Whether to appropriate FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$52,000.00) in connection with the Town's response to the COVID-19 virus during FY 2020/2021, which amount the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed to the Town by the U.S. Federal Government.

Tim Griswold motioned for Dave Roberge, Emergency Management Director for the Town of Old Lyme, to present. Seconded by Fred Behringer. So, approved.

Dave Roberge gave an overview of the expenditures and expected reimbursement to the Town from the U.S. Federal Government. From March 2020 to June 2020, \$116,381 was expended on Covid relief. Thus far, \$87,285 was reimbursed to the Town. President Biden ordered towns to receive 100% reimbursement, so there is a balance of \$29,096 to be reimbursed by the U.S. Federal Government. In the quarter July through September 2020, \$64,241 was expended and this claim will be submitted for reimbursement. A vote was taken. All were in favor with 1 opposed.

Motion Carried.

2. Whether to appropriate FORTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$42,000.00) in connection with the Police/Ranger overtime incurred as part of the Town's response to the COVID-19 virus during FY 2020/2021, which amount the Town reasonably expects will be partially reimbursed to the Town by the U.S. Federal Government.

Dave Roberge gave an overview of the expenditures in connection with police/ranger overtime. From July 2020 to September 2020, a total of \$19,774 was spent in ranger support. Additional sums were spent for police overtime, and a claim will be submitted for reimbursement by FEMA.

Public comment: Mary Jo Nosal, Selectwoman, noted that the public did not receive a breakdown of this expenditure. Andy Russell from the Board of Finance stated that we spent more money that we budgeted for. Thus, we must go before the Town. A vote was taken. 5 were in favor. 9 were opposed.

Motion Defeated.

3. Whether to appropriate FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.000) for unanticipated expenditures made in connection with the Town's response to Tropical Storm Isaias during FY 2020/2021, which amount the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed to the Town by the U.S. Federal Government.

Dave Roberge gave an overview of expenditures associated with Tropical Storm Isaias. Storm Isaias occurred in August 2020 and the Town initially incurred expenses of \$12,126 for emergency protective measures. Reimbursement is 75%, so the Town should receive \$9,094. Additional costs were incurred for debris removal totaling \$112,337. Seventy-five percent

reimbursement of this amount equals \$84,252. Last, volunteer services valued at \$7,895 will be reimbursed at 75% or \$5,921. The total FEMA reimbursement should be \$99,267.

Public comment: Mary Jo Nosal stated that Dave Roberge did an outstanding job but believed an itemization should have been provided. A vote was taken. All were in favor. None opposed.

Motion Carried.

4. Whether to appropriate an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$163,000.00) from the Town's undesignated surplus to construct a new scale house building at the Town's Transfer Station.

Fred Behringer motioned for Phil Parcak, Facilities Manager for the Town of Old, to present. Seconded by Kathleen Tracy. So, approved.

Phil Parcak gave an overview of the construction of a new scale house building.

Public comment: Kathleen Tracy of Hartford Avenue, feels that people need this facility and hopes that it can be completed as soon as possible for our town employees. Fred Behringer asked if we can complete it inside the time frame and within budget. Phil said yes. A vote was taken. All were in favor. None opposed.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Urbowicz
Town Clerk