



SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
MONDAY October 4, 2021

Present: Parker Lord, John Kiker, Steven Mattson with David Lahm, and Susan Tyler

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 P.M. and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

No tax refund requests were received.

Susan Tyler reviewed the background and progress of the Estuary Transit District as it approaches its combination with the Middletown Transit District. The board approved a Resolution Concerning Transit District Combination (attached) and thanked Susan for all her efforts representing Lyme on the Estuary Transit District Board of Directors. Susan will be leaving this position at the end of the month and will be replaced by David Lahm.

The board was appraised of the emergency repair projects underway: Grassy Hill Rd culvert, Gungy Rd and Keeney Rd bridge repairs, Town Garage, and Town Hall.

The board appointed Josh Adams as the Open Burning Official and thanked Gary Weed for his many years serving the town in this position.

Selectman Kiker presented the revisions to the Employee Handbook that reflect the change to health benefit cost sharing for new employees along with other necessary updates. The board will formally adopt this handbook at the November 1, 2021, BOS meeting.

Recent state legislation has allowed for municipalities to set their own speed limits on local roads; previously the domain of CT DOT. A process must be followed to advise the state of the town's plan and the board agreed to institute this change.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Mattson
For the Board of Selectmen

Resolution Concerning Transit District Combination

THE UNDERSIGNED, the duly authorized First Selectman of the Town of Lyme (the "Town"), hereby submits the foregoing resolution which was entered and authorized at the meeting of the Town held on October 4, 2021;

WHEREAS, a strong public transportation system is vital to the health, economy, environment and overall well-being of a community;

WHEREAS, effective public transportation requires a regional approach to meet the mobility needs of constituents;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-273b, the Estuary Transit District ("ETD") was established in 1981;

WHEREAS, the Lower Connecticut River Valley Transit Study has determined that combining the ETD with the Middletown Transit District ("MTD") will result in improved transit services to the regions respectively served by the ETD and MTD by: enhancing the fiscal sustainability of a larger district; providing efficiencies of scale that will result in reduced costs for fleet maintenance; enhancing staff recruitment and retention by providing more opportunities for advancement; providing significant service improvements including better customer service, expanded service areas, frequencies and hours; and providing for new and upgraded capital facilities that will improve both operational and financial efficiency;

WHEREAS, to improve efficiencies of operations by ETD and MTD and in anticipation of the MTD member municipalities joining ETD, ETD and MTD entered into an Employee Sharing Services Agreement whereby ETD and MTD agreed to share certain employees during the transition period as jointly determined by ETD and MTD and their respective boards;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Lyme does hereby support the combination of the Middletown Transit District and the Estuary Transit District into an expanded Estuary Transit District on condition that the necessary funding commitment is provided by the Connecticut Department of Transportation;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed the foregoing as First Selectman of the town of Lyme as of the date set forth below the undersigned.

Dated: October 4, 2021

