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Town of Easton

Board of Finance – Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 - 7:00 pm Date/Time: Virtual meeting using the Zoom app. Location:

A recording of this meeting can be found at the

Agenda, Minutes & Recording section of the town website.

Attendees:

Members: Andy Kachele-Chair, Paul Lindoerfer-Clerk, Michael Kot, Art Laske,

Wendy Bowditch, Paul Skrtich

Alternates: Gregg Saunders, Ira Kaplan, Jackie Kaufman

Absentee(s):

Christine Calvert-Finance Director/Treasurer, Dr. David Bindelglass-First Selectman, Guest(s):

Bob Lessler-Selectman, Kristi Sogofsky-Selectman

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at:

7:03 pm

by: Andy Kachele

Appointment of Alternates

Note:

All members present. No appointments required.

Discuss and approve the meeting minutes of March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 24 & 25, 2021. Agenda Item 1

In the meeting minutes of March 2, in Agenda Item 3 "a new roof for Hellen Keller

school building" should have read "roof repairs for 660 Morehouse". In Agenda Item 6 of Notes: the same minutes, "49,400" should have read "249,400".

A motion was made to approve the subject meeting minutes. Action/Motions:

Motion (Second): Kot (Laske)

Result: All in Favor

Follow Up:

Review and discuss Park & Recreation Fall / Winter 2020 results. Agenda Item 2

Danielle Alves, Park & Rec Director reviewed the Fall/Winter results and answered questions. The cost of a number of projects that P&R wants to work on was discussed.

These included the repair of the ball field at Easton Country Day, installation of a

pickelball court, purchase of a pickup truck, and tennis court repairs. These would all be Notes:

funded from the Activity Fund and/or the Field Usage Fund. It was the sense of the Board to not sweep funds out of these two funds until we get additional information at the May

A motion was made to add an agenda item for approval of use of funds from the Field Action/Motions:

Usage Fund for baseball field repair.

Result: All in Favor Bowditch (Skrtich) Motion (Second):

Approval of use of funds from the Field Usage Fund for baseball field repair. Agenda Item 2A

A motion was made to approve the use of \$10,000 for the subject repairs. Action/Motions:

Result: All in Favor. Bowditch (Skrtich) Motion (Second):

Agenda Item 3 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented this month's report and answered questions from attendees. Notes:

Action/Motions: None

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Discuss and possible action on Munis Financial Report for appropriations and revenue Agenda Item 4 presented by the Director of Finance. Notes: The Finance Director presented this month's report and answered questions from attendees. Action/Motions: None Agenda Item 5 Discuss and possible action on 2021/2022 Budget. The 1st Selectman reported that he has had little guidance from Representative Himes' office on how much stimulus money the town can expect to receive or when we might get it or any restrictions on how it may be spent. Art Laske asked the Chairman to allow discussion of the Sport Hill Pathway (Agenda Item 6) during this budget discussion rather than after it. Heated discussion ensued. Ultimately Art left the meeting after appointing Ira Kaplan to fill in for him. In following up on his assertion that a motion to reconsider a previous motion can only be Notes: made by one of the members who voted on the prevailing side, and that, on the subject motion that would only be himself or Mike Kot because the third Nay vote was made by Gregg Saunders who is not filling in for a absent member at this meeting, Andy asked Mike if he would make a motion to reconsider. Mike said he would not and Andy said he Budget discussion continued with questions about what the mill rate and mill rate increase would be with differing amounts of undesignated funds applied to the budget A motion was made to recommend to the Town Meeting a budget in the amount of Action/Motions: \$46,249,385 as agreed upon at budget meetings of March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 24 & 25, 2021. Motion (Second): Kaplan (Lindoerfer) Result: For: Kachele, Lindoerfer, Bowditch, Kaplan Against: Skrtich Abstain: Kot The motion Passed. Action/Motions: A motion was made to set the assumed tax collection rate as 98.785%. Motion (Second): Kaplan (Lindoerfer) Result: All in Favor A motion was made to apply \$3,250,000 of undesignated funds to the Receipts side of the Action/Motions: Motion (Second): Skrtich () Result: There was no second, the motion failed. A motion was made to apply \$3,000,000 of undesignated funds to the Receipts side of the Action/Motions: Motion (Second): Lindoerfer (Kaplan) Result: For: Lindoerfer, Kaplan Against: Skrtich, Kot, Bowditch The motion failed. A motion was made to apply \$2,750,000 of undesignated funds to the Receipts side of the Action/Motions: Motion (Second): Bowditch (Kot) Result: For: Kot, Kachele, Bowditch, Kaplan Against: Skrtich, Lindoerfer The motion passed.

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Agenda Item 6	Discuss and possible action on Sport Hill Pathway.			
Notes:	No action was taken as there was not a motion to reconsider the vote on the Sport Hill Pathway.			

Agenda Item 7	Adjournment		
Action/Motions:	A motion was made to adjourn at 9:52 pm		
Motion (Second):	Skrtich (Kot)	Result:	All in favor.

Submitted by,

Paul Lindoerfer- Clerk