

**Town of Easton**  
**Board of Finance – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – 7:00 pm  
Location: Virtual meeting using the Zoom app.  
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):**  
**Guest(s):** Christine Calvert-Finance Director/Treasurer, Dr. David Bindelglass-First Selectman,  
Bob Lessler-Selectman, Kristi Sogofsky-Selectman  
**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at: 7:03 pm by: Andy Kachele

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***Appointment of Alternates***

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Note: All members present. No appointments required.

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

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Notes: 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 the same minutes, “49,400” should have read “249,400”.

Action/Motions: A motion was made to approve the subject meeting minutes.  
Motion (Second): Kot (Laske)      **Result:** All in Favor  
Follow Up:

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

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

Action/Motions: A motion was made to add an agenda item for approval of use of funds from the Field Usage Fund for baseball field repair.  
Motion (Second): Bowditch (Skrtich)      **Result:** All in Favor

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

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Action/Motions: A motion was made to approve the use of \$10,000 for the subject repairs.  
Motion (Second): Bowditch (Skrtich)      **Result:** All in Favor.

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**Agenda Item 3**      ***Treasurer's report***

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Notes: The Treasurer presented this month's report and answered questions from attendees.  
Action/Motions: None

Agenda Item 4	<i>Discuss and possible action on Munis Financial Report for appropriations and revenue presented by the Director of Finance.</i>
Notes:	The Finance Director presented this month's report and answered questions from attendees.
Action/Motions:	None

The 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Action/Motions: A motion was made to recommend to the Town Meeting a budget in the amount of \$46,249,385 as agreed upon at budget meetings of March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 24 & 25, 2021.

Motion (Second): Karlan (Linda)

**Action/Motions:** A motion was made to set the assumed tax collection rate as 98.785%.  
**Motion (Second):** Kaplan (Lindorfer)  
**Result:** All in Favor

Action/Motions: A motion was made to apply \$3,250,000 of undesignated funds to the Receipts side of the budget.  
Motion (Second): Skrtich ( ) **Result:** There was no second, the motion failed.

Action/Motions: A motion was made to apply \$3,000,000 of undesignated funds to the Receipts side of the budget.

Motion (Second): Lindoerfer (Kaplan)

**Result:** For: Lindoerfer, Kaplan  
Against: Skrtich, Kot, Bowditch  
The motion failed.

Action/Motions: A motion was made to apply \$2,750,000 of undesignated funds to the Receipts side of the budget.

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.***

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Notes:                      No action was taken as there was not a motion to reconsider the vote on the Sport Hill Pathway.

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**Agenda Item 7      *Adjournment***

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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