

**Town of Easton
Board of Finance - Minutes**

Location: Easton Senior Center **Meeting Type:** Special **Date/Time:** March 3, 2016 – 7:00PM
Attendees: Matt Gachi-Chair, Paul Lindoerfer-Clerk, Richard Cremin, Andy Kachele, Michael Kot,
Art Laske arrived at 7:30 pm
Absentee(s): Gabriel Rossi
Guest(s): Adam Dunsby-First Selectman, Wendy Bowditch-Treasurer, Grace Stanczyk-Comptroller,
Robert Lessler-Selectman
Meeting called to order at: 7:04 p.m. by: Matt Gachi

Appointment of Alternates

Action/Motions: Appoint Michael Kot to fill in for a vacant position on the Board for this meeting.
Motion (Second): Andy Kachele (Paul Lindoerfer) **Result:** All in favor

Agenda Item 1 *Review 2016-2017 budgets for the following:*

Notes: All three departments were presented by Police Chief Timothy Shaw.
1a. Animal Control
A new roof cable is included in Material & Supplies. Also, an annual stipend of \$2,400 paid to the ACO for cleaning the new kennel was more cost effective.

1b. Communication Dispatchers

Employee retiring this year and wages will be lower for the new employee due to the entry level position.

1c. Police Commission

The Chief gave an overview of the police department's personnel. The Chief reviewed the overtime budget stating 59% is for minimum manpower, 11% is mandated training, 12% special cases, 17% misc. to include storm related issues.

Also reviewed the five year capital plan and the issue of body cameras. Although the Chief does not see a need for body cameras in Easton but they are included in the capital plan as he believes that the State may mandate them in the future.

The purchase of vehicles was discussed in great detail. The Chief stated the police department needs to be on a 3 car/2 car/2 car cycle. The Police Commission would like the BOF to establish a Police Special Duty Fund for the purchase of police vehicles and a draft policy for this fund was discussed. The BOF will take this under consideration. The issue of transparency and having the tax payer vote on the purchasing of cars was in contention. No decisions at this time.

Action/Motions: None

Motion (Second):

Result:

Follow Up: Make a decision on the establishment of a Police Special Duty Fund for the purchase of police vehicles.

Agenda Item 2	<i>Review 2016-2017 budget for Emergency Management</i>	
Notes:	Presented by Adam Dunsby – First Selectman filling in for that Rich Doyle, the Emergency Management Director could not attend.	
Action/Motions:	None	
Motion (Second):		Result:
Follow Up:	None	
Agenda Item 3	<i>Review 2016-2017 budget for the Planning & Zoning Commission</i>	
Notes:	Presented by Robert Maquat – Chairman & John Hayes – Land Use Director The Plan of Conservation and Development is due to be completed by year end after which it will be voted on at a town meeting. The chairman stated that the Board of Selectmen approved an upgrade for the P&Z Clerk, but the union contested it and it did not go through but is currently being grieved.	
Action/Motions:	None	
Motion (Second):		Result:
Follow Up:	None	
Agenda Item 4	<i>Review 2016-2017 budget for the Zoning Board of Appeals</i>	
Notes:	Presented by John Harris - Chairman	
Action/Motions:	None	
Motion (Second):		Result:
Follow Up:	None	
Agenda Item 5	<i>Review 2016-2017 budgets for the following:</i>	
Notes:	Professional Services Public Celebration Probate Court Town Hall Town Attorney Cemetery All presented by Adam Dunsby – First Selectman	
Action/Motions:	None	
Motion (Second):		Result:
Follow Up:	None	
Agenda Item 6	<i>Adjournment</i>	Time: 9:22 PM
Action/Motions:	Motion to Adjourn	
Motion (Second):	Michael Kot (Paul Lindoerfer)	Result: All in favor

Submitted by,


Paul Lindoerfer, Clerk