

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

**Location:** Easton Senior Center    Meeting Type: Special    Date/Time: Apr 2, 2020; 3:00 PM  
**Attendees:** Members: Matt Gachi-Chair, Paul Lindoerfer-Clerk, Andy Kachele, Michael Kot, Art Laske, Paul Skrtich,

**Absentee(s):** Alternates: Gregg Saunders, Devon Wible, Tara Gottlieb  
**Guest(s):** None  
Christine Calvert-Finance Director/Treasurer; David Bindelglass-First Selectman; Kristi Sogofsky-Selectman; Bob Lessler-Selectman; Jeff Parker-Chairman, Easton BOE; Danielle Alves-Director, Park & Rec; Lisa Farasciano-Park & Rec

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at: 3:00pm by: Matt Gachi

This was a virtual meeting using the Zoom app. In addition to Attendees and Guests listed above others joining the meeting were identified by themselves as: Wendy, Grechen Goldstein, Diana, and Abdul A Neg.

<b>Agenda Item 1</b>	<b><i>Discuss and possible action on ongoing budget process in light of COVID-19 issues.</i></b> The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how to best complete our annual budgeting process considering the limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.
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**Notes:**

Matt noted that the budget presentation, which would normally be made at a public hearing, has instead been posted as a link on the town website. The link has been emailed to all people who are registered for e-mail alerts from the town. Members were encouraged to post the link with other online groups that have many Easton members. The posting on the town website asks readers to submit comments on the budget to the BOF e-mail address [BOF@Eastonct.gov](mailto:BOF@Eastonct.gov) by April 30.

Ideally the BOF would like to have the budget process complete before June so that tax bills based on an approved budget can be mailed in June. But it is not certain that this will be possible.

In the meantime the BOF will wait until after the April 30 deadline for comments on the budget before making any final budget decisions.

In early May the plan is to call back selected departments to further discuss their budgets. It is expected that these call back meetings will be virtual meetings over the internet. This would allow the BOF to make final decisions on a recommended budget at our May 4 meeting.

First Selectman, David Bindelglass said that most towns with which he has been in contact are waiting for the ability to have a town vote which would be his preference. He could envision holding a vote as late as August.

**Action/Motions:** None

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Agenda Item 2     *Adjournment*

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Action/Motions:     A motion was made to adjourn at 3:40pm.

Motion (Second):     Michael Kot (Paul Skrtich)

**Result:**     All in favor.

Submitted by,

Paul Lindoerfer- Clerk